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NATIONAL TREASURE

National Treasure is the name of a new movie to be released on November 19, 2004. The movie stars Nicolas Cage and is a Touchtone/Jerry Bruckheimer film. The exact plot of the film is not known, but it seems to involve what is described as a *national treasure* hidden by some of the Founding Fathers in the late 1700s. From the trailer of the film and, based on information taken from the Web site, it would appear that George Washington and Benjamin Franklin are the primary individuals responsible for concealing the *national treasure*. The movie does involve Freemasons and the Knights Templar, and many Masonic symbols will be seen. The Web site where the trailer can be viewed is <http://nationaltreasure.movies.go.com/main.html>

If you go to this site, you will be able to see, in addition to the "trailer," several interesting "click-on" segments that talk about Freemasonry, the Knights Templar, various Masonic symbols, and a brief biography of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. The facts are not always accurate, but nothing, in any of the material shown, could be considered anti-Masonic.

The *Eye in the Pyramid* is shown on the poster advertising the movie. This is an inaccurate portrayal, claiming the Eye in the Pyramid or "All-Seeing Eye" is a Masonic symbol. Several years ago the Masonic Information Center published a *Short Talk Bulletin* titled *The Eye in the Pyramid* by Dr. S. Brent Morris, which traced the history of the Great Seal of the United States and the lack of any possible Masonic connection. This *Short Talk Bulletin* is still available and also has been posted on our Web site. If you would like to review this article please go to msana.com.

The Masonic Information Center will continue to monitor this movie and will be ready with an appropriate response should one become necessary.

IS IT TRUE WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT FREEMASONRY?

Now in its 3rd Edition (the first two published by the Masonic Information Center), *Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry* has been updated and several new chapters included. Written by Arturo de Hoyos and S. Brent Morris, this book is a must for anyone interested in why Freemasonry is attacked by anti-Masons. The 3rd edition has been published by M. Evans and Company of New York. (This is the same publisher used by John J. Robinson.)

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