

# 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 as we continue as this great nation to weather the storm of this horrible pandemic. Our next meeting will be in person at **Spurmont Lodge No. 98** in Strasburg, VA (135 John Marshall Hwy, Strasburg, VA 22657) on **December 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**. We hope to have a good day of fellowship and visiting several sites near the Cedar Creek Battlefield.

As 2020 draws to an end, I have reflected many times on how this was not the year any of us planned, however I have also reflected on how blessed I've been to have so many wonderful Brothers as part of our Civil War Lodge of Research. I am happy to report that per our Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, our 2020 Line will remain intact to guide us through 2021. I thank them not only for all they have done this year, but for their service next year. I also wish to thank our DDGM, Brother Marc Hone, who has made sure we have had the support and guidance of our Grand Lodge.

I hope to see you at our next Communication. If you are planning to attend the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, please send me an email so we can track numbers:

[g.andrew.martinez@gmail.com](mailto:g.andrew.martinez@gmail.com).

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Andy

Worshipful Master

## Secretary Sez'

Happy Birthday ALL !!! CWLR hit the 25 year mark !!! I hope you were able to make the Zoom meeting. The 2021 dues cards are here. For those in an annual status, please remit the \$30 to me and I will send your card asap. As of now it appears we will end the year with around 310 members. The minutes of the meeting will show a more detailed report. We are looking for information on Civil War Masonic Activity outside of VA, MD, PA... area. Help if you have information. If there is anything you need or that I can do – please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Fraternal Regards,

Bennett

## 2021 Dues Cards Here

## OFFICERS FOR 2020

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Junior Warden-	Andrew Nottingham Wilson PM
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Secretary-	Bennett Richard Hart PM
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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**

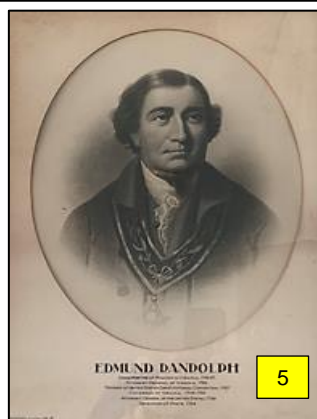
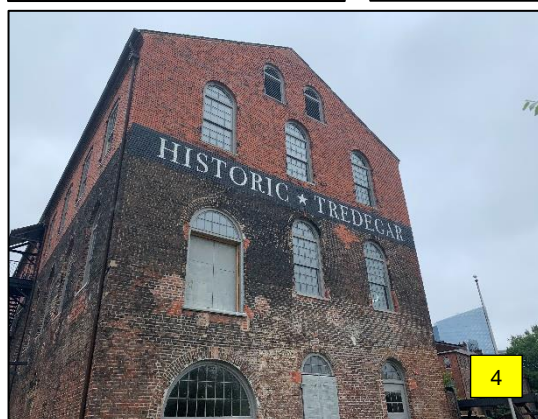
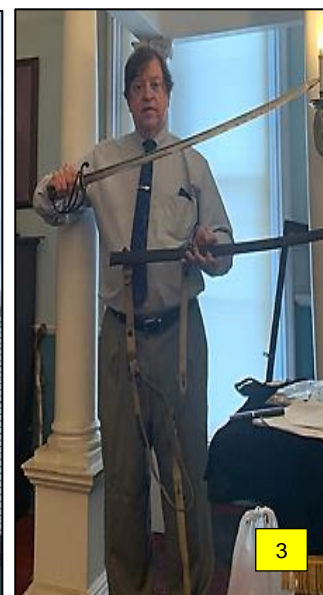
## Trestleboard

### **Friday Night (December 4th 2020)**

Dinner 6 pm – (Please RSVP the Worshipful Master by 11.27 if attending) Wayside Inn & Larrick's Tavern  
7783 Main St, Middletown, VA 22645  
Phone: (540) 869-1797  
Motel – Ramada by Wyndham, Strasburg  
Phone: (540) 465-2444  
21 Signal Knob Dr. Strasburg, VA 22657  
(May come up as 35 Brandy Court)  
Check Expedia, etc.....

### **Saturday (December 5th 2020)**

Stated Communication: Spurmont Lodge No 98  
135 John Marshall Hwy, Strasburg, VA 22657  
9 am - Fellowship  
10 am – Stated Communication  
12 pm - lunch (This is still being worked per Grand Lodge of VA Phase 1. Either box lunch, Shaffer's BBQ & Market, or Old Dominion Doggery & Burger Shoppe. (Pending Covid status, numbers, and weather.)  
2 pm - Tour Hupp's Hill Museum  
5:30 pm - Dinner  
Ciro's Italian Restaurant (788 Shopping Center Rd, Strasburg, VA 22657) - (Please RSVP the Worshipful Master by 11.27 if attending)  
Breakfast - Denny's near the Ramada was recommended.



