



March 1999

TREASURY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

## **Inside this Newsletter...**

### **Restoration Committee Meets Challenge.**

THA's Restoration Fundraising Committee succeeded in their efforts to attain at least \$50,000 by December 31, 1998, in order to qualify for The Dillon Fund's "Challenge Grant" of \$10,000.

### **2000 Calendar and March Inventory Sale**

*Treasures of the U.S. Treasury*, THA's fine art photographic calendar for 2000 is available at an early-order discount through March 31. Also, our annual inventory sale will be conducted through this same period.

### **Riggs Noontime Lecture Slated for March 25**

The first lecture sponsored by THA in the Cash Room since the June 1996 rooftop fire will be provided by Timothy C. Coughlin, President of Riggs National Corporation. The event will be held on March 25 from noon until 1 p.m. in the Cash Room. Mr. Coughlin will speak on the history of Riggs and its association with its neighbor to the South, the Treasury.

Reservations may be made by calling one of two numbers: Main Treasury employees and bureau employees with identification need only call THA's information and message line (202) 298-0550. You may press the pound sign (#) to by-pass the 2-minute announcement. Please just leave your name and state that you will be attending. Others who need clearance into the Treasury Building should call THA Board member Martha Lanigan at (202) 622-0194 and provide her (or her voicemail system) your name, date of birth and social security number, and she will arrange for building access for you. Please call by March 23.

## Treasury Building Notes —

### **1869 Inaugural Event in Treasury's Cash Room**

Did you know...??? Supervising Architect Alfred Mullett, having been instructed to make Treasury's North Wing the finest building in the city, knew how to follow orders. His extensive use of ornate ceiling molding, exquisite stenciling and brilliant gilding, as well as his magnificent Cash Room, made the facility quite unique, a palatial wing "fit for a king."

Although the Cash Room still lacked some of its marble and banking counters, this elegant room was chosen as the site for the Inaugural Reception for the new President and Union hero of the Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant.

The past practice of a farewell reception for the departing President was not pursued at the end of Andrew Johnson's term. A March 4, 1869 Inaugural Reception was planned for Grant, instead. Treasury officials and staff undoubtedly felt quite honored that their building was selected as the site for the event. There were 2,000 tickets issued, each admitting one gentleman and two ladies (who usually did not go out unescorted at night). The Treasury Building was bursting at its seams with guests; musicians were located in many of the corridors; the cooks and waiters were constantly engaged in keeping the serving tables throughout the Building well-stocked with food. A good time was had by all...until it was time to leave.

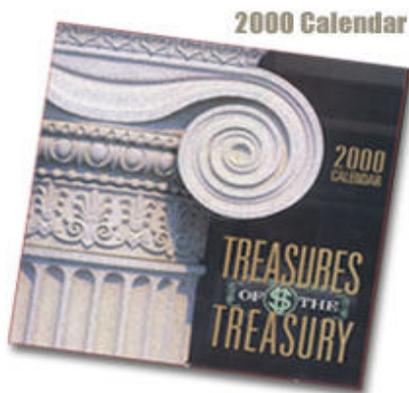
Only then was it realized that, with all the preparations for the pomp and splendor of a Presidential event, adequate arrangements had not been made for cloakroom service. Guests spent extensive time searching in huge mountains of clothing for their coats. Many, in frustration, simply took someone else's outer garments to brave the cold March night, causing the rightful owner to do the same later or exit the Building without adequate protection against the weather.

Despite its rather ignoble opening event, the Cash Room began business later that year to serve the Nation in many ways.

## Early Order Discount on Millennium Calendar

Current THA members may order THA's collectible 2000 calendar, *Treasures of the U.S. Treasury*, at a special pre-publication price of \$14, for orders placed by March 31, 1999.

See the special flyer enclosed with this newsletter for ordering details.



**Coming Soon — Advance Information on THA's 1999 Ornament on Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.**

## Member-only Inventory Sale Through March

The biggest annual March inventory sale of THA ornaments, cards, and lithographic prints is offered to our current 1999 and later prepaid THA members. The pricing is 50% of standard (non-member) price plus shipping and handling.

