

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 this trestleboard again finds you and yours healthy during these uncertain times we live in. It has been a fantastic 2 years as Worshipful Master and as I prepare to go back to our ranks, I just want to thank each and every one of you for everything you do to promote the great work that this lodge does and I look forward to supporting our lodge any way I can in the future. Our next meeting will be in person at **Olive Branch Lodge #114** in Leesburg, VA (75 Cromwell St NE, Leesburg, VA 20176) on **December 4th 2021 at 10:00 am** for our Stated Communication and Installation of Officers.

Our trip to Fredericksburg was a blast and the hospitality of Fredericksburg #4 was some of the finest we've seen. A BIG THANK YOU to Brother Ian Smith for all the arrangements with the lodge, the meeting, what to do and where to eat around town, and for being our Junior Deacon for the day! Fredericksburg #4 hosted a great lunch also – THANK YOU!

Friday evening's dinner at the Colonial Tavern, Home of the Irish Brigade, allowed our Brothers coming into town to enjoy some fine Irish food. The tour by Scott Walker of Hallowed Ground Tours after our Saturday Stated Communication was well attended and very informative. Saturday evening's dinner at Alpine Chef allowed the Brothers to continue tasting the world, as its German food was fantastic. It was great to welcome our new member, Brother Scott Harwood (Farmville #41), and his wife Cindy, at dinner that evening. Good times to be had by all!

I hope to see you all out at our next meeting on December 4th!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Andy

Worshipful Master

Secretary Sez'

Best Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to All:

As we start our new Masonic Year, I want to pass on the regards of the CWLR to WM Andy Martinez who is just completing his marathon two years as our Worshipful Master. His rejuvenation of our Trestleboard has been just fantastic and our trips have been truly memorable. THANKS FROM ALL OF US !!

In addition our own member, and Honorary Member is now Grand Master of Masons in Virginia !! CONGRATS to MW Jim Golladay (Jr).

Remember – 2022 Dues are now payable !! If you have any questions or problems – Let Me Know !!

Best Fraternal Regards,
Bennett

TRESTLEBOARD

Leesburg, VA Itinerary

Accommodations: Comfort Suites, 80 Prosperity Ave Se, Leesburg, VA 866-377-9538.

<https://www.choicehotels.com/virginia/leesburg/comfort-suites-hotels/va318?mc=llgoxxp>

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

Friday, December 3rd 2021

Dinner (6:00 pm): Blue Ridge Grill, 955 Edwards, Ave, Leesburg, VA 20176. **Please RSVP with Senior Warden Gordon Munholland** (gmunholland92@gmail.com)

Saturday, December 4th 2021

Meeting: Olive Branch Lodge #114 in Leesburg, VA

Address: (75 Cromwell St NE, Leesburg, VA 20176)

8:00 AM – Donuts & coffee

10:00 AM – Stated Communication

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM – Open Installation of Officers

5:00 PM – Dinner TBD ~

2022 Meetings

Saturday, Dec 4, 2021 – Leesburg, VA – Olive Branch Lodge #114

Saturday, Apr 9, 2022 – Culpeper, VA – Fairfax Lodge #43

Saturday, July 9, 2022 – Petersburg, VA – Petersburg Lodge #15

Saturday, Sep 17, 2022 – Keedysville, MD – Antietam Lodge #197 (Tentative)

Incoming Master's Message

Brethren,

The 2022 year for Civil War Lodge of Research, I hope to be a great year. The locations for our meetings have been put into place. Worshipful Master Martinez has done a tremendous job of keeping the Lodge up and active over the past two years. He has given me great advice in the past and I know in the future, I will also be seeking his counsel.

I am excited for the upcoming year and will do my best to serve the craft to the best of my ability.

Fraternaly,

Gordon A. Munholland

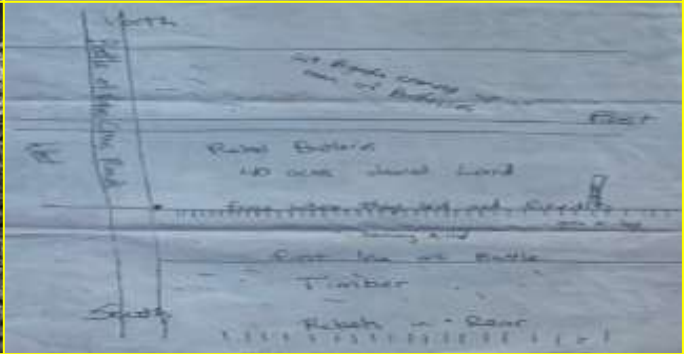
Senior Warden

Call for Research Papers and Articles!

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 or articles for the trestleboard, please refer to the guidelines on our website www.cwlr.org or send a note to Secretary Bennett Hart (hart.bennett@gmail.com). We need your labors for our work!

Walking the Battlefield at Parker’s Crossroads

Walking the Battlefield of Parker’s Crossroads in Tennessee, you get a sense of awe in how big a little battle can be. The 122nd Illinois suffered the most casualties of any Union regiment at the battle. Three young men who served in the 122nd Regiment were part of Company D from Brighton, Illinois. Two were brothers, Samuel and William Peter, with their friend, George Finch. George and Samuel died due to “terrific fire of shell, grape & canister” three hours into the battle on December 31st as William would write in his letter home. George died when a shell took him just below the knees and Samuel fell when the Confederates maneuvered in behind the Union forces. William was separated from his brother and found him dying after the battle. “I hastened back to find Sammy, but Oh was too late. He was too far gone to recognize me I could but fall beside him and weep bitter tears.” The photos below are a snapshot of these events of that day. (Top left is the Confederate battery that the 122nd advanced upon, top right is a sketch from the battle. Bottom right is the map that William drew in order to find the graves where Samuel and George were buried, bottom left is the Union burial site along split rail fence where the 122nd tried to find cover.) William would survive the war, but only briefly, dying in October of 1865. All three men are now buried in Brighton City Cemetery in Illinois.



