

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 you and yours healthy – 2021 has been quite the year! Our next meeting will be in person at **Fredericksburg Lodge #4** in Fredericksburg, VA (803 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401) on **September 18th 2021** at 10:00 am for another fun day of fellowship and education.

Our trip to Perseverance Lodge #21 in Harrisburg, PA was great! What a beautiful lodge room and the hospitality was over the top! A BIG THANK YOU to Worshipful Master Allen Shoff and Senior Warden Clarke Madden for arranging everything at their temple. It was so nice to see so many Brothers in attendance and several #14 Brothers petitioned our lodge! Fellowship time breaking bread was so nice to see again and smiles were everywhere! It was also so nice to see so many of our ladies in attendance. The National Civil War Museum proved a great time as were the dinners at the Capitol Diner and the Lancaster Brewing Company with so many friends!

Our planned meeting schedule for the rest of 2021 is on our website main page at www.cwlr.org but as a reminder, coming up:

September 18th – Fredericksburg, VA. Fredericksburg Lodge #4
December 4th – Olive Branch Lodge #114 (State Communication and Installation of Officers) 108 Cornwall St., Leesburg, VA 20176 (www.olivebranch114.org)

Also, a reminder if you are interested if joining the 2022 line, just let us know! If you are planning to attend either/both of the dinners, please send me an email: g.andrew.martinez@gmail.com. I hope to see you at our next Communication!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Andy
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

Fredericksburg, VA Itinerary

Accommodations: Best Western, 2205 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA 17111.

(https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-fredericksburg/best-western-fredericksburg/propertyCode.47084.html)

Prices very reasonable. Also, check Expedia, Travelocity, etc. for best rates. There are several other hotels very close by also if needed.

Friday, September 17th 2021

Dinner (6:00 pm):

Colonial Tavern, 406 Lafayette Blvd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 (<https://www.irishbrigadetavern.com/>)

RSVP requested (g.andrew.martinez@gmail.com).

Saturday, September 18th 2021

Meeting: Fredericksburg Lodge #4

Address: 803 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401 (<https://masoniclodge4.org/>)

9 am – Fellowship

10 am – Stated Communication

12 pm – Lunch & Presentation (will be at the temple right after the meeting)

Field Trip (after lunch, 2:00-5:00 pm): Tour Fredericksburg Battlefield with Scott Walker (Hallowed Ground Tours) mix of light walking and driving to accommodate our members.

Dinner (6:00 pm):

Alpine Chef, 200 Lafayette Blvd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 (<https://www.alpinechefrestaurant.com/>)

RSVP requested (g.andrew.martinez@gmail.com).

Sunday, September 19th 2021

Depending on how many attendees remain, we may get together for breakfast and hit some of the area attractions (time and locations TBD).

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

The Angel of Marye's Heights

Born in August of 1843 in Flat Rock, South Carolina (date unknown), Richard Rowland Kirkland was the fifth son of Mary and John Kirkland. He was the youngest of five brothers and one sister and was raised very religious. He enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861 before the rest of his brothers. Initially assigned to Company E, 2nd South Carolina Volunteer Infantry, transferring to Company G of the same regiment, and was promoted to Sergeant.

Sgt. Kirkland's first action was the First Battle of Bull Run (First Manassas). He later saw action at the Battle of Savage's Station, the Battle for Maryland Heights, and the Battle of Antietam. Kirkland's fame however would be at the Battle of Fredericksburg in December of 1862 in what would be the largest battle of the Civil War, with Ambrose Burnside's army of 114,000 engaging Lee's army of 72,500.

In November of 1862, Union General Burnside moved his forces in an attempt to secure the Rappahannock River moving south towards Fredericksburg, VA. Delays in delivering pontoon bridges left Union forces stuck and unable to advance and it was not until December 11th that Union engineers had assembled five bridges to ferry Union forces across. Harried by Mississippi sharpshooters, the Confederates dealt considerable damage to Union troops trying to get across. Burnside then opened fired on Fredericksburg where many of the Confederates sheltered in root cellars and basements. Burnside then ordered the assault on Fredericksburg, the first amphibious assault in U.S. Army history.

As Union forces secured their position on the shore, General James Longstreet's corps occupied the heights that dominated the town known as Marye's Heights and the now the Confederate Army had control of the high ground. On December 12th Burnside ordered the attack on Marye's Heights, but rather than leveraging the strength of all his forces, he sent one division of 4,500 men under the command of General Meade. While Meade's men did penetrate the Confederate line once with the aid of General Gibbon's men, Confederate reinforcements under General Kershaw pushed the Union troops back with heavy casualties on December 13th. Burnside ordered 14 charges against the heights that day, including several by the famed 69th New York Irish Brigade, however the Confederate Army was well dug in under the protection of the stone fence along the Sunken Road. At the end of the day, 1,000 Union soldiers lay dead with 7,000 more wounded.

Under the heat of the sun, many of the wounded soldiers laying out on the field of Marye's Heights began to call for water. Ever the devote Christian, Sgt. Kirkland requested permission to bring relief to friend and foe alike that lay out on the battlefield. Initially Kirkland was denied his request, but eventually Kershaw relented. Jumping the fence with a dozen canteens, he was immediately shot at until Union troops realized the nature of his errand. For 90 minutes, Sgt. Kirkland gave relief to every man who needed aid in front of his position. It was here that Richard Kirkland earned the

epithet, "The Angel of Marye's Heights". That night Burnside called for a truce to recover his men on the Heights and then started moving his men back across the Rappahannock River.

The Battle of Fredericksburg would leave the Union with 12,653 casualties and the Confederacy with 5,366 casualties. Burnside was relieved of command the following month.