This sale provides an unprecedented cut in price for our signed and numbered lithograph of the Treasury Building snow scene and our IRS notecards. It provides a great opportunity to buy the ornaments that are missing in your set of Treasury commemoratives before the series ends with the 2000 ornament. Or, you can get the framable signed/numbered lithograph of the Treasury Building snow scene that you've always intended to buy, or stock up on items for future gift-giving. A special flyer is enclosed with this newsletter with ordering details

### NEW THA PHONE NUMBER AND WEBSITE ADDRESS

Our information and message line is:  
**(202) 298-0550**

Our new Internet website is:  
**[www.treasuryhistoricalassn.org](http://www.treasuryhistoricalassn.org)**

## Treasury Department Rec Association Has Website

The June 1998 Newsletter listed organizations that sell Treasury related products. The Treasury Department Recreation Association, which sells a wide variety of Treasury clothing items, jewelry, stationery items and other products that complement THA's educational products, now has a website on the Internet.

You may see the various products on-line, and download order forms from [www.treas.gov/tdra](http://www.treas.gov/tdra) and its several subsidiary pages.

## Is your THA Membership Current? See your Label!

With all our busy activities, we all lose track of our various membership and subscription renewal due dates. For THA members, information about your membership expiration is always close at hand.

Just look at your mailing label which, in this mailing, has been affixed onto the special sale flyer. The first two digits above your name indicate the year in which your membership expired or will expire on December 31.

Please take a moment to look at your label, and if it starts with "98", please help us save postage for mailing of dues notices by renewing on the special sale flyer. For renewals at the Supporting and higher levels, we still are providing your selection of an appreciation gift — either a gold finished business card holder with the design of the interior Treasury column capitals or a notebook with the Treasury Building embossed on the cover. If you are renewing at a tax-deductible level above the General category, just note on your check's memo line your selection of a gift.

## Ceiling Restoration Drive Is Continuing Towards Goal

The THA fundraising project for restoring the original 1869 gilding in the ceiling of the Cash Room as well as in the North Wing staircase domes reached its targeted amount of at least \$50,000 by December 31, 1998. This target made THA eligible for the first \$10,000 "challenge grant" that was offered by The Dillon Fund.

As of December 31, donations to this special restoration project amounted to \$80,789, including the "challenge grant" THA received. The fundraising committee continues to seek out potential donors, both corporate and individuals, as they strive towards the second Dillon Fund "challenge grant" level of \$100,000, ultimately to our \$200,000 project goal.

If you have not already done so, we hope that you will consider helping THA in this effort to restore ceilings of the Cash Room and domes to their original elegance with a tax-deductible contribution. You may use the form below to send your check to THA-Restoration, P.O. Box 28118, Washington, DC 20038-8118.

If you wish another copy of the fundraising project brochure we sent you last year, please call our message line listed to the left, e-mail us at [info@treasuryhistoricalassn.org](mailto:info@treasuryhistoricalassn.org), or see the brochure on-line through our website, also listed to the left.

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### Treasury Restoration Fund Drive

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

- \$10,001+ Alexander Hamilton Donor
- \$5,001-\$10,000 Albert Gallatin Donor
- \$1,001-\$5,000 Salmon Chase Donor
- \$100-\$1,001 Millennium Donor
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Other Gift

Enclosed is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_



June 1999

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## ***Inside this Newsletter...***

### **Restoration Campaign Targets Challenge.**

We are striving to qualify for The Dillon Fund's second \$10,000 "Challenge Grant" by June 30.

### **1999 Commemorative Ornament on FLETG**

THA's eleventh annual commemorative holiday ornament is introduced, with early-order and bulk quantity discounts offered.

### **2000 Commemorative Ornament Preview.**

THA's twelfth and final ornament and the most exquisite of the series is unveiled in the calendar *Treasures of the U.S. Treasury*.

### ***Treasures of the U.S. Treasury* Calendar for Year 2000 Nears Publication Release**

As of mid-May, THA is in its final editing of our collectible millennium calendar. This photographic fine-art calendar is to be printed in late May or early June. Customers who placed orders since December will be shipped their calendars immediately upon the printer's delivery to THA.

Measuring 12 by 24 inches, open, the wall-hanging calendar contains 13 large photographs of unique architectural features and antiques from the priceless collection in the Treasury Building. Over 35 additional "thumbnail" photographs or vignettes will be included in *Treasures of the U.S. Treasury*, each relating to its respective principal photo. Also included is text on the architecture and antique furnishings of Treasury.

The calendar also unveils the THA 2000 commemorative ornament, the twelfth, the most exquisite, and the final holiday ornament in this series, with ordering information. A flyer on *Treasures of the U.S. Treasury* is enclosed with this newsletter.

