

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



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Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren,

What a year this has been. It seems just yesterday that, I was getting ready to move into the East. Being the Worshipful Master of the Civil War Lodge of Research, has been one of the most enjoyable times I have had in Masonry. Which is directly attributed to the meetings that we have and social aspect of our Lodge.

I have heard a Past Master say the Civil War Lodge of Research meetings, are like a nice family reunion. We get to come and see friends, who we might not be able to see on a regular basis. Especially for those who bring their family with them for our meeting weekends. I like to think, that statement really does seem to apply to our great Lodge.

I will miss my time sitting in the East, but I look forward to the many great years that are ahead. I want to thank the officers of the Civil War Lodge of Research for their support this year. I now look forward to supporting the Lodge in what capacity, I need in the future.

Fraternally,
Gordon Munholland

Worshipful Master

Incoming Master's Message

Brethren,

I first want to thank all the members of the Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865 for their continued support as I make my journey through the chairs and to the East. I have received nothing but kind words, graceful nudges in the right direction, and always an open hand willing to help. It means the world to me this Lodge is entrusting itself to my hands for the 2023 term.... even though my Maryland ritual comes out from time to time.

I look forward to seeing you all at our stated communication in Williamsburg, on Dec 3rd. Please see the itinerary for the weekend in the Trestleboard or on the website for all the events, times, and lodging details. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to the meeting, Fri Dinner, Sat Lunch, and Sat Dinner by text or email to: 410-241-4100 or Hornet350@yahoo.com.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Andrew Wilson

Senior Warden

Secretary Sez'

Everyone should be getting the 2023 Dues Cards with their new member number on them (They were on the roster emailed out also). You will need this number if you wish to sign in to the Virginia Grand Lodge Grand View. The 1865-0xxx numbers will only be for internal use. Your 2023 Dues are due to be mailed to me by the end of the year if you do not want to be in arrears.

Congratulations to our own MW James Winfield Golladay, Jr., on his wonderful year as Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Best Fraternal Regards

Bennett

Trestleboard

Itinerary for our December 2022 Meeting

Lodging:

Sleep Inn Historic
220 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg VA 23185
757-259-1700

<https://www.choicehotels.com/virginia/williamsburg/sleep-inn-hotels/va070>

Friday, December 2

Dinner at 6:30 pm – Craft 31 – 3701 Strawberry Plains Rd,
Williamsburg VA 23188 (2.8 miles from Hotel)

Saturday, December 3

Williamsburg Lodge #6

233 Francis St. E., Williamsburg, VA 23135

(Parking is allowed on both sides of Francis St in front of the Lodge while it is in use and the light above the door is on.)

9:00 AM – Coffee & Donuts at Williamsburg Lodge No.6

10:00 AM – Lodge Meeting

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM – Open Installation of Officers for 2023

-Colonial Williamsburg is open but most of the government houses, family homes, and historic trade areas require an admission fee. Shops and open areas with animals are free and open to the public

-Self-tour of the three-centuries-old Bruton Parish Church is free – Open till 3 pm

-Colonial Williamsburg Grand Illumination is from 5-7:30 PM with the firing of muskets, lighting off fireworks at the Capital, and musical performances from multiple stages throughout the Historic Areas.

Dinner at 6:30 PM – Mellow Mushroom – 110 S. Henry St.,
Williamsburg VA 23185 (Historic Downtown, 2 miles from Hotel)

Evening Libations – Precarious Brewery across from Mellow Mushroom

2023 CWLR Schedule

April 8 – Fredericksburg - Tentative

July 8 – Gettysburg

October 14 – TBD

December 2 – At Will of Incoming Master

2023 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master-	Andrew Nottingham Wilson PM
Senior Warden-	John Howard Butler PM/PDDGM
Junior Warden-	Creighton Lee Lovelace PM
Treasurer-	Mark Stephen Lentz
Secretary-	Bennett Richard Hart PM
Senior Deacon-	William Chester Hare, Jr.
Junior Deacon-	Alan James Hawk
Chaplain-	Wayne Eugene Price PM / PDDGM
Tyler-	Gary Lloyd Laing PM
Marshal-	Richard Wayne Burkman PM
Senior Steward-	To Be Determined
Junior Steward-	To Be Determined
Instructor of Work -	Wayne Eugene Price PM/PDDGM
Secretary Emeritus -	Richard Constantino Radi

District Deputy Grand Master **Brian R. Croteau**

MOST WORSHIPFUL
DONALD ELLIS STREHLE
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN VIRGINIA

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 look at guidelines on our website www.cwlr.org or send a

Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above

Kinne Reese Sutton, Jr.
 John Joseph Jordan
 Howard Earl Roe
 Patrick Arthur Curtin
 James Elwood Frock



Call for Officers!

Brethren, if you are interested in serving as a Line Officer for our Civil War Research Lodge for 2024, 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)



Pin

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

PAST MASTERS

1995 – Allen E. Roberts * (VA)
 1996 – Keith A. Hinerman (VA)
 1997 & 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 & 2013 – Gary L. Lang (DE)
 2014 – Wayne E. Price (VA)
 2015 – Peter Jensen (VA)
 2016 – Chris Chrzanowski (VA)
 2017 & 2018 – Bennett Hart (VA)
 2019 – Richard Burkman (MD)
 2020 & 2021 – G. Andrew Martinez (MD)

(* – deceased)

HONORARY MEMBERS

MW William F. Perdue-VA
 MW Thomas F. May- VA*
 John P. Westervelt
 PPGM James L. Jack - Scotland
 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
 MW Alan W. Adkins-VA

Happy Thanksgiving!

