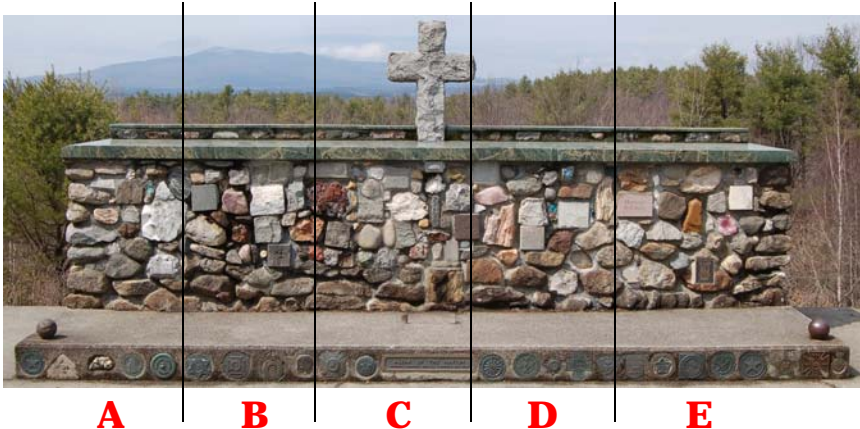


# Cathedral of the Pines

*Rindge, New Hampshire*

## **Guide to the Altar of the Nation**



## **The Altar of the Nation**

### **National Memorial for all American War Dead**

Dedicated to the Glory of God in grateful memory of all American War Dead. Stones as tributes from Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton and from each of the 50 States and four Territories and from the Commanding Officers of America's Armed Forces are incorporated into this Altar to symbol-ize the unity and strength of a grateful people.

The Presidents of the United States and each of the Governors of the 50 States and four Territories have had their tributes to the American War Dead placed at the Altar of the Nation on Memorial Day.

Remembered here are the Americans killed on the battlefields, on many seas, in the air; the lives of women and men sacrificed in war service as members of the great Service orga-nizations; the sacrifices of the lives of war corre-spondents and the entertainers; those Americans who sacrificed their lives in war service in the laboratories, the shops and facto-ries in producing the sin-ews of war. Also gratefully recalled are the sacrifices of the lives of the men and women pioneers in creating our heritage. One life is as precious as another.

The Legislature of New Hampshire petitioned the Congress of the United States to grant recognition of the Altar of the Nation as a national memorial for all American War Dead. In 1957 both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives voted unanimously to grant this request.

National and State governments have no jurisdiction here (per se) and nei-ther does any church nor member of the clergy except at the time of holding their service.

## Key to this Guide

In this document the stones on the altar are divided into 5 sections, labeled A through E as shown on the picture on the top of the preceding page to facilitate in finding their location. Each Stone in the following list will have a letter and a number preceding it. To find a stone, look in the lettered section and the number will show over a stone.

The “Old Rugged Cross” on top of the Altar is made of NH Granite, taken from the quarry and cut by Phillop Yon of Fitzwilliam, NH. Donated by Douglas IV and John Sloane III, brothers of Sanderson Sloane, as a memorial to him.

The three slabs of Verde Antique Marble forming the top of the Altar came from the quarries at Cardiff, Maryland, through the center of which runs the Mason-Dixon Line. The slabs therefore represent the North, South and the Union. Mixed with the cement binding the marble of the Altar is Holy Soil from Mt. Zion, Jerusalem, donated by Eric Marmorek.

## President’s Stones

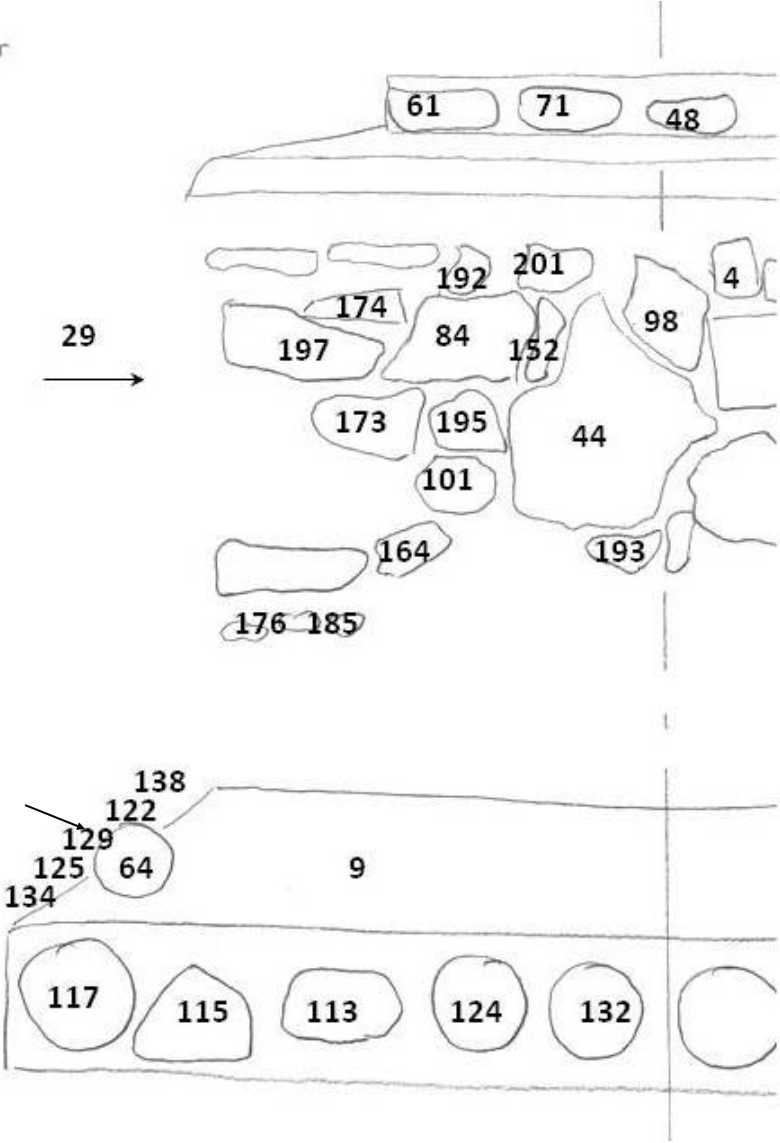
Truman	C1	Sandstone taken from foundation of his library building in Independence
Eisenhower	C2	Taken from Omaha Beach, Normandy, France. His tribute to those who served in Europe
Kennedy	D3	Chelmsford granite
Johnson	B4	From “LBJ” Ranch in Texas
Nixon	D6	From beach area at Key Biscayne, Florida
Ford	C7	Stone of anonymity, symbolic of the countless Americans who have held steadfast to their faith in God and through whose efforts our great country has been built
Carter	D8	From Plains, Georgia
Reagan	D12	From his ranch “Rancho del Cielo” in CA
George H Bush	E210	From his home site beach in Kennebunkport, ME
Clinton	D211	White stone
George W Bush	E213	Stone from the Pentagon, 9/11
Obama		