## ***Treasury Building Notes —***

### **Treasury's Cash Room Served as Financial Hub**

Did you know...??? Despite the unfavorable experience of the inadequate cloak-room arrangements made for the Inaugural Reception for President Ulysses S. Grant in the Treasury's Cash Room, "the bankers' bank" as it was sometimes referred to became the center of Washington's financial transactions. Many banks opened headquarters offices up and down 15th Street, resulting in it being frequently called "bankers' row."

The Cash Room, with its resplendent marble and bronze teller counters, was designed as a roofed version of an Italian palazzo, which architect Albert Mullet admired on his visits to Europe. The Cash Room was where the bankers in the area came for their "stock-in-trade" — coin and currency. Prior to the creation of the Federal Reserve System in 1913, Treasury had responsibility for supplying banks with money, both from the Cash Room and Sub-Treasuries around the country which were supervised by Assistant Treasurers of the United States.

Mullet provided a balcony overlooking the Cash Room to afford observers the opportunity to see "greenbacks" (which had been instituted only seven years before) being traded for hard gold and silver coin. This vantage point helped the public gain first-hand knowledge of the adequacy of, and develop confidence in, this new financial instrument. The railing of Mullet's balcony was adorned with various Treasury-related icons, including crops, signifying the wealth of the U.S. in an agrarian economy, and the medical caduceus (staff and serpents), reflecting the Treasury bureau that was the predecessor of today's U.S. Public Health Service.

Treasury provided services to bankers and to the general public in the Cash Room from 1869 through its closing in 1975, when the Department determined that the operating costs of the Cash Room exceeded the benefit to the Government.

## Ceiling Gilding Campaign Approaches Half-Way Mark

As THA nears its first anniversary of its fundraising project for restoring the original 1869 gilding in the Cash Room ceiling and North Wing staircase domes, donations received total almost half of the \$200,000 goal set for these projects. About \$12,000 more is required for THA's eligibility for the second \$10,000 "challenge grant" offered by The Dillon Fund.

On May 7, donations to the special restoration project reached \$97,946, which includes The Dillon Fund's first \$10,000 "challenge grant" to THA.

Please consider helping THA reach the June 30 level to qualify for the second Dillon Fund "challenge grant" with your tax-deductible contribution, using the form below. If you wish a copy of the fundraising brochure we sent last July, please contact THA.

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**To THA, P.O. Box 28118  
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### THA 1999 Holiday Ornament

(check payable to THA-Products)

Quantity: \_\_\_ @ \$11 \$\_\_\_\_\_  
Less discount if ordering  
by 6/30/99 (\$1 per unit) - \_\_\_\_\_  
Less discount for bulk  
order of 30+ (\$1 per unit) - \_\_\_\_\_  
Total for Ornament(s) \$\_\_\_\_\_

### Cat's Meow IRS Building

(check payable to THA-Products)

\_\_\_ Buildings @ \$20 \$\_\_\_\_\_

## Early Order Discount on 1999 Commemorative Ornament on FLETC

Current THA members may order our 1999 commemorative holiday ornament at an early-order discount and/or a bulk quantity discount, in addition to their special member price for orders placed **by June 30, 1999**.



The eleventh in a series of holiday ornaments about Treasury organizations, our 1999 ornament recognizes the history and mission of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). FLETC's training efforts contribute to missions of other Treasury law enforcement bureaus and of other organizations whose agents and law enforcement officers participate in the Center.

The 24-karat gold finished ornament with complementing color enamel, depicts FLETC's principal education building named for Congressman Tom Steed (D.-OK), former Chairman of Treasury's Appropriations Subcommittee at the time of the creation of FELTC in 1970, as well as images of an FLETC law enforcement vehicle and an FLETC pursuit boat. The 2-1/2 by 2-3/4 inch ornament is gift boxed, has a hanging ribbon, and is accompanied by an educational card on FLETC's history.

Please order your ornament before June 30, using the form to the left. Our supply will be limited in the Fall. Delivery is slated to begin in October.

## Last Call for Cat's Meow Wood Block IRS Building

In 1996, THA worked with the Cat's Meow historic miniatures people to produced limited edition wooden replicas of the Treasury Building and the IRS National Office Building. The Treasury Building sold out quickly and the IRS Building later sold out as well — or so we thought.

