Our Creed

We believe in Freedom.

We believe in Right.

We believe the dawn will come
to put an end to night.

We believe the Future
holds for us in store
a brighter, finer, freer world

Than we have had before.
In remembrance of our greatest President.

Katharine Price [1947]
This Drawing is being offered to Masonic Brothers through Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges to avoid criticism and to insure no high pressure methods are being used.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON
1732 Bi-Centennial 1932
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S. J. PRIDGEN
Designer
GEORGE WASHINGTON
1732 Bi-Centennial 1932
MASONIC MEMORIAL
301 William-Oliver Building
Atlanta 3, Ga.
Holland Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M.
New York

Mr. S. J. Pridgen
167 Howard Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Brother Pridgen:

At its communication held February 25, 1947, Holland Lodge 8 F. & A. M. was the recipient of the gift of a replica of the beautiful and artistic George Washington plaque which owes its origin to your designing genius.

The plaque was presented by your old friend, Bro. Frank A. Clinch, and accepted by our Worshipful Master on behalf of the Lodge which directed me to express to you its appreciation for the gift, which will be placed among our Masonic treasures.

Fraternally and sincerely,

[Signature]

Secretary
Mr. S. J. Pridgen,
Washington Memorial Bible Associates, Inc.,
301 William Oliver Bldg., Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pridgen:

Thank you for the Washington Memorial mounted on hard wood. It is a beautiful piece of work and nicely done. I would like to buy two more of these hard wood mounted copies. Please send them to me together with the bill.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

President
A. J. Holman Co.

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Have you ever thought about the value of a smile? It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or so mighty that he can get along without it, and none so poor that he can not be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the counterpoise of friendship. More than all, it brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it can not be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen; for it is of no value until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs it more than he who has no one to give.
New York Masonic Supply Co.
2 New 23 St.
New York.

Dear Brothers,

It occurs to me that you might be interested in cooperating in placing quite a number of the above memorials in the state of New York. My good friend Mr. Charles Ridgeway, a member of the Masonic Library Society in New York, is very interested in Masonic memorials and has been working on a grand undertaking of this character for quite some time. He has written me a letter attached which was received today.

Holliday and New York also had a hand in the copy as I gave it, as I was because of my kidnapping Washington while he was living, by making him an honorary member of the Masonic Lodge which he was master of a few years ago.

Virginia, where he was inaugurated President of the United States, having many connection with him, have always enjoyed every sentiment that has been honor his memory and are grateful. Mass. Connecticut also Washington was a great friend of my old friend, Charles Ridgeway, among the opponents of the Know-Nothings of the South, North Carolina, and where he completed the job Washington wrote him to survey the country which he wanted in the selection of the State and he directed him a grant for it. Mr. Charles Ridgeway surveyed and reported the county of Greene, a distance of some miles, and Washington directed him a grant for it.

My grandfather, Charles Ridgeway, lived on the opposite of the road from Old Uncle Charley. They were the local type of neighbors.

I am giving you this information that you may understand why I was interested in making this request.

The first question that is asked when people see this drawing is how did you ever come to make it? I believe that Charles Ridgeway, a great graduate of Washington four, and that he was making the drawings of the house and how it was built upon it. The second question is that it might be mentioned or the drawing which was completed the way and only showing of the five years made. There are only copies of the handwritten copy made as they are expensive to make.

I shall be glad to send you a sample of the lithograph for inspection if you are interested. Sincerely yours,

S. J. Priggen
30, New Oliver Bldg
Atlanta, Ga.
Quotation from letter of Mrs. Ellen Lovell Crosby, Great, Great Niece of GEORGE WASHINGTON: "I am sending a piece of fringe from GEORGE WASHINGTON'S sash, I sold the sash to PIERPONT MORGAN for $3,500.00. He gave it to MOUNT VERNON and it now hangs in the hallway of the mansion. I only took a little from the sash so as to keep it, but I will be glad to have our GEORGIA MASONS have as much as I possess of the WONDERFUL SASH. I am glad to be of help always." Signed Ellen Lovell Crosby, GREAT, GREAT NIECE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON. TRADITION handed down for generations by word of mouth is, that in cases of emergency this SASH was used as a litter to carry wounded SOLDIERS FROM THE FIELD OF BATTLE.