For those that could not make our Civil War Lodge #1865 trip to Richmond, VA on September 26<sup>th</sup> 2020, here is the trip brought to you. Picture #1 is the main lodge room located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Mason's Hall (picture #2) home of Richmond-Randolph lodge #19. Mason's Hall was constructed in 1785 and has continuously operated as a masonic facility ever since. WBr. Michael Joyner, Past Master, (picture #3) holds up the Union infantry sabre that was hung outside of Mason's Hall in 1865 and was the symbol to Union Troops to not burn down the building with the rest of Richmond. Our field trip that day was to the Tredegar Iron Works (picture #4) (<https://acwm.org/historic-tredegar>) in Richmond, Virginia and was the biggest ironworks of the Confederacy. The Ironworks now operates as The American Civil War Museum, and has many interactive displays depicting the entire course of the war. Edmund Randolph (picture #5) was a prominent lawyer, governor, first United States Attorney General and Grand Master of Virginia Masons. A wooden common gavel and baton (carved by RW Barrye Lane Absher) is displayed (picture #6) in the Mason's Hall museum from The Surrender Tree (which fell on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2012) under which Richmond surrendered to the union Army on April 5<sup>th</sup> 1865. For a virtual visit: <http://masonshall1785.org/> and <http://richmondrandolph19.com/>



#### Call for Officers!

Brethren, if you are interested in serving as a Line Officer for our Civil War Research Lodge, please drop the Worshipful Master ([g.andrew.martinez@gmail.com](mailto:g.andrew.martinez@gmail.com)) or Brother Secretary ([hart.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:hart.bennett@gmail.com)) a note. We will happily get you involved!

#### 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](http://www.cwlr.org) or send a note to our Worshipful Master ([g.adrew.martinez@gmail.com](mailto: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 Michael C. Coey  
Bro Alasdair M. Dunlop  
Bro Leland A. Haynes







Photo from the Hupp's Hill Museum of "Reverse the Trenches" By Keith Rocco  
(Donated to the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation by Susan Rogerson, Gloucestershire, England)

Reproductions of this painting can be purchased at:

<https://www.ccbf.us/?product=reverse-the-trenches-print-by-keith-rocco>

#### 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  
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PM Allen E. Roberts  
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Jules Saul Temper  
Greg Riley  
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MW George Bernard Dungan, Jr.-VA  
MW James Edward Litten-VA  
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MW Thomas Warren Gregory-NC  
MW Vernon Stuart Cook-VA  
MW Steven Edward Smith – RI  
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##### Hats

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**Medals** (left to right)  
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Manassas  
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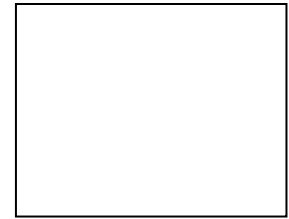


"Enough lives have been  
sacrificed. We must  
extinguish our  
resentments if we expect  
harmony and union."~  
Abraham Lincoln,



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## Shenandoah Valley Campaigns of 1864

In the summer of 1864, Union Major General Philip Sheridan was given command of the Union forces in the Shenandoah by General Ulysses S. Grant. Sheridan then embarked on a campaign aimed at depriving the Confederate Army of critical supplies, grain, and livestock. Sheridan engaged in a series of battles in the Shenandoah Valley between the Blue Ridge and the Allegheny Mountains. For most of the war, Confederate armies were able to move north through the valley as they pleased and the presence of a Confederate forces observed in the northern part of the Shenandoah Valley was often considered a sufficient cause to have Union troops withdrawn from campaigns elsewhere in the country to maintain the security of the Washington D.C.

Like General Stonewall Jackson's 1862 Campaigns in the valley, Sheridan embarked on an aggressive and mobile campaign through the region. The Shenandoah Valley was again the stage for a intense period fighting late in the war and from late September to late October 1864, Sheridan's forces won three major battles in the region: the Third Battle of Winchester (September 19), the Battle of Fishers Hill (September 22), and the Battle of Cedar Creek (October 19). These three victories gave the Union an upper hand in the Shenandoah that the Confederates were never able to recover from. Though the Confederates in the valley were about to resist for several months after these battles, when the cavalry division led by General George Custer defeated General Jubal Early's troops at Waynesboro on March 2, 1865, the Confederates resistance in the region was finally broken. In April 1865 the Confederacy collapsed, and Robert E. Lee surrendered The Army of Northern Virginia.