## Stones from the States

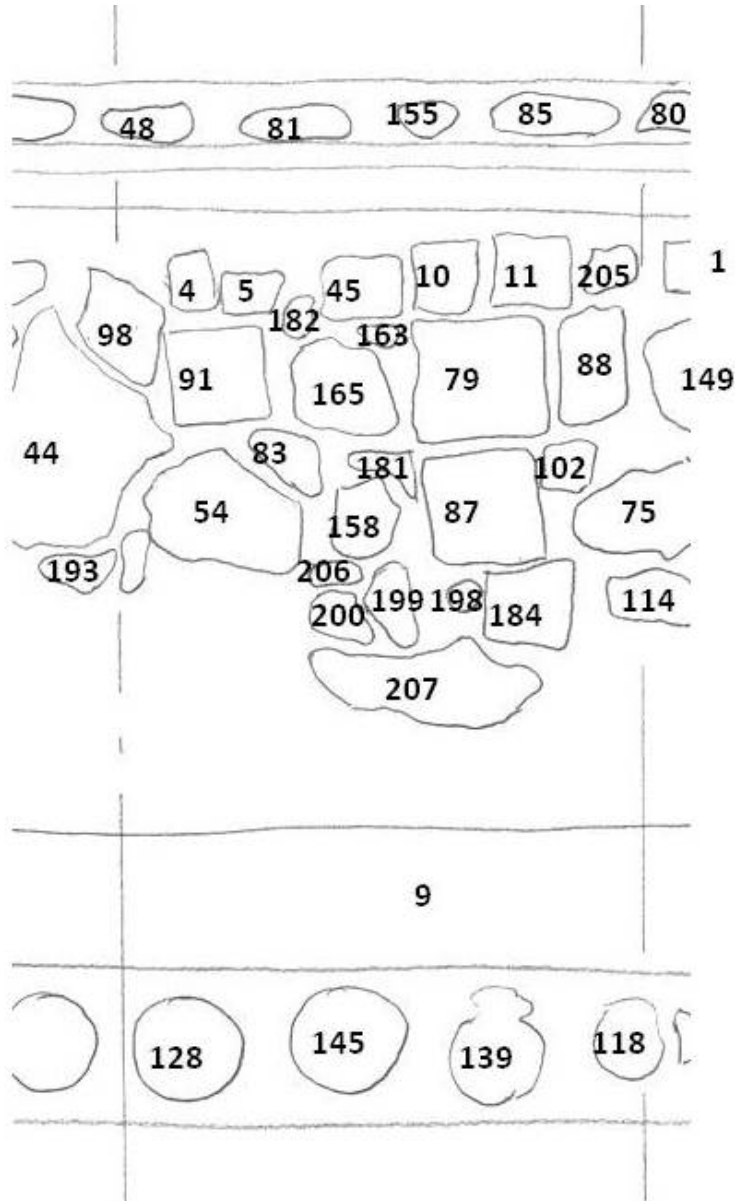
Alaska	B45	Stone Quartz
Alabama	A44	
Arkansas	D49	Pebble with a cross
Arizona	E46	SAR granite block
California	C50	Gold quartz
Colorado	D51	Sandstone
Connecticut	D52	Pink Silica
Delaware	E53	Native Fieldstone
Florida	B54	Phosphorus rock with fossil formation
Georgia	E55	Granite block from Stone Mt.
Hawaii	D56	Volcanic lava
Idaho	D57	Petrified wood
Illinois	C58	Sandstone
Indiana	D59	Indiana limestone
Iowa	E60	Sandstone from quarry which supplied stone for Washington Monument
Iowa	A61	Limestone
Kansas	C62	Sandstone picked up near crossing of Santa Fe and Oregon Trails
Kentucky	E63	Fieldstone taken from Harden, KY, home of Abraham Lincoln
Louisiana	A64	Cannon ball from Chalmette National Park, site of war of 1812
Maine	C65	Granite block, quarry for Grant's Tomb
Maryland	E66	White marble, quarry for Capital Building
Massachusetts	D67	Stone from Old North Bridge in Concord
Michigan	D68	Limestone taken from Old Fort Wayne
Minnesota	E69	Reddish fieldstone
Mississippi	E70	Red sandstone
Missouri	E72	Red granite

Montana	C73	Granite flint
Nebraska	D74	Small boulder
Nevada	B75	Mystery rock from Sutro Tunnel, of Mother Lode at Virginia City, Nevada
New Hampshire	D76	Pebble from bank of Merrimack River near home of General John Stark
New Jersey	D73	Little Falls sandstone taken from spot near Totowa Falls of Passaic River at Paterson, NJ, where Washington, Hamilton and others met during the Revolutionary War.
New Mexico	C78	Ricolite
New York	B79	White marble from Tuckahoe quarries
North Carolina	C80	Fieldstone
North Dakota	B81	North Dakota prairie boulder
Ohio	D82	Limestone
Oklahoma	B83	Fieldstone from home of Will Rogers
Oregon	A84	Basalt from Columbia River
Pennsylvania	B85	Dark Fieldstone from Necessity National Battle Field
Rhode Island	B87	Westerly granite
South Carolina	B88	Stone from site of Fort Multrie
South Dakota	C89	Sioux Falls Jasper
Tennessee	C90	Sandstone from foundation of Andrew Jackson's home, "The Hermitage"
Texas	B91	Granite block from Austin, TX
Utah	E92	Granite block
Vermont	C93	Stone taken from under window of room in which Calvin Coolidge took his oath of office
Virginia	E94	Fieldstone from site near Yorktown Battlefield
Washington	C95	Boulder taken from Cascade Mountains
West Virginia	D96	Flint
Wisconsin	D97	Fieldstone
Wyoming	A98	Granite