When the engraving was completed the piece of FRINGE was mounted on the lower center of the drawing. In the body of the engraving is a faint shadow outline of the picture of WASHINGTON, enlarged from a portrait on the two cent postage stamp of the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, and the original of this drawing hangs in GEORGIA LODGE #96, F. and A. M., MASONIC TEMPLE, Atlanta, Ga. See Georgia Lodge Tidings, dated July 2, 1932...Copyrighted Aug. 15, 1932, Class AA No. 103,154...MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT MASONIC TEMPLE, Atlanta, Ga. Lodge #96, F. and A. M., Atlanta, Georgia by the GRAND MASTER OF GEORGIA. See Georgia Lodge Tidings, Sept. 17, 1932.

Quotation from letter Sept. 26, 1932 File 807

My dear Mr. Prudden:

We thank you for your letter of Sept. 26 and the copy of "GEORGIA LODGE TIDINGS", and it is being filed in the permanent archives of the GOVERNMENT as a record of this contribution to the BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION of the BIRTH of GEORGE WASHINGTON. We are also recording it in that DEPARTMENT of the annals designed as "PERMANENT MEMORIALS". Will you please accept the thanks and compliments of this COMMISSION for this generous display of patriotism dedicated to the memory of the FATHER of OUR COUNTRY.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
Signed Sol Bloom, Associated Director
United States Commission
1732 BICENTENNIAL 1932
GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTH

12th Oct. 1932 (Personal) Quotation from letter
My dear Brother Prudden:
The picture which you are sending for the COMMISSION will be for our permanent records and will most likely be produced in OUR MEMORIAL VOLUMES when they are compiled.

Sincerely and fraternally yours, (Signed) Sol Bloom, Associate Director.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, ALBANY, N. Y. Nov. 3, 1932 - Copy of Letter

Mr. S. J. Prudden, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Prudden:

Thank you very much for the MEMORIAL. I am very glad to have it for my collection.
Your good wishes are fully appreciated.... Very sincerely yours.
(Signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt.

GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE 0 de Nantes, France 7th Dec. 1932 - - - Copy of Letter
Venerable Master:

Your letters so full of valuable details concerning GEORGE WASHINGTON and the copy of letter of Hon. Sol Bloom will be deposited in archives and carefully preserved. The Lodge "Peace and Union, and Mars and United Arts" thank you for the beautiful photograph of the medalion which recalls the face of the hero. It recalls the historic facts which aroused so much enthusiasm in our two nations for the dormant of your independence. It is true that it was on the eve of the great revolution of 1775 which gave freedom based upon the DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN and of the CITIZEN. The Felix connected with GEORGE WASHINGTON and HIS OWN FAMILY, make this MEDAILLION ever dearer to us. It shall be placed under glass with its FREMONT version, and placed in the best place of the main hall of our building. Please accept, dear VENERABLE MASTER for you and the BROTHERS OF GEORGIA LODGE the renewed expression of our devotion, etc.
(Signed) Guillard, Venerable Lodge Peace, Union, Mars & United Arts.
Have you ever thought about the value of a smile? It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or so mighty that he can get along without it, and none so poor that he can not be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countercharm of friendliness. More than the above, it brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it can not be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen. For it is of no value until it is given away. Some people are too ticked to give you a smile. Give them one of yours as none needs it more than he who has no heart to give.

Sawings R. Eidgen
Prick.

Thank you for your letter of Feb 27. I
showed very much like
to see the picture but
I am going away on

Friday to be gone most
of March and will not
have time before I go.
If you care to send
the picture to
Malcolm Skuyman
for Library, Hyde-
Park, Dutchess Co., NY.

I will ask him to
show it to me when
I am in CT in
April.
February 24, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square, West
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

On July 22nd 1945, a letter was written to you by R. Rutherford Palmer of Birmingham, England, in which he explained the fact that the late President Roosevelt's name was drawn in a Victory Raffle, entitling him to a picture painted by Mr. Palmer.

The picture was given by the American Consulate to a dealer in Birmingham with the request that he include it in one of his shipments of merchandise to the United States. This dealer, J. A. Juckes Overseas Ltd. of England, has favored us by including the picture in a shipment of Antique Silver delivered to us.

We feel privileged indeed to have the opportunity of handling this picture, which was intended for our late, beloved President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and which is for the Memorial Library at Hyde Park.

