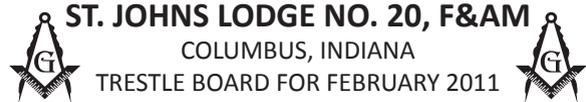


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*Note: All times are P.M. unless stated otherwise.
 Please watch the newspaper and our Website for any meetings
 not scheduled above.*

MASONIC TEMPLE..... 376-3266
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ST. JOHNS LODGE: A team of brothers from St. Johns Lodge will be participating in this year's Big Brothers/Big Sisters "Bowl for Kids' Sake." The team is being lead by Bro. Dirk Rader, PM and any inquiries may be made to him at 812-350-7313. Any and all donations will be accepted and if you wish to participate contact Bro. Dirk and let him know. You do not need to be a bowler to participate in raising money, however there will be bowling and other festivities on Sunday March 6th at the Columbus Bowling Center for those who do wish to participate.

ST. JOHNS LODGE MEETINGS: Unless otherwise noted, there will be refreshments available before and after meetings as well as access to the recreation room before meetings for fellowship. Doors will open one and one half hour prior to the beginning of the meetings.

MASONIC LIGHT

George Washington's face is remarkably familiar, in part because we see his portrait each time we use a dollar bill. Yet very few Americans possess much knowledge about the man behind the image. As we enter the month of Washington's birth it is particularly distressing that Washington is losing his well-deserved place in the classroom. His portrait disappeared from most classroom walls decades ago, but now Washington is also becoming less and less prominent in history textbooks.

The fourth-grade textbook used in the public school system in Richmond, Virginia, in 1962 includes almost ten times more coverage of Washington than the history textbook used in the very same school today. Obviously, today's book must cover almost four additional decades of historic events, yet Washington and the other Founding Fathers have clearly been short-changed.

What makes this situation especially disturbing is this simple fact: We need the example set by George Washington now more than ever. People today long for men and women who possess old fashioned qualities such as honesty, strong morals, good judgment, patriotism, courage, and most of all, character. Our challenge though, is not simply to relate the tried-and-true stories of Washington's leadership in both war and peace. We also need to communicate the true personality and character of this great man so that younger generations will once again be attracted to Washington as a role model in their own lives. So the

next time you gather together with family and friends, turn the conversation to George Washington, and ask your friends if they are aware of these fascinating aspects of Washington's life.

1. Washington was one of early America's foremost businessman. Not only was he successful at harvesting several cash crops, but he also operated a successful gristmill and a distillery that produced more than 11,000 gallons of liquor over a period of a year.

2. Washington was in command of the entire Virginia Regiment in the French and Indian War when he was just 23 years old.

3. Washington never went to college, but he was one of the most well-read and accomplished writers of all American Presidents. Scholars at the University of Virginia are currently assembling the papers of George Washington and before the project is over, the editors expect to issue about 90 separate volumes. In an age before typewriters and word processors Washington recognized the power of an old-fashioned quill pen.

4. Washington was one the wealthiest men in Virginia, but also one of the most frugal. When he needed a much larger home, he continued to add to a simple frame house instead of tearing down a perfectly good structure and starting from scratch. The staircase in the small original house was recycled when the house was expanded, to serve as the access to the garret. He was always pressing his farm managers and slaves to recycle old materials and to use fallen wood from the forests rather than cut down trees.

5. Washington owned slaves, but at the end of his life he was against slavery. Unlike most of the founding fathers who owned slaves, Washington freed his slaves in his last will and testament and set aside funds to help them begin a new life.

6. Washington was in the midst of many savage battles, but he was never hit by a bullet or touched by a sword. It may be luck that the Father of our Country came so close to death, both on the battlefield and from illness but a better explanation may be inscribed opposite George Washington's- portrait on the dollar bill. **The words "In God we Trust" were exceedingly meaningful to George Washington.**