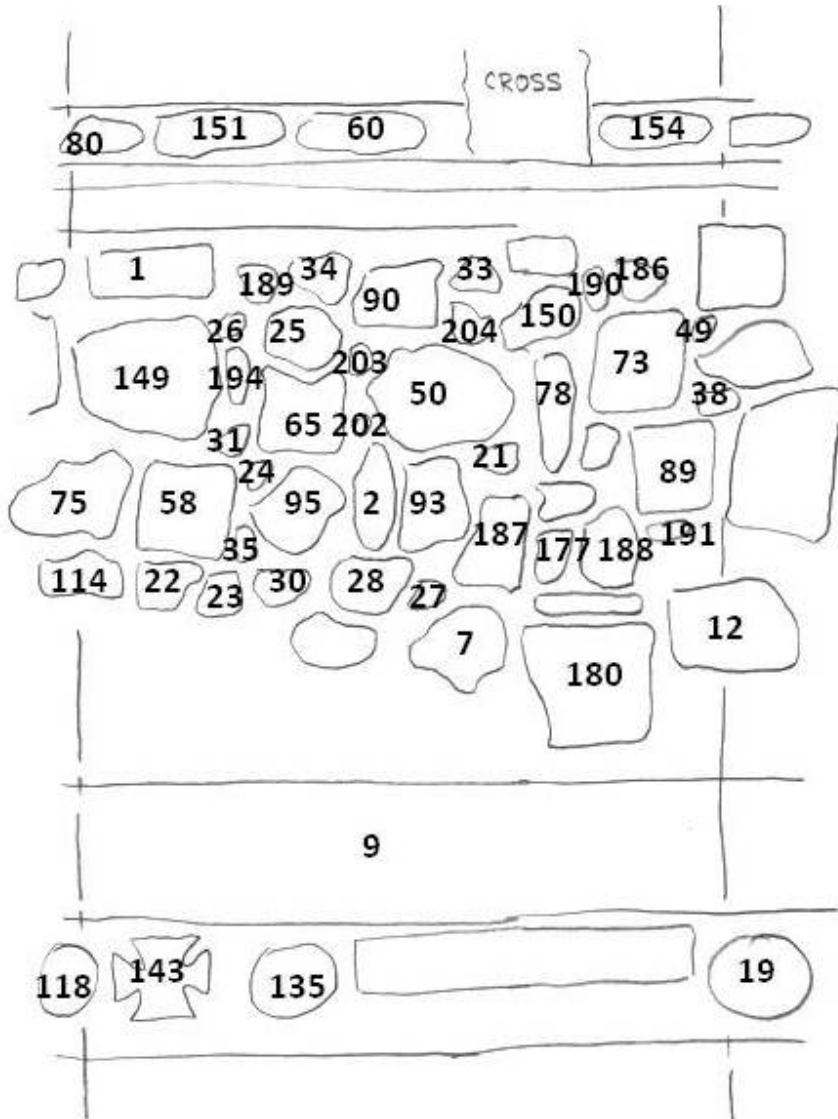
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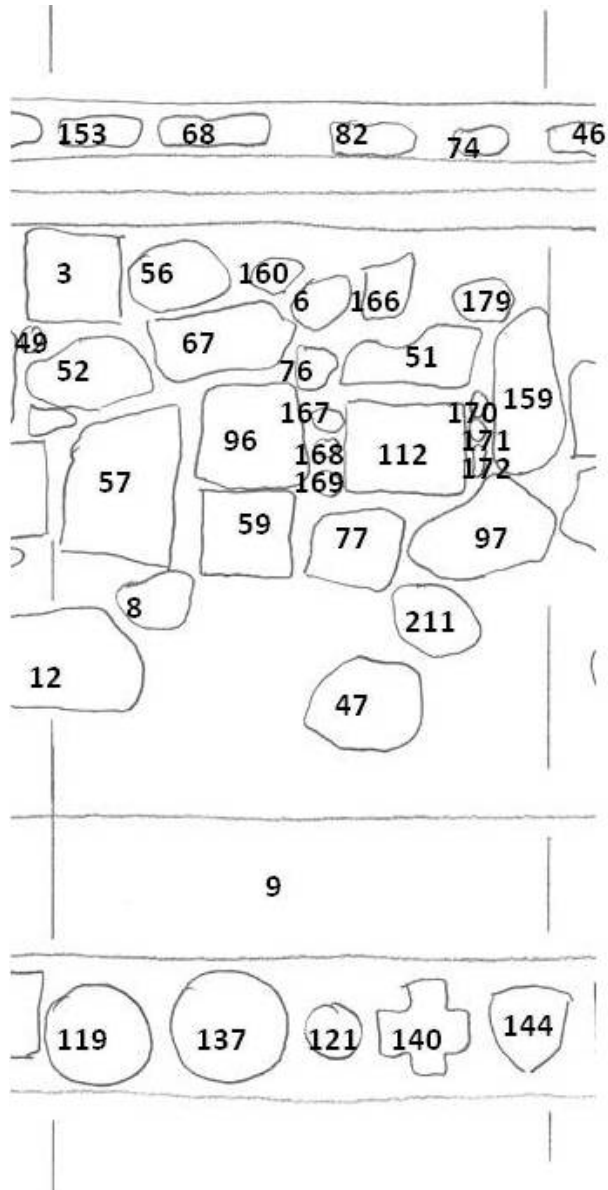


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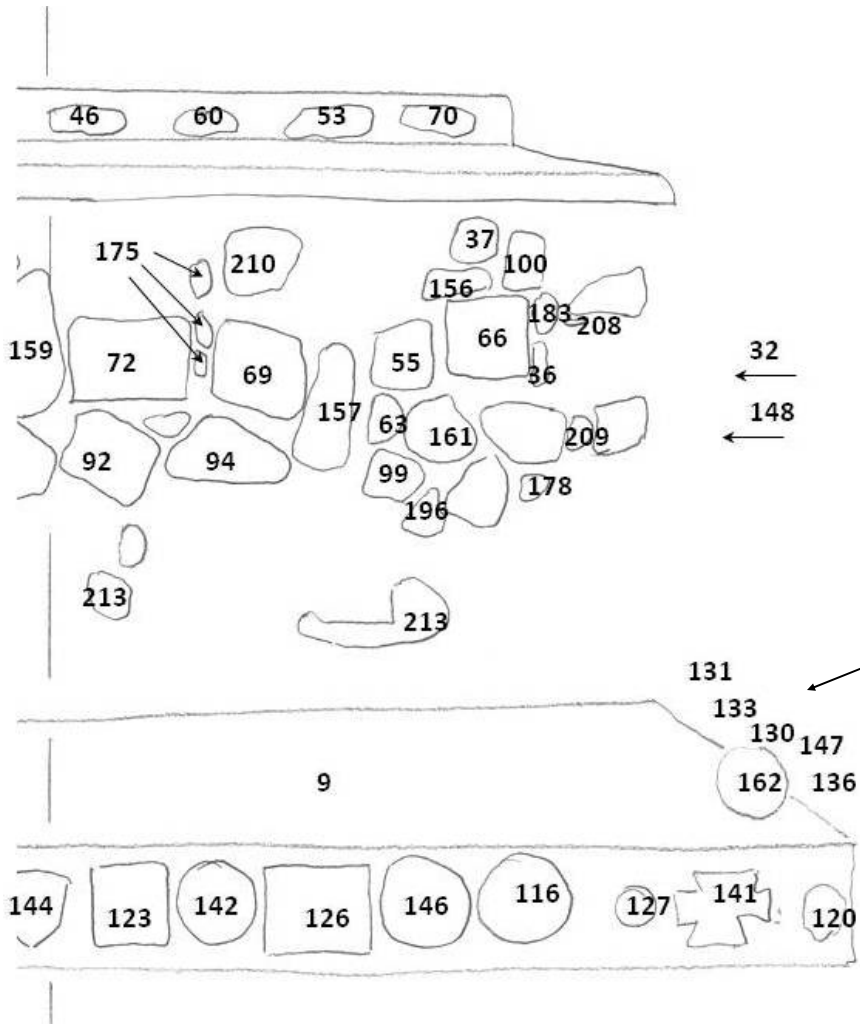




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# Section E



## Guide to the Stones

- C-1. *Donor:* President Harry S. Truman, Independence, Missouri.  
*Stone:* Sandstone taken from foundation of his library building in Independence.
- C-2. *Donor:* President Dwight D. Eisenhower, General of the Army.  
*Stone:* Taken and sent from Omaha Beach, Normandy, France. His tribute to those who served in the European Theatre.
- D-3 *Donor:* President John F. Kennedy. *Stone:* Chelmsford Granite.
- B-4, B-5. *Donors:* President Lyndon B. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson.  
*Stones:* From "LBJ" Ranch in Texas.
- D-6. *Donor:* President Richard M. Nixon. *Stone:* From beach area at Key Biscayne, Florida.
- C-7. *Donor:* President Gerald R. Ford. *Stone:* "Stone of anonymity — symbolic of the countless Americans who have held steadfast to their faith in God and through whose efforts our great country has been built."
- D-8. *Donor:* President Jimmy Carter. *Stone:* From Plains, Georgia.
- C-9. *Donor:* Milo Farmer thru the Ladies Association at Mt. Vernon.  
*Stone:* Flagstone laid by President George Washington at Mt. Vernon.
- B-10, B-11. *Donor:* National Archives and Records Service, Hyde Park, N.Y. *Stone:* From "Rose Garden" where President Franklin D. Roosevelt is buried. *Stone:* From Mrs. Roosevelt's cottage "Valkill", Hyde Park, N.Y.
- D-12. *Donor:* President Ronald Regan. *Stone:* from his ranch "Rancho del Cielo in California.
- C-21. *Donor:* General of the Army Omar N. Bradley. *Stone:* from the grounds of Quarters No. 1 of Fort Meyer, Virginia. Fort Meyer, the old and historic home of the Chief of Staff of the Army, is adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery. This stone is the tribute by Gen. Bradley to all who served in Korea.
- C-22, C23. *Donor:* General Mark Clark, The Citadel, Charlestown, S.C. *Stone:* Marble from Anzio and Red Sandstone from Cisterna, Italy.
- C-24. *Donor:* General James H. Doolittle. *Stone:* From the flying fields of the Royal Aircraft Establishment in South Farnsboro, Hampshire, England. His tribute to the men of the Air Corps.
- C-25. *Donor:* Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey. *Stone:* A piece of Madreporarian Colonial Coral of the Genus *Favia* found in many

of the island atolls of the Western Pacific.

