

# DESERT EVENING NEWS

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# WASHINGTON'S NAME HONORED.

## Local Masons Commemorate the Memory of the First American.

**EXERCISES LAST EVENING.**  
 Dr. Dalby Presided and Eloquent Speeches Made by Judge Powers and Hon. G. S. Varian.

In honor of the memory of George Washington a masonic centennial observance was held by the masons in their hall last evening. The occasion was enlivened by music and oratory, and the room was artistically decorated in flowers, and draped in crepe. Some of the foremost orators and musicians participated in the exercises, and the unusual audience brought out a splendid occasion that exhausted the capacity of the hall.

**DR. DALBY PRESIDES.**  
 Dr. W. T. Dalby presided over the gathering, and opened the proceedings in a few happy remarks, eulogistic of Washington as a citizen, and a Mason.

Bishop Abel Leonard offered the opening prayer, which was followed by the singing of "America," by all present, and the excellent rendition of the "Coronation" march, by Christensen's orchestra. C. S. Varian, Montgom-

and in a very happy manner, spoke of the early influence of masonry on the development of the American idea of the equality of men, as expressed in the Declaration of Independence, and the culmination in the Independence of the American colonies.

**MR. VARIAN'S SPEECH.**  
 Mr. Varian made prominent the idea that the revolution was the declaration of the rights of man, not only against Britain, but against all oppressors, and the foundation principle of the American republic, was the same as the foundation principle of Free Masonry, viz. the equality of men.

This great thought was the prevailing one in the revolution, and thousands of men died to defend it. The influence of masonry in the shaping and molding of this idea, was indicated by the speaker, as Franklin, Warren and others were leading masons, and their allegiance to the order lasted until the day of their death.

The speaker pointed out the bitterness towards the order, which sprang up directly after the war, but the principles of right on which the order was founded, triumphed and would always do so. In these times, he said, the lust for conquest and greed for commerce has led us to another place. There seems to be a design to destroy the principles of the order, but the masonic order is bound to the government as by hoops of steel, and will listen to nothing that would do away with the principles of the order.

Mr. Varian's address was roundly applauded, and after the orchestra had played a tune, Judge O. W. Powers was introduced and that graceful gentleman delivered an excellent address on "The Personal Character and Public Masonic Services of Washington."

**JUDGE POWERS ON MT. VERNON.**  
 Judge Powers began by giving an interesting account of a visit he once made to Mount Vernon, and the tomb of Washington. "Who can sketch his personal character," he asked, "the speaker delivered an excellent address on the subject, with words of the life that was so well lived that, although the years have clustered into a full round century, it stands out among the statesmen and patriots who are revered by over 70,000,000 of people, as the one grand example for the lovers of liberty and of human rights."

The deed which marked him as above his fellows, the simplicity and purity of character which identified him as one of God's favorites, the character of his mind, the power and the reach that higher state which will come with perfect manhood, when all mankind will stand on the level and upon the square.

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