Our local Cat's Meow dealer who had supplied the collectibles to us has just located a small quantity of IRS Buildings that are being made available to THS members only through June 30 at the same \$20 member price as in 1996. If you missed out on this earlier opportunity to add this 4 by 8 inch IRS Building miniature to your Cat's Meow collection, this is our "last call" for orders for the IRS National Office Building. Please use the order form to the left to order by June 30.

## 50th Anniversary NTHP-GSA Preservation Conference to be Held in DC, October 19-24

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), both celebrating their 50th Anniversaries this year, are partnering to present the 1999 National Preservation Conference in Washington in October.

The event will include more than 50 educational sessions and more than 40 field sessions on historic preservation issue, strategies and successes, particularly in Washington, DC.

For further program information call (202) 588-6444 or (800) 944-6847.

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September 1999

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### **Restoration Campaign Met Dillon Challenge.**

THA met the qualification requirements for the second Dillon Fund \$10,000 "Challenge Grant" by passing the total \$100,000 mark by June 30.

### **Noontime Tour of Lafayette Park.**

Revisit the Civil War years history of the President's Park, with a tour by a THA member and DC licensed tour guide.

### **2000 Calendar Now Immediately Available.**

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The calendar also provides a preview of and ordering information for THA's 2000 commemorative ornament, the twelfth, the most exquisite, and the final holiday ornament in this series.

A ***Treasures of the U.S. Treasury*** flyer is enclosed with this newsletter. THA has purchased only a limited number of copies, so please order early in order to avoid being disappointed at the end of this year.

## ***Treasury Building Notes —***

### **Completed Treasury Building Still Too Small**

Did you know...??? With the completion of the Treasury's North Wing in 1869, forming an enormous figure-eight structure, the Department still had insufficient space for its growing staff and to function in its continually expanding responsibilities.

Perhaps the first satellite building created was for the Department's photographic office, constructed directly across from the South Wing (on the site of Sherman Park); see the inside back cover of the 1998 THA Annual report for this building.

Later, in the late 1800s, a temporary sixth floor addition was built over the center wing of the Mills Wing (above the 5200 corridor), to create a penthouse studio for Treasury draftsmen. At the time of the Spanish-American War, a free-standing wood structure was inserted into the South courtyard of the Treasury Building to serve as a more functional drafting studio with a glass roof to maximize the natural daylight inside the Building. This temporary structure remains today.

After the turn of the century, it was evident that the ever-growing Department of the Treasury needed more space than was available in its Main Building, and a number of Annex buildings were planned.

Today's Treasury Annex Building, originally called Annex 1, was begun in 1917, designed by Cass Gilbert, who also designed the U.S. Supreme Court Building. As it stands today, the Annex is less than on-third its intended size and design. The current building was to have a mirror-image twin at the north end of the same block, with the two connected by a wing with an extensive colonnade very similar to the Mills Wing's colonnade. For several reasons, the rest of Annex 1 was never built.

Two other Treasury Annex buildings were built in the block that became the site of the Commerce Department, but razed for the Federal Triangle in the 1930s.

## Restoration Campaign Targets Year End Goal

As it passed the one-year anniversary of its fundraising campaign to restore the gilding in the Cash Room ceiling and North Wing domes, THA was very grateful to receive the second generous \$10,000 grant from The Dillon Fund (the first grant was received in December 1998). The criterion for the second grant was for THA to raise \$100,000 by June 30.

As of August 15, THA has received donations towards this campaign amounting to \$136,000 of the project goal of \$200,000. With \$64,000 still needed for this project, THA is targeting the end of 1999 to meet this goal.

THA is pleased to announce that former Secretary Robert E. Rubin has agreed to serve as a Sponsoring Member of THA's Special Restoration Committee, joining nine other former Secretaries of the Treasury.

Enclosed with this newsletter is the campaign brochure and donation envelope, along with the latest listing of major donors, i.e. those contributing over \$100. If you have not already done so, please consider taking part in this largest project undertaken by THA to assist the Department of the Treasury to return the majestic Cash Room to its original splendor. Your personal tax-deductible contribution will give you a "piece of the action" in THA's role of assisting the Treasury. Member donations below the \$100 level cited in the brochure will be gratefully accepted by THA — every donation to this campaign is important to meeting the project goal.

## NTHP/GSA 1999 Preservation Conference to be in October

Final reminder — for our members who are interested and/or involved in restoration of historic sites, the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will hold their joint program of the 1999 National Preservation Conference in Washington from October 19 to 24, 1999.

For further program information, call (202) 588-6444 or (800) 944-6847.