Kirkland, ever the angel, would fall at the Battle of Chickamauga on September 20, 1863 covering the retreat of his men. He is buried in Camden, South Carolina.



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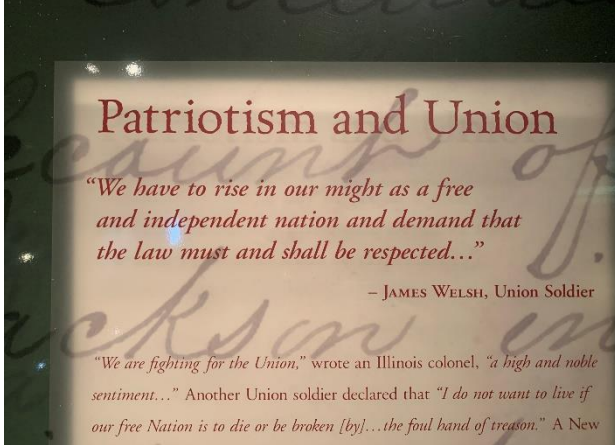
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CWLR 1865 at Harrisburg and Random Encounters

Pictured above left is our July 11th meeting in Harrisburg, PA. Second from the left (front row, tan jacket) is Brother Thomas Luther Fletcher who was presented his 60 year Award from our Worshipful. Brother Rich Radi, Secretary Emeritus, (seated center) was presented his Honorary Member Dues Card that day also. Top right photo is the “Moment of Mercy” statue in the front of the National Civil War Museum commemorating Sgt. Richard Kirkland (earlier this issue). The National Civil War Museum had many interesting exhibits that made for an enjoyable afternoon. Bottom right photo - WM Andrew Martinez randomly ran into the Past Grand Master of Florida, Thomas “Tommy” Turlington at Key West’s Southernmost Point and later at dinner, with also soon to be Grand Master of Florida, R.W. Robert Lambert, Deputy Grand Master (not pictured).

CWLR Store

(Available at all meetings or email hart.bennett@gmail.com)

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)



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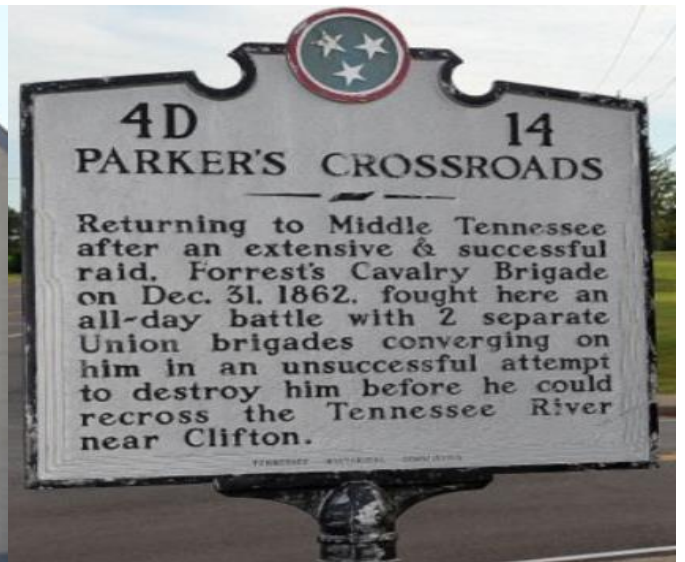
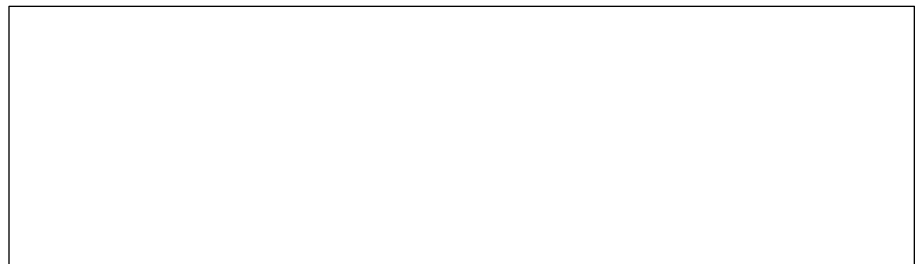
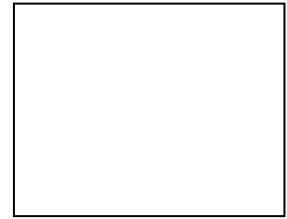
\$10 each (plus \$5 S&H)

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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Parker's Crossroads Battlefield – Cedar Grove, TN

At the Battle of Parker's Crossroads, C.S.S. Brig. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's expedition into West Tennessee was almost ended catastrophically when he ran into the Union brigades of Col. Cyrus L. Dunham and Col. John W. Fuller. Dunham and Fuller attempted to cut Forrest off from withdrawing across the Tennessee River on December 31, 1862. Fighting began mid-morning, with Forrest's taking a position along a wooded ridge whereby the Confederate artillery gained an early advantage. Dunham's brigade repelled feints from both flanks and rear by Forrest's mounted and dismounted troops. While Forrest was outmanned and nearly surrounded, he rejected calls for his force's unconditional surrender. Fuller's Union brigade then attacked from the north and from the rear of Confederate position. Forrest responded with the order of "Charge 'em both ways" repelling both Dunham and Fuller allowing Forrest's men to escape withdrew across the Tennessee River. Around 4,800 total forces were engaged in this battle (3,000 Union and 1,800 Confederate) with total losses at 737 casualties (237 Union and 500 Confederate). Both sides claimed victory in this battle, for while the Confederates had the higher casualties, the Union missed the opportunity