We thought perhaps you would like to see the picture before giving us instructions as to where we should send it. We would be greatly honored by a visit from you at your convenience.

With best wishes, we are,

Respectfully yours,

PRILL SILVER COMPANY, INC.

Edward Prill, President

EP:KL
Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
HYDE PARK, NEW YORK

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Am going to talk about you in the near future over KUSC-on my commentary period- and I would appreciate a letter from you, excerpts of which I may use on the broadcast. I would like you to say something about our needs at home and our foreign policy. (I observe that you have kept your counsel on the Truman Doctrine- but you may be willing to make some general remarks on our opportunity to aid in rehabilitating a war-wrecked world)...and the U.N.

Am enclosing my original script—as given—on the second memorial year of Mr. Roosevelt's death. I do hope I have been accurate in my interpretation—and shall appreciate any chiding or enlightenment from you.

With best personal regards for your happiness,
yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]
Donald R. Prismon

Note: I don't suppose you will care to keep the short script—if not, you can make your comments on it and send it back for my file.
AS THE NATION TURNED ITS EYES TOWARD THE PLAIN WHITE MARBLE SLAB (SURROUNDED BY HEMLOCK AND ROSES) WHICH MARKS THE GRAVE OF OUR MAGNIFICENT 32ND PRESIDENT, FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, IT ALSO TURNED ITS EYES QUESTIONINGLY TOWARD MOSCOW WHERE OUR SECRETARY OF STATE MARSHALL IS WEARY WITH THE FAILURE OF A MONTH OF BIG NEGOTIATIONS ON THE GERMAN SETTLEMENT, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY HOW MATTERS WOULD STAND IF MR. ROOSEVELT WERE STILL IN THE WHITE HOUSE. MANY BELIEVE WE WOULD BE FARTHER ALONG THE ROAD TO PEACE THAN WE ARE TONIGHT. SOME HAVE EVEN SUGGESTED THAT THE DEATH OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT IS, IN MANY WAYS, COMPARABLE TO THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN. MR. LINCOLN, THEY SAY, HAD A NATIONAL CIVIL WAR ON HIS HANDS— AND AS THAT WAR MOVED TOWARD ITS CLIMAX, THE CIVIL WAR PRESIDENT REALIZED THAT THIS NATION COULD NOT EXIST HALF SLAVE AND HALF FREE. IN A SENSE, MR. LINCOLN BOTH WON AND LOST THE WAR OVER WHICH HE STOOD AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. HE WON TO THE EXTENT THAT THE UNION SURVIVED THE FRATRICIDAL STRIFE AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION GAVE FREEDOM AND DIGNITY TO A PEOPLE ENSLAVED. MR. LINCOLN LOST HIS CIVIL WAR IN SO FAR AS HIS UNTIMELY DEATH FORECLOSED HIS OPPORTUNITY TO
CARRY OUT HIS PROGRAM FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTH.

