

CIVIL WAR LODGE OF RESEARCH #1865 A.F.&A.M.



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Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren:

Fraternal greetings from the East! I pray that this Trestleboard again finds you and yours healthy and safe. Our next meeting will be in person, however space is extremely limited. We will be holding our next Stated Communication at **Richmond-Randolph #19 in Richmond, VA** (1807 E. Franklin St. Richmond, VA 23223 (Corner of 18th and Franklin) on **September 26th**. Space is limited due to Covid-19 restrictions (22 total attendees). As this restriction will most likely keep many of our members away, we will be planning another Zoom Meeting in November. As much as I would like to do it November 14th as our lodge celebrates it's 25th Anniversary, I will be at the Grand Lodge of Maryland that day for some required business. So... watch your email for a Zoom Meeting on **November 21st at 10 am**.

We do have a full agenda in store for those that can attend on September 26th in Richmond (see Details next column). We will be reading a submitted research paper "*MASONIC CORE VALUES IN ACTION: THE BOILER EXPLOSION ABOARD THE U.S.S. CHENANGO AND THE CONDUCT OF FREEMASONS*" by Brother John M. McKee, Past Master.

If you are planning to attend the September 26th meeting, please send me an email so we can track numbers:

g.andrew.martinez@gmail.com. (cc the secretary also)

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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Worshipful Master

Secretary Sez'

Currently we have 366 Brothers on our rolls. We have four brothers pending membership and one in-process. Thanks to all who are sending in their dues. We still have about \$4400 outstanding (95 members). If you know the whereabouts of: William C. Jones (NY), James L. Fiore (PA) or Ugo Ferraro (Italy) please let me know as we have lost all contact.

If there is anything you need or that I can do – please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Fraternal Regards,

Bennett

OFFICERS FOR 2020

Worshipful Master-	George Andrew Martinez PM
Senior Warden-	Gordon Allen Munholland PM
Junior Warden-	Andrew Nottingham Wilson PM
Treasurer-	Mark Stephen Lentz
Secretary-	Bennett Richard Hart PM
Senior Deacon-	Gregory Scott Trivette
Junior Deacon-	John Howard Butler PM / PDDGM
Chaplain-	Wayne Eugene Price PM / PDDGM
Tyler-	Gary Lloyd Laing PM
Marshal-	Richard Wayne Burkman PM
Senior Steward-	Alan James Hawk
Junior Steward-	Robert Edward Schindler, Sr. PM
Ritual-	Wayne Eugene Price PM / PDDGM
Secretary Emeritus -	Richard Constantino Radi
District Deputy Grand Master	Marc Allen Hone

MOST WORSHIPFUL

DOUGLAS VERNON JONES

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN VIRGINIA

Trestleboard

September 25th 2020 – Friday Night

Courtyard by Marriott, 1320 E Cary St, Richmond, VA 23219

Website: [https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/RICRL-](https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/RICRL-courtyard-richmond-downtown/)

[courtyard-richmond-downtown/](https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/RICRL-courtyard-richmond-downtown/) Rates vary. As always you do not have to stay at the specified hotel.

Dinner: 6 pm – (TBD – depends on numbers)

September 26th 2020 - Saturday

8 am – Set-up

9 am – Tour Historic Mason's Hall - Richmond-Randolph #19 (1807 E. Franklin St. Richmond, VA 23223 (Corner of 18th and Franklin))

10 am – Stated Communication

11:30 am – Lunch (Rosie Connolly's – outdoor seating, (1548 E Main St A, Richmond, VA 23219 – ph. 804.343.1063)

2 pm – Tredegar Museum Tour (\$16 adults, \$14 Sr, \$10 Mil)

5 pm-ish – Dinner (TBD – depends on numbers)

December 5, 2020

(TBD – still dodging through Covid-19 restrictions by state and various Grand Lodge jurisdictional edicts)

MASONIC LODGES BEING SAVED

By John Howey (from angelfire.com)

An example of how a lodge was saved: After 4 years of war, the weary and almost defeated Confederate Army was retreating and leaving the Confederate capital of Richmond to its own fate. As the army retreated, fires broke out in all sections of the city. Hoodlums, deserters, and criminals, with no law and order, began to pillage the city.

Just as the city seemed to be doomed, a Union cavalry unit swung up Franklin Street. The bearded colonel looked warily at the riff raff around him who were about to fire a building which bore a sign "Masonic Hall." Taking command of the moment, he halted his troopers and ordered that an adjutant "have all Masons wheel out of column." Almost half of his force moved out. From this group he ordered a suitable guard to protect the Masonic Temple. The column reformed and resumed its ride. Later General Godfrey Weitzel, a Mason, gave the order, after a request by the Lodge, to continue the guard. The building saved is said to have been the oldest purely Masonic building in America with records dating back to 1787, and the historic building itself was built in 1785 by Richmond Lodge 10. The Grand Lodge assembled here after its formation in Williamsburg until its move in 1869.