- C-26. *Donor*: Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States during World War II. *Stone*: Taken from the yard of his residence in Washington, D.C.
- C-27. *Donor*: General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. *Stone*: From the Atsugi Airfield in Japan. His tribute to all who served with him in the Pacific Area.
- C-28. *Donor*: General of the Army and Mrs. George C. Marshall. *Stone*: From their home "Dodona Manor" in Leesburg, Virginia. Memorial to: Allen Tupper Brown, Mrs. Marshall's son, killed at Anzio, and the General's tribute to all who served America in World War II.
- A-29. (end) *Donor*: General John P. McConnell, Chief of Staff USAF (Ret.). *Stone*: Rocky Mountain granite from Air Force Academy in Colorado.
- C-30. *Donor*: Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. *Stone*: With the navy colors of blue and gold, from California. His tribute to the personnel of the U.S. Navy who served in World War II.
- C-31. *Donor*: General Matthew B. Ridgeway. *Stone*: Taken from gate in wall around Suwon, Korea. The General's tribute to "the valiant defenders of freedom in Korea".
- E-32. (end) *Donor*: U.S. Marine Corps. Presented by Brig. General Frank E. Garretson, U.S.M.C. *Stone*: from Marble Mountain (site of Buddhist Monastery), Da Nang, Viet Nam.
- C-33. *Donor*: General William Childs West-moreland. *Stone*: from area near to Tay Ninh, Viet Nam.
- C-34. *Donor*: General I.D. White, Honolulu, Hawaii. *Stone*: White Quartz from the "Punchbowl" in Korea.
- C-35. *Donor*: Burnelle G. Hawkins, Miami, Florida. *Stone*: Basic Volcanic Rock from Little America. Contains Basalt, Olivine and Magnesium Silicate. Given to him by and a Memorial to: Admiral Richard E. Byrd, U.S.N.
- E-36. *Donor*: Mrs. Marc Andrew Mitscher. *Stone*: Shaped like a boot this stone was found on the Roustigouche River, New Brunswick, Canada, by Adm. Mitscher. Memorial to: Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, Commander of the Carrier Forces, in the Pacific during World War II.
- E-37. *Donor*: Boris Spedener and his class-mates of the Lycee de Garcons, Luxembourg City. *Stone*: From the grave of General George Patton, Luxembourg. Memorial to: General Patton and all American

soldiers and airmen who were killed in Luxembourg during World War II.

- D-38. *Donor:* Ernest Sherman, Concord, N.H. *Stone:* Fragment from the Amphitheater of St. Januarius, Pozzuoli, Italy, site of the landing of St. Paul. Memorial to: Admiral Forrest Sherman, U.S.N. Personally presented by Admiral Robert E. Carney U.S.N., Chief of Naval Operations on July 4, 1954.
- A-44. *Donor:* Alabama Society, S.A.R., Montgomery, Alabama. *Stone:* White Marble from Sylacauga, Alabama.
- B-45. *Donor:* Governor B. Frank Heintzleman, Juneau, Alaska. *Stone:* Quartz.
- E-46. (top) *Donor:* Arizona Society, S.A.R., Phoenix, Arizona. *Stone:* Granite Block from Granite Mountain. Material from this quarry was used to build the Morman Temple.
- D-47. *Donor:* National Society, S.A.R., Salt Lake City, Utah, Venerable William F. Buckley, Chaplain General. *Stone:* Petrified Wood with Crystal Quartz center (rare specimen) from Fredonia, Arizona.
- B-48. (top) *Donor:* Col. Nathan Hale Chapter, S.A.R., N.H. John Sloane, Compatriot *Stone:* Petrified Wood, picked up by Sander-son Sloane near the Petrified Forest in Arizona.
- D-49. *Donor:* Arkansas Society, S.A.R., Conway, Arkansas. *Stone:* Pebble with cross which is an Indian totem dug out of an Indian Mound on outskirts of Little Rock, Arkansas.
- C-50. *Donor:* California Society, S.A.R., San Francisco, Calif. *Stone:* Gold Quartz from the out-cropping of the Mother Lode of California at the Harvard Mine near Jamestown, Tuolumne County, Calif.
- D-51. *Donor:* Colorado Society, S.A.R., Denver, Colorado. *Stone:* Sandstone, native red, from site of Arapahoe City, now a ghost town.
- D-52. *Donor:* Connecticut Society, S.A.R., Waterbury, Connecticut. *Stone:* Pink Silica from the Southford Quarry.
- E-53. (top) *Donor:* Delaware Society, S.A.R., Wilmington, Delaware. *Stone:* Native fieldstone with impregnations taken from battlefield of the Battle of Cooch's Bridge, which took place Sept. 3, Mil. The only battle of the Revolution which was fought in Delaware.
- B-54. *Donor:* Florida Society, S.A.R., Pensacola, Florida. *Stone:* Phosphorus rock with fossil formation from Leesburgh, Florida.
- E-55. *Donor:* Georgia Society, S.A.R., Atlanta, Georgia. *Stone:* Granite block from carving begun on Stone Mountain by Gutson Borglum.
- D-56. *Donor:* Governor Samuel Wilder King, Honolulu, Hawaii. *Stone:* Volcano lava from the Ulupo Heiau, one of the temples built by

the mythical Menehunes for the worship of the Hawaiian Gods.

- D-57. *Donor:* Idaho Society, S.A.R., Boise, Idaho. *Stone:* Petrified wood taken from the site of the early capitol of Idaho, now a "ghost town", known as Idaho City. The population of this town in 1861 was more than 10,000 and is now 100. It is estimated that one hundred million dollars in gold nuggets was taken out of the mountains and valleys in the locality of Idaho City. This gold did much to finance the Civil War.
- C-58. *Donor:* Illinois Society, S.A.R., Chicago, Illinois. *Stone:* Sandstone from Chicago.
- D-59. *Donor:* Indiana Society, S.A.R., Indianapolis, Indiana. *Stone:* Indiana limestone.
- E-60. (top) *Donor:* Iowa Society, Des Moines, Iowa. *Stone:* Sandstone from quarry which supplied stone for the Washington Monument.
- A-61. (top) *Donor:* Iowa Society, S.A.R., Ames, Iowa. *Stone:* Limestone.
- C-62. (top) *Donor:* Kansas Society, S.A.R., Topeka, Kansas. *Stone:* Sandstone picked up near the fork where the Old Military Road crosses Soldier Creek in Shawnee County, Kansas. This road was a connecting link between the Oregon Trail and the Santa Fe Trail and was traversed by countless pioneers in covered wagons in the early days of Kansas.
- E-63. *Donor:* Kentucky Society, S.A.R., Louisville, Kentucky. *Stone:* Fieldstone from the "Sinking Spring Farm", Hardin County, the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln.
- A-64. *Donor:* Louisiana Society, S.A.R., New Orleans, Louisiana. *Stone:* A Cannon Ball from Chalmette National Park, site of the last battle of the War of 1812.
- C-65. *Donor:* Maine Society, S.A.R., Kennebunk, Maine. *Stone:* Granite Block from quarry at North Jay which furnished stone for Grant's Tomb.
- E-66. *Donor:* Maryland Society, S.A.R., Baltimore, Maryland. *Stone:* White Marble from Beaverdam Quarries in Cockeysville, Maryland. This quarry furnished stone used in the building of Washington's Monument in Baltimore, which was the first monument erected in the States in memory of George Washington. Stone was also used in Washington's Monument in Washington, D.C. and in portions of the Capitol building itself.
- D-67. *Donor:* Massachusetts Society, S.A.R., Boston, Massachusetts. *Stone:* From the "Old North Bridge" in Concord, Massachusetts.
- D-68. (top) *Donor:* Michigan Society, S.A.R., Detroit, Michigan. *Stone:* Limestone taken from entrance arch to the Powder Maga-

zine of Old Fort Wayne.

