

MASONIC MODERNIZATION

Mark A. Tabbert, Director of Collections of the George Washington National Masonic Museum, will initiate two projects in 2007. These projects will answer the growing number of research questions from scholars, genealogists and men interested in joining the fraternity.

The first project is an on line data base of all duly constituted American Grand Lodges and local Lodges chartered since the 1730s. The National Masonic Research Database in effect will be a genealogical record of ever American lodge.

The second project is the digitization of every Grand Lodge proceeding since 1733, including their libraries and museum collections.

This will be coordinated through the On Line Computer Library Center, a non-profit leader in digitization and library cataloging, with more than 53,500 public, private and academic libraries and other cultural heritage organizations in 93 countries.