

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



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Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren,

Warm fraternal greetings from the East! I pray that this trestleboard again finds you and yours healthy as our great nation continues to weather through this horrible pandemic. We now head into a new year and our next meeting will be in person at **Spurmont Lodge No. 98** in Strasburg, VA (135 John Marshall Hwy, Strasburg, VA 22657) on **April 10th 2021** at 10:00 am. We are watching the State of Virginia's and our Grand Master's guidance closely on how many can attend the meeting. **We have been advised by Spurmont Lodge that our attendance is limited to 20 members.** Still, we hope to have a good day of fellowship as well visit several sites near the Cedar Creek Battlefield.

The presentation at our April 10th stated will be "*The Walking Charge*" by RWBro. Lokie Leo Voight, COW.

Our planned meeting schedule for the rest of 2021 is on our website main page at www.cwlr.org (and there are quite a few summer time Zoom sessions planned for June, July and August!)

April 10th – Strasburg, VA. Spurmont Lodge #98

July 10th – Harrisburg, VA. Perseverance Lodge #21

September 18th – Fredericksburg, VA. Fredericksburg Lodge #4

December 4th - TBD

Please note our 3rd meeting of the year will be on September 18th instead of October 2nd due to some schedule conflicts.

I hope to see you at our next Communication. If you are planning to attend the April 10th meeting in Strasburg, VA, please send me an email so we can track numbers: g.andrew.martinez@gmail.com.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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Worshipful Master

Secretary Sez'

Currently there are 303 Brothers on our rolls plus one waiting and one in process. This last year has been a tough one on our membership and many have laid down their earthly working tools and answered the summons or the Great Architect Above. Current directives preclude attendance by many, but I know we are all "Keeping them in our Hearts".

We now have certificates of membership on parchment type paper for those who have asked for them. Contact me if you are interested. Dues are coming in pretty good – about 60 outstanding. Please let me know if there is anything I can do !!!!

Best Fraternal Regards,

Bennett

Strasburg, VA Itinerary

Friday, April 9th 2021

Dinner (6 pm): Wayside Inn & Larrick's Tavern (Please

RSVP the Worshipful Master by **April 4th** if attending)

Address: 7783 Main St, Middletown, VA 22645

Phone: (540) 869-1797

Suggested Accommodations:

Ramada by Wyndham Strasburg

Address: 21 Signal Knob Dr, Strasburg, VA 22657

(It also comes up as 35 Brandy Court, Strasburg, VA 22657 for some reason)

Phone: (540) 465-2444

https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/strasburg-virginia/ramada-strasburg/rooms-rates?brand_id=RA&checkInDate=12/4/2020&checkOutDate=12/6/2020&useWRPoints=false&children=0&adults=1&rooms=1&cid=ME:xqah3ehakx2jwzo:15015&loc=ChIJY32_U8q-tYkRYP-vERg1xsY&sessionId=1605042871&hotel_id=15015

Prices very reasonable. Also, check Expedia, Travelocity, etc. for best rates.

Saturday, April 10th 2021

Meeting: Spurmont Lodge No. 98

Address: 135 John Marshall Hwy, Strasburg, VA 22657

9 am – Fellowship

10 am – Stated Communication & Presentation

12 pm - lunch (This is still being worked per current Virginia restrictions, Either box lunch, Shaffer's BBQ & Market, Old Dominion Doggery & Burger Shoppe or other area options.)

2 pm - Tour Hupp's Hill & Museum (33229 Old Valley Pike Strasburg, VA 22657) \$5 admission fee and visit the Cedar Creek Foundation (<http://www.ccbf.us/>)

5:30 pm - dinner **Ciro's Italian Restaurant** (788 Shopping Center Rd, Strasburg, VA 22657) - (Please **RSVP** the Worshipful Master by **April 4th** if attending)

Breakfast for Saturday and Sunday - Denny's near the Ramada was recommended. (There are other places around town also.)

Sunday, April 11th Option:

Tour the Belle Grove Plantation

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.andrew.martinez@gmail.com). Your efforts will be shared at a future meeting or in the Trestleboard!