- E-69. *Donor*: Minnesota Society, S.A.R., Minneapolis, Minnesota. *Stone*: Reddish field-stone from the Falls of Minnehaha.
- E-70. (top), A.71. *Donor*: Mississippi Society, S.A.R., Jackson, Mississippi. *Stones*: Red Sandstone-Tishomingo Stone taken from Mrs. Billy Burke Thomas' home, Iuka, Tishomingo County.
- E-72. *Donor*: Missouri Society, S.A.R., Ferguson, Missouri. *Stone*: Missouri Red Granite.
- C-73. *Donor*: Montana Society, S.A.R., Helena, Montana. *Stone*: Granite and Flint from the gorge in the Missouri River, twenty miles from Helena, where Lewis and Clark the explorers, camped on the night of July 19, 1805 and gave the spot the name of "The Gates to the Mountains". At this spot the explorers, the first white men to behold this sight, looked thru this gorge and saw the Rocky Mountains.
- D-74. (top) *Donor*: Nebraska Society, S.A.R., Lincoln, Nebraska. *Stone*: Small boulder.
- B-75. *Donor*: Venerable William F. Buckley, D.D., Archdeacon of Utah and Chaplain General of the National Society, S.A.R.; Bureau of Mines State of Nevada, Salt Lake City, Utah. *Stone*: "Mystery Rock" from Sutro Tunnel of Mother Lode at Virginia City, Nevada.
- D-76. *Donor*: New Hampshire Society, S.A.R., Concord, New Hampshire. *Stone*: Pebble from bank of Merrimack River near home of General John Stark.
- D-77. *Donor*: New Jersey Society, S.A.R., Newark, New Jersey. *Stone*: Little Falls sandstone or brownstone taken from spot near the Totowa Falls of the Passaic River at Paterson, N.J. where Washington, Hamilton and others met during the Revolution.
- C-78. *Donor*: New Mexico Society, S.A.R., Santa Fe, New Mexico. *Stone*: Ricolite found in Grant County near the Gala River.
- B-79. *Donor*: Empire State Society, S.A.R., New York City, New York. *Stone*: White marble from Tuckahoe Marble Quarries, Tuckahoe, N.Y., known as the Masterson Quarries.
- C-80. (top) *Donor*: North Carolina Society, S.A.R., Raleigh, North Carolina. *Stone*: Field-stone from site of Guilford County Court House, National Military Park.
- B-81. (top) *Donor*: North Dakota Society, S.A.R., Bismarck, North Dakota. *Stone*: North Dakota Prairie Boulder or Granite.
- D-82. (top) *Donor*: Ohio State Society, Cleveland, Ohio. *Stone*: Limestone "Dayton Marble" quarried near Dayton.

- B-83. *Donor*: Rev. Ralph D. Johnson, Jr., Gardner, Mass.; Rev. J. Ellwood Evans, Tulsa, Oklahoma. *Stone*: Fieldstone from home of Will Rogers, Claremore, Oklahoma.
- A-84. *Donor*: Oregon Society, S.A.R., Portland, Oregon. *Stone*: Basalt from the Columbia River.
- B-85. (top) *Donor*: Pennsylvania Society, S.A.R., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. *Stone*: Dark Fieldstone from Fort Necessity National Battlefield site.
- C-86. *Donor*: National Society, S.A.R., Charles B. Shaler, President General. *Stone*: Old hand-made brick from walls of Old Fort Pitt, built in 1759, now part of City of Pittsburgh.
- B-87. *Donor*: Rhode Island Society, S.A.R., Providence, Rhode Island. *Stone*: Westerly Granite.
- B-88. *Donor*: The Citadel Chapter, South Carolina Society, S.A.R., Charlestown, South Carolina. *Stone*: From the site of Fort Multrie.
- C-89. *Donor*: South Dakota Society, S.A.R., Sioux Falls, South Dakota. *Stone*: Sioux Falls Jasper-polished — used in many forms and for many purposes - for poultry grits, concrete construction, building stone, monuments and to line the great furnaces of steel mills in Pittsburgh and other cities.
- C-90. *Donor*: Former U.S. Senator Estes Kefauver. *Stone*: Sandstone from foundation of President Andrew Jackson's home "The Hermitage."
- B-91. *Donor*: Texas Society, S.A.R., Austin, Texas. *Stone*: Granite Block from Austin, Texas.
- E-92. *Donor*: Utah Society, S.A.R., Salt Lake City, Utah. *Stone*: Granite Block.
- C-93. *Donor*: Harlan G. Barrett, Swanzey, N.H. *Stone*: Taken from Plymouth, Vermont, under the window of the room in which Calvin Coolidge took his Oath of Office as President of the United States.
- E-94. *Donor*: Virginia Society, S.A.R., Williamsburg, Virginia. *Stone*: Fieldstone from the bank of the York River at Yorktown Battlefield.
- C-95. *Donor*: Washington State Society, S.A.R., Seattle, Washington. *Stone*: Boulder from bank of the Snoqualmie River, near the Snoqualmie Pass high in the Cascade Mountains.
- D-96. *Donor*: West Virginia Society, S.A.R., Parkersburg, West Virginia. *Stone*: Flint Rock from eastern pan-handle of West Virginia near Martinsburg.
- D-97. *Donor*: Wyoming Society, S.A.R., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. *Stone*: Fieldstone from the lake region.



- A-98. *Donor:* Wyoming Society, S.A.R., Cheyenne, Wyoming. *Stone:* Granite from Fremont County where are the largest glaciers in the United States.
- E-99. *Donor:* William T. Corbett, Acting Governor of Guam. *Stone:* Reef limestone or coral.
- E-100. *Donor:* Governor Luis Monoz Marin, San Juan, Puerto Rico. *Stone:* Sandstone from home of Puerto Rico's first Governor, Juan Ponce de Leon at Caparra.
- A-101. *Donor:* Governor Peter Tali Coleman, Pago Pago, American Samoa. *Stone:* Gray solidified lava.
- B-102. *Donor:* Governor Walter A. Gordon, Virgin Islands. *Stone:* Blue Beach Stone.
- D-112. *Donor:* National Society, D.A.R. *Stone:* From Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C.
- A-113. (riser) *Donor:* The Eastern States Command, The Canadian Legion British Service League. *Stone:* From Vimy Ridge, France.
- B-114. *Donor:* Gold Star Mothers of Worcester County, Mass. *Stone:* Red Granite — Tribute to all Gold Star Mothers.
- A-115. (riser) *Donor:* National Association of Veterans of Yankee Division. *Stone:* Part of Church building at Belleau Woods, Chateau Thierry, which the Yankee Division had to blow to pieces and after the war they raised funds to rebuild the church.
- E-116. (riser) *Donor:* American Gold Star Mothers. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- A-117. (riser) *Donor:* American Legion Auxiliary. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- B-118 (riser) *Donor:* Amvets. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- D-119 (riser) *Donor:* Daughters of the American Revolution. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker. Memorial to: All the departed Daughters of the American Revolution.
- E-120 (riser) *Donor:* Daughters of Colonial Wars. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- D-121 (riser) *Donor:* Daughters of Founders and Patriots. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- A-122 (riser) *Donor:* Daughters of Union Veterans. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- E-123 (riser) *Donor:* Descendents of Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- A-124 (riser) *Donor:* Disabled American Veterans. *Plaque:* Emblem

Grave Marker. Memorial to: All the departed disabled American Veterans.

