

A portrait of George Washington in Masonic regalia. He is wearing a dark blue coat with a red collar and a white cravat. A blue sash with a gold Masonic emblem is draped across his chest. The background is a cloudy sky with a sunburst in the upper left corner. The entire image is framed by a gold border.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON AND FREEMASONRY

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It is believed Elkanah Watson and Francois-Corentin Cassoul sent this apron from France to Washington in 1783. In 1812, Washington's nephew, Lawrence Lewis, donated it to Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, Virginia. (courtesy of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Alexandria, Virginia; photograph by Richard Frasier)

Gold urn, Paul Revere, Boston, 1801. For more than two hundred years, the Freemasons of Massachusetts have cherished this gold urn, which contains a lock of Washington's hair. (courtesy of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts; photograph by David Bohl)



Marble gavel used by President Washington and other Freemasons at the cornerstone ceremony of the U.S. Capitol, 1793. (courtesy of Potomac Lodge No. 5, Free and Accepted Masons, Washington, DC; photograph by Richard Frasier)

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