Minutes After

Shortly after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, members of the Annapolis Masons felt that a lodge resolution expressing their feelings on the assassination was needed. A committee was formed and within two weeks of the assassination, the statement below was entered into the lodge minutes. The publishing of the Resolution also sets something of a historical precedent as this is the first time any Masonic Lodge in Maryland has made private, historic documents publicly available. Ellis Tinsley, Past Master of Annapolis Lodge No.89, in 2015, felt strongly enough about the content in the document that he appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maryland for special permission to publish the resolution as it was originally penned. Although there was some reservation over concerns of setting a national precedent, permission was granted by Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, Gerald Piepiora. Tinsley felt the document is an Annapolis treasure for all to see. (Transcript below of the Minutes)

The committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare resolution of the sense of the members of the Lodge, in relation to the assassination of President Lincoln, beg leave respectfully to submit the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas Almighty God in his all wise Providence has permitted the hand of the assassin, to strike down our late venerated and beloved President Abraham Lincoln therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Annapolis Lodge No.89 A.F. & A.M. do hereby declare their utter abhorrence of the atrocious crime, by which a wise and good ruler has fallen in the full tide of a career of usefulness, giving promise of most beneficent and happy results in the future history of our beloved country.

We remember that masonry teaches us to be quiet and peaceful citizens true to our government, and just to our country and with this remembrance we are assured the great woe that has come upon the nation has fallen nowhere more heavily than on the masons heart.

Resolved, That while we mourn the untimely death of him whose kindness of heart had won even the affection of the more noble of his enemies, we have yet as a consolation the memory of his greatness and goodness left as a precious legacy to his bereaved and bleeding country and we doubt not in the future history of the nation the name of Lincoln will be handed down from generation to generation side by side with that of Washington.

Resolved, That we will humbly and devoutly pray that He, with whom is the destiny of nations, may overrule this afflicting and terrible event to the good of this land; that law and order may be restored, peace return and overshadow us with her white wings, and lawlessness be forever subdued.

(Original publication in What's Up? Annapolis

<https://whatsupmag.com/news/masons-mystery-myth-busting-uncovering-shrouded-world-freemasonry/>)

Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above

WBro. Richard Cross Bartlett
Bro. Franklin J. Davidheiser
RWBro. Clifford Cardwell Grotz, Jr.
WBro. Martin Collins Juul
MWBro. Thomas Frederick May
Bro. David P. Price
WBro. Robert E. Schindler, Sr., PM, CWLR1865 (2000)
RWBro. John Schroeder



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MOST WORSHIPFUL

DOUGLAS VERNON JONES

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN VIRGINIA

For Men Must Brothers Be

By Conrad Hahn

Then blood was shed, and there was slaughter,
Staining the soil of our brave new world
When brothers, to defend their freedom as they knew it,
Cruel canister at one another hurled.

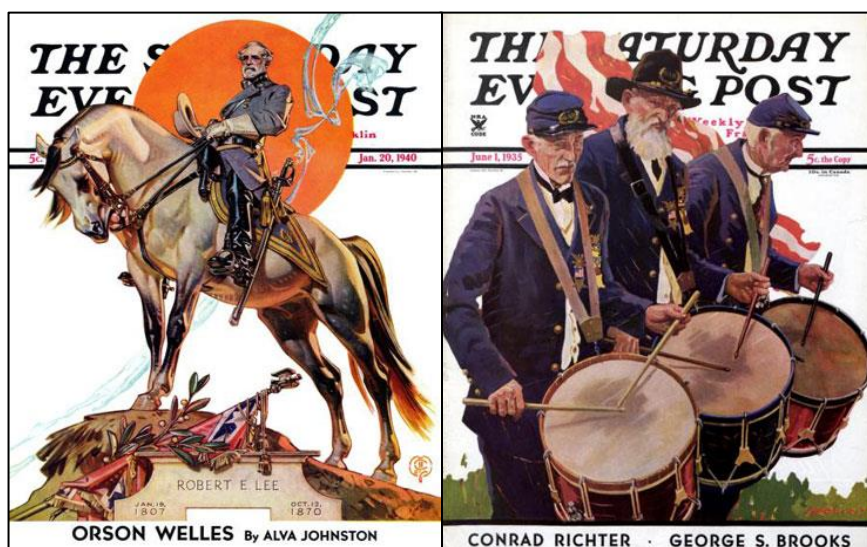
Still sleep the brave
Who fell so long ago.
But life is love
And love they gave
Who saw a Brother in the foe.

A chosen few, with hopes despairing,
Insisted yet that Craftsmen try
To build the House of Brotherhood. In North and South
With love they wove, strands of the Mystic Tie.
Now sleep the wise
Who labored long ago.
For life is love
And love they gave
Who knew a Brother, though a foe.

Bright symbol of those war-time mercies
Was Brother Mackey, Charleston's pride,
Begging his townsmen for some simple comforts
For lonely captives from the Union side.
Now sleep those hearts
That loved so long ago.
But life is love
And love they gave
Who served a Brother, though a foe.