2022 OFFICERS

- Worshipful Master- Gordon Allen Munholland PM
- Senior Warden- Andrew Nottingham Wilson PM
- Junior Warden- John Howard Butler PM/PDDGM
- Treasurer- Mark Stephen Lentz
- Secretary- Bennett Richard Hart PM
- Senior Deacon- Gregory Scott Trivette
- Junior Deacon- Alan James Hawk
- Chaplain- Wayne Eugene Price PM / PDDGM
- Tyler- Gary Lloyd Laing PM
- Marshal- Richard Wayne Burkman PM
- Senior Steward- Creighton Lee Lovelace PM
- Junior Steward- William Chester Hare, Jr.
- Ritual- Wayne Eugene Price PM/PDDGM
- Secretary Emeritus - Richard Constantino Radi

District Deputy Grand Master Brian R. Croteau

**MOST WORSHIPFUL
JAMES WINFIELD GOLLADAY JR.
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN VIRGINIA**



Earthworks at the Battle of Parker’s Crossroads

Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above

None





CWLR 1865 at Fredericksburg, VA

Pictured above (top left) Brother Ian Smith and Worshipful Master Andy. Brother Ian was instrumental in making our Fredericksburg Stated Communication a success! (top right) We had a good turn-out for the day (though some Brothers escaped being photographed). WBros. Don Cunningham and Michael Joyner popped in from Richmond-Randolph #19. (bottom right) Entry room into Fredericksburg #4 and (bottom left) is Fredericksburg #4's beautiful lodge room. If you haven't attended their lodge, it is a treasure!

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)
 - 2020 – G. Andrew Martinez (MD)
 - 2021 – G. Andrew Martinez (MD)
- (* – deceased)

HONORARY MEMBERS

- MW William F. Perdue-VA
- MW Thomas F. May- VA*
- John P. Westervelt
- James L. Jack
- Byron W. Schull
- PM Paul M. Bessel
- PM Allen E. Roberts
- MW Kenneth D. Fuller- DC*
- Jules Saul Temper
- MW Gregory A. Allen-WV
- 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
- MW Steven Edward Smith – RI
- MW James Winfield Golladay, Jr.-VA
- MW Louis Richard Youngblood-WV
- Richard Constantino Radi

Call for Officers!

Brethren, if you are interested in serving as a Line Officer for our Civil War Research Lodge for 2023, please drop Brother Secretary (hart.bennett@gmail.com) a note. We will happily get you involved!

CWLR Store

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

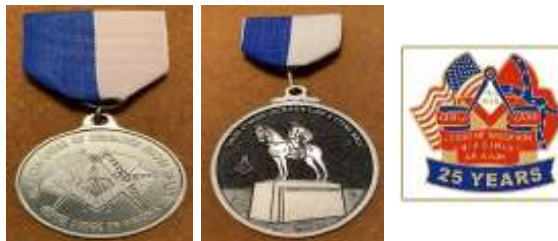
Hats

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)

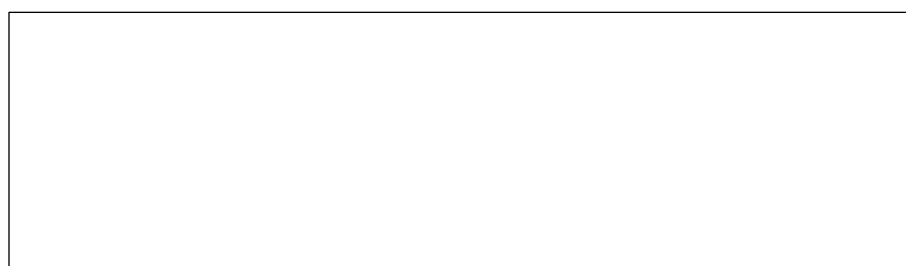


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The Battle of Nashville – December 15-16, 1864

The Battle of Nashville essentially ended the Confederacy's bid to continue their resistance in Tennessee. In this battle, Confederate Lieutenant General John B. Hood attempted to retake the Federally held Nashville, a strategic railroad hub. After a long series of skirmishes with Major General Sherman's forces in Georgia, Hood headed back to Tennessee, first engaging Major General John Schofield's forces near Pulaski, TN on November 29th and then near Franklin, TN. After a bloody assault at Franklin on Schofield's forces, which forced Schofield back to Nashville, Hood ordered his remaining 30,000 troops to set up camp just outside of Nashville. Major General George H. Thomas commanded 55,000 Union troops in Nashville. After a series of communications from General-in-Chief Ulysses S. Grant threatening Thomas for not engaging Hood, Thomas finally did so on December 15th. Thomas's attack hit the Confederate lines on the right and left flanks so hard that by evening, Hood's men had retreated 2 miles back from their original positions. On December 16th, Thomas found Hood's men dug in on Shy Hill and Overton Hill and after a series of relentless assaults on both all day long, eventually routed Hood's men into a hasty 10 day retreat to Alabama, giving the Union solid control of Tennessee. Casualties at the Battle of Nashville were estimated to be 6,000 Confederate, 3,000 Union.