R.W. Houghton in a report relates a slightly different story to the saving of the lodge in Richmond, or he could be referring to a different building. Emanuel Semon reported that Major A.H. Stevens, the Provost Marshal of Richmond, raised the first Union flags over the city of Richmond and that immediately after doing so went looking for the Masonic Lodge. Brother Semon was one of the first he met there and Semon stated that he had "quartered against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers for the last 25 years." Major Stevens immediately sent Semon a guard and made sure that the officer of the guard was a Mason. He also sent a guard to Semon's home, Semon's daughter's home and to a number of other Masons' homes in the city.

A third account exists of the saving of the Masonic Hall. In the history of Lodge Francaise No. 53 A.F. & A.M. published in 1874 their Tiler, Brother Thomas Angel, was commended for saving the temple. Recognizing that his duties as Tiler not only pertained to "guarding the entrance" but also to the general protection and "covering" the lodge from all harm, Brother Angel with "commendable zeal, energy and presence of mind" took action even with the Federal troops bearing down on the city of Richmond.

After conversing with Grand Secretary Dove of the Virginia Grand Lodge, he proceeded to collect all the jewels and what clothing he could find from every lodge in the city and deposited them in the Masonic Hall on Franklin Street. Angel then proceeded to dress himself in the "time honored badge of a Mason" and took his place at the door of the Temple. The Northern troops respected the guard placed at the Temple by Major Stevens. The guard under the command of another Mason, Sergeant Gibbs, remained with Brother Angel day and night for three months.

Call for Research Papers!

One of our charters is to provide research to our members. We have an annual data call to do at least one research paper per year. If you are interested in submitting a paper, please refer to the guidelines on our website www.cwlr.org or send a note to our Worshipful Master (g.adrew.martinez@gmail.com). Your efforts will be shared at a future meeting or in the Trestleboard!

Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above

Bro William R. King
Bro Robert E. Counsman



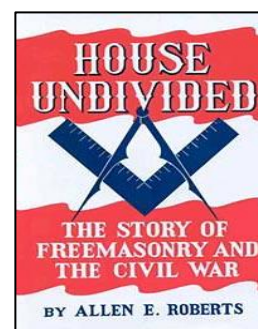
Brother Allen E. Roberts

First Worshipful Master Civil War Lodge of Research 1865

As we approach our 25th Anniversary as the Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865, it is fitting we look to our first Worshipful Master, Brother Allen E. Roberts. Brother Roberts was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on October 11, 1917. Brother Allen served in World War II aboard the U.S.S. Alabama and L.S.T. (Landing Ship Tank) 877. In 1946, he settled in Highland Springs, Virginia and became very active in Freemasonry.

His Masonic resume includes:

- Past Master of Babcock Lodge No. 322, Highland Springs, Virginia
- Past District Deputy Grand Master
- Past Deputy Grand Secretary
- Past District Deputy Grand High Priest
- Past Master and Secretary of Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777
- Charter Master of Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865, Virginia
- Past High Priest of Temple Chapter No. 32 (Now Richmond Chapter No. 3)
- Former (20 years) Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia and its Fraternal Reviewer
- Past President and Executive Secretary of the Philalethes Society
- Past Grand Master (1990-1991) of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America
- Past Grand Chancellor of the Grand College of Rites of the United States



Brother Allen's works are as follows:

- *Freemasonry in Highland Springs* (1962)
- *Sword and Trowel* (1964)
- *Masonry Under Two Flags* (1968)
- *Key to Freemasonry's Growth* (1969)
- *Freemasonry's Servant: The First Fifty Years in the History of the Masonic Service Association* (1969)
- *Shedding Light on Leadership* (1969)
- *How to Conduct a Leadership Seminar* (1970)
- *Fifty Golden Years* (1972)
- *The Craft and Its Symbols* (1975)
- *G. Washington: Master Mason* (1976)
- *Brotherhood in Action* (1977)
- *Chronicle of Virginia Research Lodge* (1978)
- *Frontier Cornerstone* (1980)
- *Freemasonry in American History* (1985)
- *Brother Truman* (1985)
- *The Diamond Years* (1987)
- *The Search for Leadership* (1987)
- *Seekers of Truth* (1988)
- *The Mystic Tie* (1991)
- *Masonic Lifeline* (1992)
- *Masonic Trivia and Facts* (1994)
- *House Undivided* (1996)
- *House Reunited* (1996)
- *Freemasonry and Democracy: Its Evolution in North America* (1997)

Brother Allen E. Roberts' writings are well-known among Masons and have inspired many within the craft. His love of research lives on amongst the Brethren of Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865.