## Noontime Lafayette Park Tour Set for October 13

A noontime tour of Lafayette Park is being offered to THA members on a first-come, first served basis, at noon on Wednesday, October 13.

The tour will be led by THA member Carol Bisette, a licensed DC tour guide. She will explain the significance of Lafayette Square/Park during the Civil War era, pointing out the buildings that existed at that time, and will share some exciting spy stories relating to that area of town.

Attendee spaces will be limited, so please register immediately by calling THA at (202) 298-0550. You may press the pound sign (#) on your touch-tone telephone to skip our three-minute announcement. Please leave your name and both home and office telephone numbers. THA will confirm reservations by telephone and advise tour attendees where to meet. If required, a rain date will be announced to members holding confirmed reservations for the tour of Lafayette Park.

## Treasury Building Tours for THA's Out-of-Town Members

As a service to its members who do not live or work in the Washington, DC area and therefore cannot attend one of the 90-minute public tours of the Treasury Building on Saturday mornings, THA is initiating a special scheduling arrangement.

Out-of-town THA members who plan to be in the Washington, DC area for business or pleasure trips during the workweek may request a tour on a weekday at noon or at 6 p.m.. These tours will be conducted by docents who are THA members.

To request a weekday tour, please call or e-mail THA at least two weeks in advance. Please leave both your home and office telephone numbers, so we may contact you to confirm that a docent is available for your tour on a weekday.

This arrangement for THA out-of-town members is offered on a pilot basis through the end of 1999.

## Treasury History Book Authors Sought by THA

Long-planned, THA's coffee-table format history book of the Treasury Building and of the bureaus of the Department has moved one step closer to being produced. The Publications Committee has issued its Request for Proposals and Statement of Work document to a number of historian-authors, and to organizations that might forward the document to qualified professionals.

THA is seeking primarily an architectural historian, who would be expected to obtain contributing text from one or more organizational historians and social historians. Proposals are due on November 1.

THA hopes to publish this book in 2002 and to obtain national retailing through a commercial publisher.

## "Salute the Square" Set for October 9

Once again, many of the historic buildings that surround Lafayette Park and that are in the White House neighborhood will have "open house" for guests. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 9.

The Treasury Building will welcome visitors for this fifth annual event and the public will have an opportunity to visit one of the restored spaces in the Building. THA will again participate in this event for the fifth year, giving the Association some greater visibility to the public.

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### **Restoration Campaign Nearing Its Goal.**

THA is closing in on its 18-month campaign goal to raise \$200,000 in donations for funding the restoration of the gilding in the ceiling of the Cash Room and adjoining North Wing domes.

### **Major Treasury Building Programs for Exterior and Interior Work.**

Two massive programs will restore the Treasury Building's exterior and interior space, bringing 21st century systems to support the historic elegance of the 19th century structure.

### **2000 Calendar Now**

**Immediately Available.** THA's commemorative calendar for the Millennium contains exquisite photographs of the beauty of the Treasury Building. Order your *Treasures of the U.S. Treasury* today!

### ***Treasures of the U.S. Treasury* 2000 Calendar Now Available**

Over four dozen images — most in full color — present a unique inside view of the National Historic Landmark Treasury Building in THA's unprecedented fine art photographic calendar for 2000. Included are original photographs of this grand building by renowned photographers Carol M. Highsmith and Richard Smith.

*Treasures of the U.S. Treasury* has been published to commemorate not only the change in the millennium but also the Bicentennial of the first Treasury Building in Washington, DC, and the Bicentennial of Washington DC, as the nation's capital city.

*Treasures of the U.S. Treasury* is available to members at \$15 each, including shipping and handling. An order form appears on page 2

## **Treasury Building Exterior Restoration for the New Millennium**

The Treasury Building is undergoing the most massive exterior restoration program in at least 90 years. The program, started several months ago, is scheduled to be completed in mid-to late-2000.

The program includes the careful cleaning of all granite, sandstone and marble surfaces, with any damaged materials repaired as needed. The North plaza has had its paving stones reset and cobble stones repaired. Statues of first secretary Alexander Hamilton and fourth, longest-termed secretary Albert Gallatin, on the South and North sides, respectively, will be cleaned of all corrosion and paint; the statues' metal will be repatinated and missing letters in the inscriptions on the bases will be recast and installed.