AS IT WAS, THE OPPORTUNISTS (WHO SEIZED UPON THE DISRUPTED ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LIFE OF THE SOUTH) SUCCESSED IN DELAYING THE REAL REHABILITATION OF THE SOUTH—SO THAT EVEN TODAY, THE SOUTH IS STILL MAKING ITS COMEBACK FROM THAT WAR. MR. LINCOLN ALSO LOST HIS WAR DUE TO THE LIMITED APPLICABILITY OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT. IT IS ONLY RECENTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE SUPREME COURT WAS ABLE TO REACH THE WHITE PRIMARY LAWS IN THE SOUTH—AND SOME STATES, LIKE GEORGIA, STILL DON'T TAKE THE WORD OF THE SUPREME COURT UNTIL THEY HAVE TO—but there are many other ways in which the 14TH AMENDMENT HAVEN'T YET FREED THE SOUTHERN NEGRO. SO MUCH FOR THE MARTYRED PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT WASN'T SHOT DOWN; IT'S TRUE, BUT HE WAS STRUCK DOWN BEFORE HIS APPOINTED WORK WAS DONE—A WORK MR. TRUMAN HAS BEEN HONESTLY TRYING TO ROUND OUT, UNTIL THE ELECTORATE AGAIN EXPRESS ITS WILL. FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT HAD A WORLD CIVIL WAR ON HIS HANDS, AND BEFORE IT WAS OVER, HE REALIZED THAT IT WAS A PEOPLE'S WAR... AND HE TALKED ABOUT THE UNITED PEOPLES WARRING AGAINST THE DICTATORS. MR. ROOSEVELT HAS BEEN CRITICIZED FOR HIS WORK AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES—ESPECIALLY YALTA—but until all the facts are known, it is better to reserve
JUDGMENT: ROOSEVELT WAS A REAL DEMOCRAT BUT NO THEORIST OR UNRESTRAINED IDEALIST (EVEN IF HE DID KEEP HENRY WALLACE IN HIS ADMINISTRATION... APPARENTLY ROOSEVELT BELIEVED THAT THERE IS A PLACE IN AN ADMINISTRATION FOR MEN WHO ARE NOT ALWAYS "YES MEN"—AND MEN WHO ARE ALWAYS A LITTLE IMPATIENT WITH THINGS AS THEY ARE MEN—CALLED BY SOME AS "DISTURBERS OF THE STATUS QUO") BUT TO GET BACK TO MR. ROOSEVELT... HE WAS A PRACTICAL POLITICIAN WITH THE BREADTH OF VIEW OF A STATESMAN—HIS ACTS WERE ALWAYS TIMED TO MEET THE OCCASION (AS WHEN HE MOLLIFIED THE LITTLE, ROUND-SHOULDERED DICTATOR IN MADRID—FRANCO— IN ORDER AND SAFE TO ASSURE THE FREE PASSAGE OF OUR TROOPS PAST GIBRALTAR ON THEIR WAY TO NORTH AFRICAN BEACHHEADS.) BUT ROOSEVELT'S PLANS WERE LONG RANGE AND THEIR MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS TO KEEP THE UNITED STATES—AND DEMOCRACY—STRONG AND FORWARD STEPPING. ROOSEVELT MET STALIN FACE TO FACE TIME AND AGAIN—AND HE MET STALIN HALFWAY. THAT IS NOT TO SAY HE SHARED STALIN'S POLITICAL IDEAS OR PRACTICES... BUT ROOSEVELT KNEW THAT MEN—NO MATTER HOW BIG—ARE MORTAL... BUT THAT PEOPLES—NATIONS—GO ON AND CHANGE EVER SO IMPERCEPTIBLY. (IN THIS REGARD, IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN STALIN KEEPS HIS RENDEZVOUS WITH DEATH—CERTAINLY NO ONE MAN WILL RUN RUSSIA AFTER HIM... IF INDEED ONE
DOES NOW.) ROOSEVELT THEN HAD A PLAN OF COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION BUT HE DID NOT LIVE TO EXECUTE IT. TO THAT EXTENT ROOSEVELT LOST HIS WAR. HE LOST IT ANOTHER WAY—IN LAW—AS DID LINCOLN—BUT ROOSEVELT'S LAW WAS INTERNATIONAL... IT WAS THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS... THE MAIN WEAKNESS OF WHICH IS THE VETO. HAD ROOSEVELT LIVED, HE MIGHT HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE USE OF THE VETO RESTRICTED AND THEREBY GIVEN MORE STRENGTH TO THE U.N. FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT RESTS FROM HIS LABORS—AND THOSE WHO CARRY ON WHERE HE LEFT OFF MUST WORK OUT THE PROBLEMS HE LEFT UNSLOVED IN AS WISE A MANNER AS THEY ARE ABLE.
Dear Friend:

Did you know that of the 165,000 men in our federal and state prisons, approximately 50,000 are illiterate? All federal and some state institutions are attempting to remedy this disgraceful situation. There exists, however, a serious lack of reading material of all types, and most prisons do not have any library whatever.

Experience shows that prisoners will take advantage of educational opportunities, and that they will devote a large part of their idle time to reading when books and magazines are available. Reading takes their minds off themselves. As their reading habits and tastes develop they gain an unconscious perspective and learn to think differently.

There are many men in prison who are anxious to learn a trade so that they may earn their living upon discharge. A thoughtfully chosen library will undoubtedly give them this chance.

We feel that supplying books and other publications to prisoners where they are needed is the most effective form of prisoner rehabilitation and the least expensive way of achieving the greatest result. We trust you will see this need as we know it to exist and that you will assist us with some substantial and concrete help at this time. Won't you make a contribution, whether large or small and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope?

Very truly yours,

George Connellis

FOR THE UPLIFTMENT OF OUR PRISON POPULATION