On October 3, 1863, after the Union Army victory at Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln announced that the nation will now celebrate an official Thanksgiving holiday on November 26, 1863. In 1861 and 1862, Confederate President Jefferson Davis had issued Thanksgiving Day proclamations following Southern victories and Abraham Lincoln himself called for a day of thanks in April 1862, following Union victories at Fort Donelson, Fort Henry and at Shiloh. However, shortly after the victory at Gettysburg, Sarah Hale wrote to both the president and Secretary of State William Seward, urging them to declare a national Thanksgiving. Hale wanted Americans to “put aside sectional feelings and local incidents” and rally around the unifying cause of Thanksgiving. The holiday has continued, and now is a permanent American institution.

Pamplin Historical Park

By G. Andrew Martinez, PM

Located near Petersburg, Virginia, *The Pamplin Historical Park & the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier* preserves 424 acres of battlefield of the siege of Petersburg. The park preserves the Tudor Hall Plantation, the Hart Farm, as well as much of the Confederate earthworks that surrounded Petersburg. There are many exhibits as well as the Museum and 2 educational centers not to mention a fortifications exhibit. Several walking trails connect all of these and one can easily spend an entire day enjoying this beautiful park. The Tudor Hall house exhibits tell the

(The Tudor Hall House today)



story of the Boisseaus family from 1815 through 1864. The exhibits tell the story of life in the Antebellum South around 1850 and extends the history to the life of slavery in the tobacco fields. The Field Quarter displays slave life as do the out buildings of Tudor Hall. The story of the siege of Petersburg is eloquently told in how extensive the earthworks around the park are preserved. Several of the markers along the Short Loop trail tell the tale of the breakthrough where 14,000 Union soldiers of the 6th Corps overwhelmed 2,800 Confederates on the morning of April 2, 1865 along a mile-wide battle front. This massive attack saw the loss of more than 1,000 *(The Battlements around Petersburg still exist today)*



Union troops slain in the assault. One of the men highlighted in the trail is Captain Charles G. Gould who would be one of the first men who made it over the earthworks. In doing so he was bayoneted through his mouth and after killing his attacker, was slashed in his skull by a sword as he was bayoneted through the back. Miraculously, Capt. Gould was pulled to safety and survived all his wounds. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor. The Fortifications exhibit shows the many ways the Confederate forces attempted to defend the earthworks (and is one of the sites of investigation of the paranormal show, *Portals to Hell* on the Travel Channel, as is the Tudor Hall house.) This park is very well-

(Recreated Battlements at the Fortifications Exhibit)



designed and is well worth the time and travel. What started as an attempt to preserve a part of the Petersburg battlefield in 1991 has grown into a beautiful center that is a shining jewel of historical preservation and interpretation. For more information on the park and its programs, visit: <https://pamplinpark.org/>

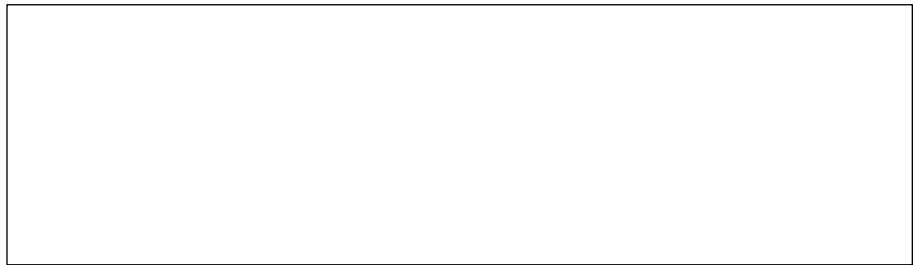
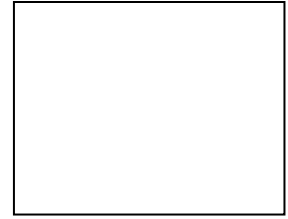
(Below – 424 acres of Battlefield preserved)





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A Civil War Christmas – "Christmas Eve," an illustration by Thomas Nast for Harper's Weekly, January 3, 1863.

In 1886, Harper's Weekly ran a story by Reverend John Paxton, a veteran from the 140th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Paxton's account takes place on Christmas Day when he and his comrades come upon a group of Confederate soldiers standing across the Rappahannock River, near Fredericksburg, VA and instead of fighting, the two sides showed each other signs of Christmas cheer and crossed the river to meet and exchange goods. "We had bridged the river, spanned the bloody chasm. We were brothers, not goes, waving salutations of good-will in the name of the Babe of Bethlehem, on Christmas Day in '62. At the very front of the opposing armies, the Christ Child struck a truce of us, broke down the wall of partition, became our peace. We exchanged gifts. We shouted greetings back and forth. We kept Christmas and our hearts were lighter of it, and our shivering bodes were not quite so cold." Peace on earth, goodwill towards men.