Civil War History Hero (post) Cards – First Day Covers

(Source: http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/civil_war_fdcs_masonic.htm)

This is a fantastic piece of Masonic Civil War history from Phoenix Masonry that has to be shared if you have not seen them before. For more cards, see the link above.



Card text: Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, C.S.A. Gen. Bernard Bee, C.S.A. (K.T.TH) killed at Bull Run, applied "Stonewall" to Jackson's stand at Manassas, it stuck. A brilliant tactician, he won every battle & sortie between Bull Run & Chancellorsville, where he was fatally wounded. Gen. Robert E. Lee wrote him; "While you have lost your left, I have lost my right arm." Lodge unknown but his numerous contacts with the Craft support his membership, probably in a Military Lodge during the Mexican War. EDSEL



Card text: Brigadier General Ely S. Parker, U.S. Army A Seneca Chief, he entered the Union Army as a Captain of Engineers, until General Grant made him his secretary. At the Appomattox surrender on April 6, 1865 he wrote out the engrossed copy of the surrender terms. Subsequently he was promoted to Brig. Gen. of Volunteers as of that date. Founder and First Master of Miner's Lodge No. 273 Galena, Illinois. First Master of Akron Lodge No. 527, Akron, N.Y., R.A.M., K.T. in Monroe Commandery No. 18, Rochester, N.Y. EDSEL

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(available at all meetings or email

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Hats

Camo, Grey, Blue
\$15 each (plus \$5 S&H -
\$10 S&H overseas)



Medals (left to right) Member, Gettysburg, Manassas

\$10 each (plus \$5 S&H -
\$10 S&H overseas)



Pin

\$10 each (plus \$5 S&H)



PAST MASTERS

- 1995 – Allen E. Roberts * (VA)
 - 1996 – Keith A. Hinerman (VA)
 - 1997 – Paul M. Bessel (DC)
 - 1998 – Paul M. Bessel (DC)
 - 1999 – David J. Roberts (VA)
 - 2000 – Robert E. Schindler, Sr. (VA)
 - 2001 – Michael E. McCabe (NJ)
 - 2002 – Charles R. Joseph * (MD)
 - 2003 – John Shroeder (VA)
 - 2004 – Lauris M. Eek, III * (VA)
 - 2005 – Gary L. Laing, (DE)
 - 2006 – Stephen M. Whitaker (SC)
 - 2007 – Michael E. McCabe * (NJ)
 - 2008 – J. Sherrell Hurley (NC)
 - 2009 – Wayne E. Price (VA)
 - 2010 – M Phillip Brown (NY & DE)
 - 2011 – Raymond "Micky" Moats (VA)
 - 2012 – Gary L. Lang (DE)
 - 2013 – Gary L. Laing (DE)
 - 2014 – Wayne E. Price (VA)
 - 2015 – Peter Jensen (VA)
 - 2016 – Chris Chrzanowski (VA)
 - 2017 – Bennett Hart (VA)
 - 2018 – Bennet Hart (VA)
 - 2019 – Richard Burkman (MD)
- (* – deceased)

HONORARY MEMBERS

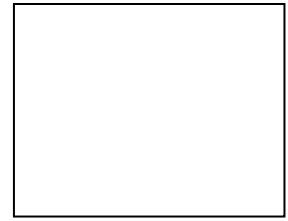
- MW William F. Perdue-VA
- Thomas F. May
- John P. Westervelt
- James L. Jack
- PM Paul M. Bessel
- PM Allen E. Roberts
- Ken Fuller
- Jules Saul Temper
- Greg Riley
- MW Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr.-MD
- MW Herbert Richard Hoffman-DE
- MW George Bernard Dungan, Jr.-VA
- MW James Edward Litten-VA
- MW William T. Ellison, Jr.-VA
- MW Thomas Warren Gregory-NC
- MW Vernon Stuart Cook-VA

"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on my side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."
~ Abraham Lincoln



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**Tredegar Iron Works – Then and Now
Richmond, VA**

The Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond, Virginia, was the biggest ironworks in the Confederacy during the American Civil War. The Tredegar Iron Works (whose name derives from the Welsh industrial town that supplied much of its early workforce) supplied about half the artillery used by the Confederate States Army. It also produced the iron plating for CSS *Virginia*. The Ironworks escaped the destruction of Richmond by Union forces in 1865 and continued iron production through the mid-20th century. The Ironworks now operates as The American Civil War Museum, which serves to educate the public about slavery, politics, women in the war, and its bloody battles of brother against brother.

<https://acwm.org/historic-Tredegar>

