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**The National Heritage Museum Presents**  
**“Remember Me: Highlights from the National Heritage Museum”**  
**December 1, 2007 through September 1, 2008**

In 1972 the motivating force behind the founding of the Museum, Commander George A. Newbury described the work of the institution as, "...to tell a thrilling story-the story of America." Since then we have been collecting objects, documents and books associated with American and Masonic history with Newbury's goal in mind. A new exhibition, "Remember Me: Highlights from the National Heritage Museum" explores some of the stories found in the museum and library collections. This new exhibition is on view December 1, 2007 through September 1, 2008.

The exhibition features a wide variety of materials-from lodge furnishings to household objects and photographs. Every object in the exhibition, be it an artfully engraved medal or a scuffed doll's trunk, offers a connection to a person, time or event. Some of the objects on view will be personal creations, such as the diary of a Maine schoolgirl or a quilt made by an Indiana homemaker. Others will be everyday objects like a worn lunch box or a well-loved toy that recall the tasks and pleasures of day-to-day life decades ago.

The Museum is privileged to hold material related to people who participated in events that shaped the course of wars or politics including a powder horn carved by a prisoner at civil war prison camp in Texas. As well, objects in the exhibition tell how Americans have reflected on their own history years ago as they imagined the arrival of the Pilgrims in the 1600s or marked the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The Museum also has special collections relating to the history of Freemasonry and other fraternal organizations in the United States. "Remember Me" will showcase some of the unique material related to Freemasonry including a tracing board from the 1800s and sundial decorated by reminders of the Masonic values of brotherhood and benevolence.

National Heritage Museum is dedicated to presenting exhibitions and programs on a wide variety of topics in American history and popular culture. The Museum is supported by the Scottish Rite Freemasons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. The National Heritage Museum is located at 33 Marrett Road in Lexington, at the corner of Route 2A and Massachusetts Avenue. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 am-5 pm, and Sunday, noon-5 pm. Admission and parking are free. Heritage Shop and Courtyard Café on site. For further information contact the Museum at (781) 861-6559 or visit the web site at [www.nationalheritagemuseum.org](http://www.nationalheritagemuseum.org).

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