- A-125 (riser) *Donor:* Fourteenth Engineers Veterans Assn., Inc. *Plaque:* Memorial Plaque.
- E-126 (riser) *Donor:* General Society of Mayflower Descendants. *Plaque:* Emblem Marker.
- E-1 27 (riser) *Donor:* Grand Army of the Republic. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- B-128 (riser) *Donor:* Jewish War Veterans. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker. Memorial to: All the departed Jewish War Veterans.
- A-129. (riser) *Donor:* Ladies Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- A-130. (riser) *Donor:* Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- E-131 (riser) *Donor:* Ladies Auxiliary to World War I Veterans. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- A-132. (riser) *Donor:* Marine Corps League. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- E-133 (riser) *Donor:* Massachusetts State Guard. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- A-134. (riser) *Donor:* Ladies Auxiliary of the Military Order of The Purple Heart. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- C-135 (riser) *Donor:* The National American Legion. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker. Memorial to: All departed members.
- E-136. (riser) *Donor:* National Society of New England Women. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- D-137. (riser) *Donor:* Sons of the American Revolution. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- A-138. (riser) *Donor:* Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- B-139 (riser) *Donor:* Sons of Union Veterans. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker. Memorial to: All the departed Sons of Union Veterans.
- D-140. (riser) *Donor:* United Spanish War Veterans. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- E-141 (riser) *Donor:* United Daughters of the Confederacy, Southern Cross Chapter, Salem, Virginia. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.
- E-142 (riser) *Donor:* U.S. Daughters of 181 2. *Plaque:* Emblem Grave Marker.

- C-143. (riser) *Donor*: Veterans of Foreign Wars. *Plaque*: Emblem Grave Marker. Memorial to: All departed members.
- D-144. (riser) *Donor*: Veterans of World War I Auxiliary. *Plaque*: Emblem Grave Marker.
- B-145. (riser) *Donor*: Woman's Relief Corps. *Plaque*: Emblem Grave Marker.
- E-146. (riser) *Donor*: Women's Overseas Service League. *Plaque*: Emblem Grave Marker.
- E-147. (riser) *Donor*: World War Widows Inc. of Massachusetts. *Plaque*: Emblem Grave Marker.
- E-148. (end) *Donor*: Lawrence D. Nace, Commander of new nuclear submarine, KAMEHAMEHA. *Plaque*.
- C-149. *Donor*: Mrs. Josiah Abram Zoller, Hermosa Beach, Calif. *Stone*: Red Lava. Memorial to: Her nephew, Sanderson Sloane. The stone came from the Red Rock Canyon in the Mohave Desert, near where the survivors of the Manly party, early day explorers of Death Valley, first reached civilization.
- C-150. *Donor*: Susan and Genevieve Doran, Rindge, N.H. *Stone*: Crystal Quartz and Calcite from quarry in Camden, Maine.
- C-151. (top) *Donor*: Rev. Dr. Arthur B. Whitney, Unitarian Church, Peterborough, N.H. Formerly minister of Pilgrim Unitarian Church, Plymouth, Mass. *Stone*: Part of Plymouth Rock.
- A-152. *Donor*: Bertha Hardy. *Stone*: Azurite from Nevada.
- D-153 (top) *Donor*: Mrs. Sturgis Coffin, Fitzwilliam, N.H. *Stone*: "The Friendly Stone."
- C-154. (top) *Donor*: Mrs. Konsta Penttila, Rindge, N.H. *Stone*: "International Stone" from garden wall of her home. Mrs. Penttila came to this country from Finland when she was 15 years old.
- B-155. (top) *Donor*: Ernest A. Hale, Past President of the Col. Nathan Hale Chapter, New Hampshire Society, S.A.R., and a direct descendant of the Hales who settled in Rindge in 1760. *Stone*: Dendrite from grounds of his home in Rindge, N.H.
- E-156. *Donor*: Roger Salinger, Waban, Mass. *Stone*: "The Dartmouth Stone." Granite chip engraved "1784", part of one of the original steps leading into Dartmouth Hall, Hanover, N.H., built in 1784.
- E-157. *Donor*: Harry E. Sherwin, Rindge, N.H. *Stone*: Brownish-red fieldstone pulled from the bank of the Delaware River at Trenton, N.J. at the place marked as "Washington's Crossing".
- B-158. *Donor*: Harry E. Sherwin, Rindge, N.H. *Stone*: "Iron" Rock picked up from under a barn built in 1728 and used as an out-post at

Valley Forge.

- D-159. *Donor:* Mr. and Mrs. Franklin C. McCoy, Newton Centre, Mass. *Stone:* Petrified Wood from the Dismal Swamp of Virginia.
- D-160. *Donor:* Miss Martha Cutler, Librarian, Peterborough, N.H. *Stone:* Pebble from the floor of the Coliseum, Rome, Italy.
- E-161. *Donor:* Salome Kahler Cone. *Stone:* Rose Quartz from Rome, Italy. Memorial to: Her husband, Frederick Hayes Cone.
- E-162. *Donor:* Sanderson Sloane and John Sloane. *Stone:* Cannon Ball found by them in the blacksmith shop of the old farm. It had been brought from the Battle of Bennington in the Revolution by Moses Hale.
- B-163. *Donor:* Mrs. Karl Brummer, Jaffrey, N.H. *Stone:* Pebble from the grave of Lafa-yette, who is buried at Picpus cemetery a few miles north of Paris, France.
- A-164. *Donor:* Alice M. Packard, Ashburnham, Mass., teacher for 48 years. *Stone:* Amethyst Quartz. Tribute to: 115 boys of her classes at the Mather School, Dorchester, Mass, who served their Country in either World War I or II.
- B-165. *Donor:* The Sloane Family, Rindge, N.H. *Stone:* Rose Quartz from "God's Pines". Memorial to: Sanderson Sloane, Jr. Born: October 21, 1943, Died: June 17, 1945.
- D-166. *Donor:* Rt. Rev. George W. Davenport. *Stone:* Linarite, a rare copper formation taken from the Old Mormon Mine, Soda Lake Mts., California.
- D-167. *Donor:* Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sloane and Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Rice, Rindge, N.H. *Stone:* Amacite from Arizona.
- D-168. *Donor:* Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sloane and Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Rice, Rindge, N.H. *Stone:* Baudolite or "Grape Agate" from Utah.
- D-169. *Donor:* Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sloane and Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Rice, Rindge, N.H. *Stone:* Linorite from California.
- D-170. *Donor:* Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sloane and Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Rice, Rindge, N.H. *Stone:* Bauxite from Death Valley, Inyo County, California.
- D-171. *Donor:* Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sloane and Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Rice, Rindge, N.H. *Stone:* Malachite from Death Valley, Inyo County, California.
- D-172. *Donor:* Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sloane and Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Rice, Rindge, N.H. *Stone:* Silver from Death Valley, Inyocouny, California.
- A-173. *Donor:* Members of the Order, Fleur-de-Lis Camp. *Stone:* Taken

from Altar at Fleur-de-Lis Camp, Fitzwilliam, N.H.