But men still wage a bitter warfare
Against the powers of hate and greed.
Ignorance spawns anew her coarse and spiteful soldiers
Yet brothers everywhere our love still need.
Now wake the souls
Of those who dare to see
That life is love
And love will win
Wherever men must Brothers be!

The book *House Undivided* by Brother Allen E. Roberts (The Story of Freemasonry and The Civil War) has this poem on the front cover.



Old Saturday Evening Post Covers

Robert E. Lee on Traveler by J.C. Leyendecker (January 20, 1940) left, and *War Veterans* by Maurice Bower (June 1, 1935) right. These old Saturday Evening Post covers from the early 20th century commemorate the United States connection to the Civil War. Robert E. Lee, whose ancestors helped colonize Virginia, was related to Virginia-born founding fathers Thomas Jefferson (by blood) and George Washington (by marriage). And there had even been land named after his family, “Leesylvania,” which is now a national park. Lincoln had hoped Lee, who had distinguished himself in the U.S. Army in his 32 years of service, would lead the Union forces if the South were to secede. Lee instead chose to remain loyal to his home in the War Between the States. After resigning from the U.S. Army in 1860, he wrote to his brother in Virginia saying, “I am now a private citizen, and have no other ambition than to remain at home. Save in defense of my native State, I have no desire ever again to draw my sword.” The *War Veterans* commemorates the first Memorial Day—then called Decoration Day—was celebrated on May 30, 1868, three years after the last battle of the Civil War (April 1865). It was established, by the largest Union veterans’ organization: the Grand Army of the Republic. (In the detail of the 1935 cover, GAR is clearly visible on hats of the three Civil War veterans.) Membership to the GAR was restricted to those who served in the military during the Civil War. And although the veterans in the 1935 cover may appear elderly and even frail, the group had powerful political influence as one of the first organized advocacy groups in the United States. The group dissolved in 1956 when the last surviving veteran, Albert Woolson, died. He was 109.

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

Pin

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



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1995 – Allen E. Roberts * (VA)
1996 – Keith A. Hinerman (VA)
1997 – Paul M. Bessel (DC)
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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)
2020 – Richard Burkman (MD)
(* – deceased)

HONORARY MEMBERS

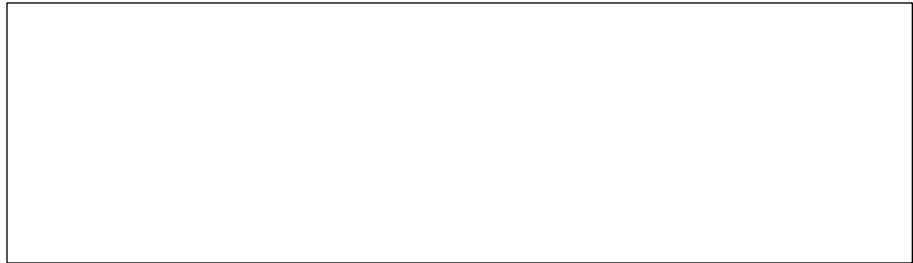
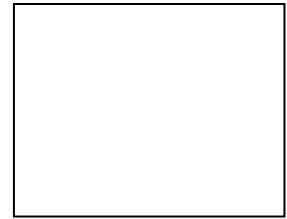
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MW Vernon Stuart Cook-VA
MW Steven Edward Smith – RI
James Winfield Golladay, Jr.

Call for Officers!

Brethren, if you are interested in
serving as a Line Officer for our Civil
War Research Lodge for 2022, please
drop the Worshipful Master
g.andrew.martinez@gmail.com)
and/or Brother Secretary
hart.bennett@gmail.com) a note.
We will happily get you involved!



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The Heater House – Middletown, Virginia

This clapboard covered log house on 600 acres of Shenandoah farmland was in the midst of the Battle of Cedar Creek on October 19th 1864. It was the home of Solomon and Caroline Wunder Heater, who purchased the land from the Baldwins in 1843 and existed in the breadbasket of the Confederacy. Solomon was a native Virginian from Loudoun County, who married Caroline, who was from Pennsylvania and a staunch Unionist. This household shows how deeply divided the United States was during the Civil War in that while the Heater family did not own or utilize slaves, Solomon sided with defending his Virginia home, Caroline sided with the Union, and the Heater's two sons, John and Henry, would die while serving in the 7th Virginia Cavalry. (John died during a scouting mission (Patterson Creek, West Virginia) and Henry died as a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware.) The Heater Farm would be ransacked by Union troops during the Battle of Cedar Creek and the families' only surviving son, Charles, would be reimbursed only \$5,480 in 1901. The Heater House is now the focus of a living history restoration project.