All 1,500 windows of the Treasury Building will be replaced with double glazed sashes to improve energy efficiencies. The interiors of these windows will be natural wood finish. The original decorative window safety guards on the fourth floor will be restored, with reproductions created for windows missing these guards. The original railing installed on the second floor colonnade of the Mills (East) wing, which was removed around 1910, will be replicated and installed.

Reproductions of the 1880s gaslight fixtures located at the street-level fencing at the South, West and North entrances of the Building will be created and installed at their original locations. And, a new bird-proofing system will be installed to maintain the cleanliness of the Treasury Building's 19th century elegant exterior well into the 21st century.

This massive exterior restoration program will be complemented by an equally massive interior renovation program that will begin in March 2000 and extend through the end of 2003. (See article on page 2.)

## Gilding Restoration Funds Near THA Campaign Goal

As THA approaches our 18-month program target date to raise funds for restoring the original 1869 gilding in the Cash Room ceiling and North Wing staircase domes, we have received about 87% of our goal.

Total donations received from members and non-member individuals, as well as from corporations and foundations, now total \$175,000, leaving only \$25,000 to reach the project goal of \$200,000. The amount collected includes the two Dillon Fund "challenge grants" that we described in previous newsletters, plus a third additional grant from that Fund. Between now and the end of this campaign, THA is continuing to seek out additional potential donors among all sources mentioned above.

If you have not participated in this important project to restore the ceiling of the magnificent Cash Room and North Wing domes, please help THA reach its project goal with a year-end tax-deductible donation.

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### Treasury Restoration Fund Drive (check payable to THA-Restoration)

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\_\_\_\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other Gift

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for restoring the gilding in the ceiling of the Cash Room and North Wing domes.

### Commemorative Products

(check payable to THA Products)

Please send:

\_\_\_ THA calendar(s) for 2000 @ \$15.  
\_\_\_ FLETC 1999 ornament(s) @ \$11

Enclosed is: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Restoration/Renovation to Begin Early in Year 2000

Shortly after the New Year begins, a major four-year program to restore and renovate interiors of the Treasury Building will also begin.

The program will be conducted in four phases, with the North wing and the northern half of the West wing to be the first to be worked on. Included in this phase will be the Cash Room and staircase dome restoration for which THA has been engaged in its fundraising campaign. Subsequent phases will be: the center wing and northern half of the East wing; the southern half of the East wing and the eastern half of the South wing; and finally, the southern half of the West wing and the rest of the South wing.

This interior program will include new electrical, telecommunications, heating-ventilating-air-condition (HVAC) and fire protection (including sprinklers) systems. To improve the historic appearances of the Building, all surface-mounted conduit, wiring and ductwork will be removed. Also, elevators will be renovated, with the West wing elevators relocated from stairwell locations to a nearby office. This will permit the replication of the West wing skylight, now obliterated by elevator machinery. All damaged plaster, iron and stone will be restored throughout the Building; paint will be removed from marble baseboards and mantels; and stone corridor floors and significant wood floors in offices will be restored. All exterior doors and corridors will be replaced with historically appropriate replicated doors, the latter with period-style transoms. The North and West wing lobbies will be furnished with period-appropriate lighting fixtures.

To accomplish this massive program, the Department of the Treasury will have to relocate a large number of employees to nearby leased office space. While this may be perceived by some to be a temporary inconvenience, the results of this program will have very long-term benefits to the Department and to the National Historic Landmark Treasury Building.

THA Annual Business Meeting:  
December 9 at noon, 740 15th Street,  
NW, Conference Room 4414

### THA 11th Ornament is on Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

Since 1989, THA has used annual holiday commemorative ornament sales as the primary fundraising methods for obtaining capital to fulfill its missions of education on Treasury and its bureaus and of historic preservation of Treasury properties, particularly the Treasury Building.

With the addition of the 1999 ornament on FLETC, every bureau has been represented in our ornament creations. The FLETC ornament is gold finished, with images of the Tom Steed Building and an FLETC law enforcement vehicle and pursuit boat in enamel accent colors. The ornament is available to current THA members at \$11 each.

## Biennial THA Board Elections Now Pending

As is done every two years at this time, a slate of candidates for the next two years' service on THA's Board of Directors has been prepared. Each THA current member in good standing is entitled to a vote in determining the composition of the board. Enclosed with this newsletter is the slate of 14 candidates to fill 15 positions. The last member will be added early in the year 2000. You may return the enclosed ballot to THA's P.O. Box by December 6 to cast a vote with a write-in candidate. If you wish to support the slate as proposed, you need not return it.

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