- A-174. *Donor*: Massachusetts State Union of Women's Clubs, an affiliate of National Association of Colored Women. *Stone*: From the home of Frederick Douglass, Anacostia, Virginia.
- E-175. *Donor*: The Greek Consul in Boston, Mass., thru His Eminence Archbishop Iakavos. *Stones*: Three stones from the Parthenon, Athens, Greece.
- A-176. *Donor*: Girl Scout Troop No. 16, Melrose, Mass. *Stone*: From Lexington Battle Green.
- C-177. *Donor*: Rev. Father Thomas A. Shanahan, S.J., through Commander Charles Parsons. *Stone*: From Limrasawa, Philippine Islands, blessed by Rev. J. Edward Haggerty, S.J., site of the first Mass in the Far East. Limrasawa is the island on which Magellan first landed on his voyage around the world in 1521.
- E-178. *Donor*: Mrs. Olive Thackeray, Hants, England. *Stone*: From Kimbolton Aerodrome where "Sandy" was stationed.
- D-179. *Donor*: Mrs. George J. Johnston, Principal, Dana Hall School, Wellesley, Mass. *Stone*: Quartz from the grounds of Dana Hall School which Sibyl Sanderson Sloane attended. Tribute to: Helen Temple Cooke.
- C-180. *Donor*: Rev. J.R.H. Prophet, M.A., Vicar of the Church of St. James and St. Basil, Fenham, Newcastle on Tyne, England. *Stone*: From Washington Hall, County Durham, England, home of President George Washington's ancestors.
- B-181. *Donor*: George W. Taylor, Jr. *Stone*: Granite from cabin site at the "Ohio". Tribute to: all Scouts of Troop 1, B.S.A. Newtonville, Mass.
- B-182. *Donor*: Miss Marie Freckelton, Brooklyn, New York. *Stone*: Petrified Olive from Mt. of Olives, Jerusalem.
- E-183. *Donor*: The Bradford Family, Jaffrey, N.H. *Stone*: From the grave of Arthur Bradford, Jr. in Old Jaffrey Cemetery. Memorial to: Arthur Bradford, Jr. and a tribute to the Bradford family.
- B-184. *Donor*: Gold Star Mothers. *Plaque*: Emblem Grave Marker. Memorial to: All American War dead.
- A-185. *Donor*: J. Harold Williams, Scout Executive, Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, Providence, Rhode Island. *Stone*: From Camp Yawgoog, a Scout outdoor Cathedral in Rhode Island. Tribute to: All Boy Scouts of America.
- C-186. *Donor*: Robert Burnette, President, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council, Rosebud, South Dakota. *Stone*: From the Rosebud Indian Reservation. Tribute: from the original Americans.

- C-187. *Donor:* Rev. Edwin T. Cooke, Chaplain (Protestant). *Stone:* From the shores of Iwo Jima.
- C-188. *Donor:* Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, Marine Corps Chaplain (Jewish), who buried the American War Dead on Iwo Jima. *Stone:* Slab of Israeli Marble "Negev Brown".
- C-189. *Donor:* Pastor Carl W. Bloomquist, Warwick, Rhode Island. *Stone:* From Worms, Germany, where Martin Luther was tried in 1521.
- C-190. *Donor:* Miss Mary E. Luscombe, Fitchburg, Mass. *Stone:* Piece of "Pulpit Rock", Clark's Island, Plymouth Harbor, Mass.
- C-191. *Donor:* Soroptimist Club of Sydney, Australia by Soroptimist International of Keene, New Hampshire. *Stone:* White Opal from Audanooka, Australia.
- A-192. *Donor:* P. Frank Kean, National President, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and Canada, Brighton, Mass. *Stone:* Quartz from shore of Village of Lorraine, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.
- A-193. *Donor:* Chamber of Commerce, Springhill, Louisiana. *Stone:* Native Iron ore rock.
- C-194. *Donor:* Sister Theophane Marie, Old Mission Convent, San Juan, Capistrano, California. *Stone:* From Lourdes, France.
- A-195. *Donor:* Lt. Joseph R. Moruan, U.S.N., Newtonville, Mass. *Stone:* from site of first Catholic Mass on Continent of Antarctica.
- E-196. *Donor:* Shinnecock Indians through Mr. and Mrs. James J. Schnell, Rockville Centre, New York. *Stone:* From Shinnecock Reservation near Southampton, Long Island, N.Y.
- A-197. *Donor:* Joseph Botchway. *Stone:* from beach at Accra, Ghana, West Africa. Memorial to: African soldiers who died in World War I and II.
- B-198. *Donor:* Richard T. Rice, Rindge, N.H. *Stone:* Rock core from man-made reservoir of the Northfield, Mass. Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project and Recreation Areas.
- B-199. *Donor:* Bishop Joseph L. Soltysiak of the Polish National Catholic Church. *Stone:* Marked "K" from birthplace of Tadeusz Kosciuszko.
- B-200. *Donor:* Bishop Joseph L. Soltysiak of the Polish National Catholic Church. *Stone:* Marked "P" from birthplace of Casimir Pulaski, Polish American heroes during Revolutionary War in U.S.
- A-201. *Donor:* Eugene Halsted, Manchester, N.H. *Stone:* Crystal Quartz from Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina.
- C-202. *Donor:* Kenneth H. Wyatt, Fitchburg, Mass, and Masonic

- friends. *Stone*: Fragment of stone which is part of the Tomb of Hiram, King of Tyre.
- C-203. *Donor*: William and Mary Smith, Torquay, Devon, England.  
*Stone*: From Plymouth, England, where first "Mayflower" and Pilgrims sailed from.
- C-204. *Donor*: Richard Cardinal Gushing, Archbishop of Boston.  
*Stone*: Taken from the chapel at St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass.
- B-205. *Donor*: Bishop Ernest J. Primeau, Manchester, N.H. *Stone*: N.H. Granite.
- B-206. *Donor*: Dr. James F. Allen, Rindge, N.H., beloved outstanding citizen of the town, affectionately called "Pop".
- B-207. *Donor*: Union Church, Claremont, N.H. *Stone*: Part of the foundation of this church, oldest Episcopal edifice in the State of N.H.
- E-208. *Donor*: Mrs. David R. Sawyer, Jaffrey, N.H. *Stone*: A favorite of her husband since boyhood. David was killed on a flight to Alaska with his friends Alan Wheeler and George Harmon.
- E-209. *Donor*: Peter F. Garrity, Lowell, Mass. *Stone*: From Tomb of St. Clare, Italy.
- E-210. *Donor*: President George Bush. *Stone*: From his Home Site Beach in Kennebunkport, ME.
- D-211. *Donor*: President William Clinton. *Stone*: White Crystal rock from Governor's Mansion area in AR.
- E-212. *Donor*: Cathedral of the Pines Staff honoring the Cathedral's 50th Anniversary, 1995.
- E-213. *Donor*: President George W. Bush, *Stone*: piece of limestone from the Pentagon following the attack on America, September 11, 2001.

## **Altar the Nation**

### **The national memorial for all the American War Dead.**

The Altar of the Nation was the first appointment to be built on Cathedral of the Pines Knoll. The stones for the foundation came from a big stone dump at the foot of the knoll. The stones to build the choir mound, pulpit, chancel, Hilltop House, all came from this stone dump. These stones were used because they were available, easy to get, plentiful and durable.

From 1760, when the first of the Old Timers came onto this land, until 1937 when the Sloanes bought this farm, the main parking field, then known as the "five-acre-piece mowing", was plowed. Each year, before seed could be planted, a crop of rocks had to be removed. These the Old Timers placed on the stone dump. Thus, here are the rock the builders rejected which have become the head of the corner. Visitors to the Cathedral are reminded that the Old Timers could not have realized they were instruments in God's plan to create Cathedral of the Pines.

While the stones were being assembled to build the Altar, Douglas Sloane, founder of the Cathedral of the Pines, could not help but recall the message which these stones now have for hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Cathedral of the heroic efforts of the Old Timers in their search for better living, freedom, the privilege of worshipping God in the way and manner of their choice.

At the time preparations were being made to build the Altar Dr. Sloane was active in the New Hampshire Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Harry E. Sherwin was secretary of the state organization. Dr. Sloane suggested to Mr. Sherwin that he invite all of the state societies of the Sons of the American Revolution to contribute stones to be incorporated into the Altar of the Nation together with these local rocks. This was done. Most of the State Stones were contributed by the state societies S. A. R. Here the tributes from every state and every territory are bound together to express the strength and unity of a grateful people in this memorial for all American War Dead. When all the stones were assembled the Misses Susan and Genevieve Doran of Rindge, helped arrange them in order and began the demonstration of the power of the love of God and neighbor in operation which the Cathedral indicates.



Of interest, the money to build the Altar of the Nation came from Sandy. When Sandy, for whom the Cathedral of the Pines is a memorial, began playing football for Newton High School, his father was persuaded to take out a life and accident insurance policy on the boy. When Sandy reached his majority Dr. Sloane said to him, "Here, Sandy, is the policy with premiums paid to date. Keep it or cash it as you choose."

Sandy replied, "Thanks, Dad, but you have been paying the premiums so far and if you'll continue paying them I'll appreciate this gift all the more later on." It was the money from this policy, Sandy's own money, which paid for the construction of the Altar of the Nation.

The Altar of the Nation was the first appointment to be built in the Cathedral of the Pines after word was received that Sandy would not be home in body. The Sloanes had planned building an out-of-door chapel over the ridge to the north of the farm house. Rocks were collected for this purpose in the spring of 1938. long before Sandy left for war duty. He knew about this plan. As a pilot of a B-17 bomber based in England, he wrote asking that nothing be touched until his return for he wanted his share in the doing. Sandy HAS his share but not according to any human plan. If it had been man's plan, there would be no Cathedral, no Altar of the Nation.

Begun in a very simple way, the Altar of the Nation has become the most significant war memorial in the world. The Congress of the United States voted unanimously to recognize this Altar as a memorial for all American War Dead. In London, England, the British Empire has the Centotaph honoring all their War Dead but only this Altar of all national memorials recalls the debt we owe the Creator of all the lives sacrificed that we might be here. Only through the Altar of the Nation are all American War Dead, those of the combat forces and those in different uniforms but not of the armed services, given recognition.

Nine times the President of the United States, seven times every Governor of our states and territories, all of the great national patriotic, civic, service, fra-ternal and labor organizations have had their tributes placed at the Altar of the Nation.

Before this Altar in Cathedral of the Pines have served those of 44 different faiths, each in its own way, acknowledging the One God. The Altar of the Nation is used in turn by different faiths as would be an altar on the battlefield or battleship in

time of war.

For the Jewish Services a shield is placed in front of the Cross and placed on the center of the Altar is the Holy Ark of the Covenant. The Menorahs (branched candle sticks) are placed at the ends of the Altar and the Reading Table in the center of the congregation as it would be in the temple or synagogue. At such times the Cathedral is the Temple.

For the Roman Catholic Services the crucifix, monstrance, letters, candles were placed on the Altar.

For the Eastern Orthodox Services the portraits, (icons) the candles and their appointments are placed on the Altar.

In the riser of the top step of the Altar of the Nation are the bronze plaques which we were asked to accept by the many national patriotic organizations represented. Not one of those tributes was solicited. At the far right of the Altar, facing it, are two plaques resting comfortably side by side; the C. S. A. plaque given by the Salem, Virginia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy and officially dedicated here by the President-General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and beside this bronze memento is the G. A. R. plaque. Honored equally here are the Boys in Gray of the south and the Boys in Blue of the north.

In the riser at the left of the Altar, facing it, is the Y. D. stone from Belleau Woods and the Canadian Legion stone from Vimy Ridge. These stones, side by side, recall the neighboring countries living and working together in peace, also the sacrifices of lives of those of many countries that we have our Freedoms,

Three Presidents, Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy, have their stones as tributes in the Altar of the Nation. So too, have: Fleet Admirals Leahy, Nimitz, Halsey; Generals of the Army Marshall, MacArthur and Bradley; Generals I. D. White, Ridgway, Doolittle, Mark Clark and Admiral Robert S. Carney. In this Altar are stones as memorials for Admirals Marc A. Mitscher, Richard E. Byrd and Forrest Sherman and General George Patton.

In the lower center of the Altar of the Nation are three stones, representing three major faiths and given by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Chaplains. Chaplain the Reverend Edwin T. Cooke, Methodist, gave the stone from Okinawa; the Reverend Fr. Thomas A. Shanahan, S. J., the stone (which has been blessed) taken from the site of the first celebration of the Mass in all the Far East, that

Mass celebrated by the chaplain in the expedition of Ferdinand Magellan, the first man to sail around the world. The stone from the Negev was presented by Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, the Marine Corps Chaplain who buried the American boys on Iwo Jima.

The three large slabs of "Verde Antique" marble, each weighing more than half a ton, forming the top of the Altar of the Nation, came from the quarry in Cardiff, Maryland through which runs the Mason-Dixon Line. The three slabs, therefore, symbolize the North, South, Union; Protestants, Catholics and Jews; the Trinity. Mixed with the cement binding these stones to the Altar is Holy Soil from Mt. Zion in Jerusalem, given by Jewish friends.

The cannon ball on the top step of the Altar at left, facing Altar, was sent by the Louisiana State Society S. A. R. for there are no stones in Louisiana. By permission of the U. S. Government this cannon ball was taken from the Chalmette National Park, site of the last battle of the War of 1812.

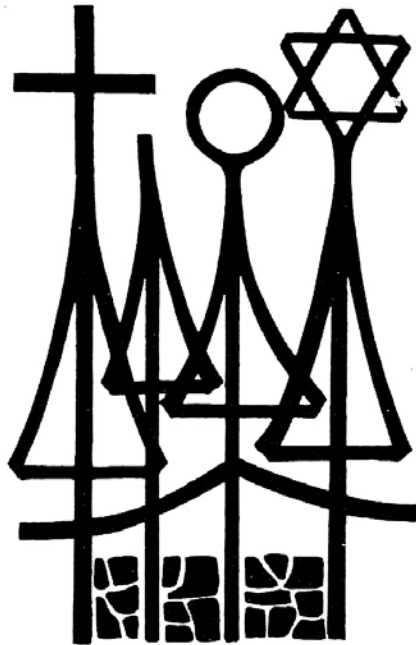
The cannon ball at the right, facing the Altar, was brought back to this farm by Moses Hale from the Battle of Bennington, Vt. The cannon balls represent the tributes of the North and of the South; the instruments of death where they belong, at the foot of the Altar.

The history of America is recounted in the rocks of historic and geologic interest in the Altar of the Nation. The Cross is the New Hampshire stone of Fitzwilliam granite, New Hampshire being the Granite State. The Cross is the gift of Sandy's brothers, Douglas IV and John II.

The Cross, the Christian symbol, recalls the one who emphasized the Laws of Moses and gave as His greatest Command, "Thou shall love the Lord Thy God" and "Thou shall love thv Neighbor."

# Cathedral of the Pines

Rindge, New Hampshire



The Tree of the field *is* Man's *Life*. (Deut. 20:19)