

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



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## Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren,

We hope to see you out at our next meeting in North Carolina! Dinner Friday will be at Prego's Italian Grille and our main event after the meeting will be visiting Bennett Place Farm, the former farm and homestead in Durham, North Carolina, which was the site of the last surrender of a major Confederate army in the American Civil War, when Joseph E. Johnston surrendered to William T. Sherman. For everyone, the Tangier Outlet Mall is located nearby for things to do. We hope to see you out for another weekend of fantastic fellowship!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Brother John Butler  
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## Secretary Sez'

Brethren,

We have a supply of sympathy, get well cards and such now. If you know of anyone sick or in distress; please send me the details and I will act accordingly.

W Butler met with MW, GM Jack Kayle Lewis, at the GMs visit to the District, and had a great discussion with him. He will be very supportive of the CWLR and what we are doing this year.

WM Isaiah Facemire and Sec Gary Watts have also been most helpful in planning our trip to Mebane / The Bennett House. Be sure to thank them.

Best Fraternal Regards,  
Bennett

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(Available at all meetings or email [hart.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:hart.bennett@gmail.com))

#### Hats

Camo, Grey, Blue  
\$15 each (plus \$5 S&H  
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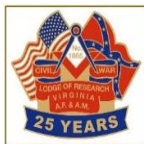
#### Medals (left to right)

Member, Manassas  
\$10 each (plus \$5 S&H  
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#### Pin

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



## Trestleboard

### Itinerary for our April 12-13 2024 meeting

#### Lodging:

##### Hampton Inn

Address: 105 Spring Forest Dr, Mebane, NC 27302  
1-919-563-5400

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mebnchx-hampton-mebane/>

##### Holiday Inn

Address: 149 Spring Forest Dr, Mebane, NC 27302  
1-919-304-9900

[https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/mebane/mbne/hoteldetail?cm\\_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--US--MBNEE](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/mebane/mbne/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--US--MBNEE)

#### Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

##### Dinner 6:00 pm – Prego's Italian Grille

422 Huffman Mill Rd Suite 122, Burlington, NC 27215  
Burlington, NC 27215  
(336) 586-0292

#### Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

##### Bingham Lodge #272

309 E Center St, Mebane, NC 27302  
9:00 am – coffee and donuts  
10:00 am – Lodge meeting  
11:30 am – Lunch (TBD)

#### Afternoon:

Bennett Place Farm  
4409 Bennett Memorial Rd.  
Durham, NC 27705

<https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/bennett-place>

#### Dinner 6 pm – TBD

#### Upcoming Schedule:

July 13<sup>th</sup> – Delaware City, DE  
October 12<sup>th</sup> – Waynesboro, VA  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, Wilmington, NC

This Trestleboard is focused on artillery of the Civil War:

Pvt. John H. Worsham of the 21st Virginia Inf described in his diary seeing the effects of a solid shot that descended into a line of men:

*"I heard a thud on my right, as if one had been struck with a heavy fist. Looking around, I saw a man at my side standing erect, with his head off, a stream of blood spurting a foot or more from his neck. As I turned farther around, I saw three others lying on the ground, all killed by this cannon shot. The man standing was a captain . . . and his brains and blood bespattered the face and clothing of one in my company. This was the second time I saw four men killed by one shot. Each time the shot struck as it was descending—the first man had his head taken off, the next was shot through the breast, the next through the stomach, and the fourth had all his bowels torn out."*

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**MOST WORSHIPFUL  
JACK KAYLE LEWIS  
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN VIRGINIA**

### Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above

Ridgley Edward David



### Call for Officers!

Brethren, if you are interested in serving as a Line Officer for our Civil War Research Lodge for 2025, please drop Brother Secretary (hart.bennett@gmail.com ) a note. We will happily get you involved!

During the battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, Lt. M.J. Graham of the 9th New York, Whiting's Battery, observed incoming rounds:

*"I watched solid shot—round shot—strike with what sounded like an innocent thud in front of the guns, bounding over battery and park, fly through treetops, cutting some of them off so suddenly that it seemed to me they lingered for an instant undecided which way to fall. These round shot did not appear to be in a hurry. They came along slowly and deliberately, apparently, and there appeared no horror in them until they hit something."*



*An artilleryman who had one leg taken completely off at the knee*

### PAST MASTERS

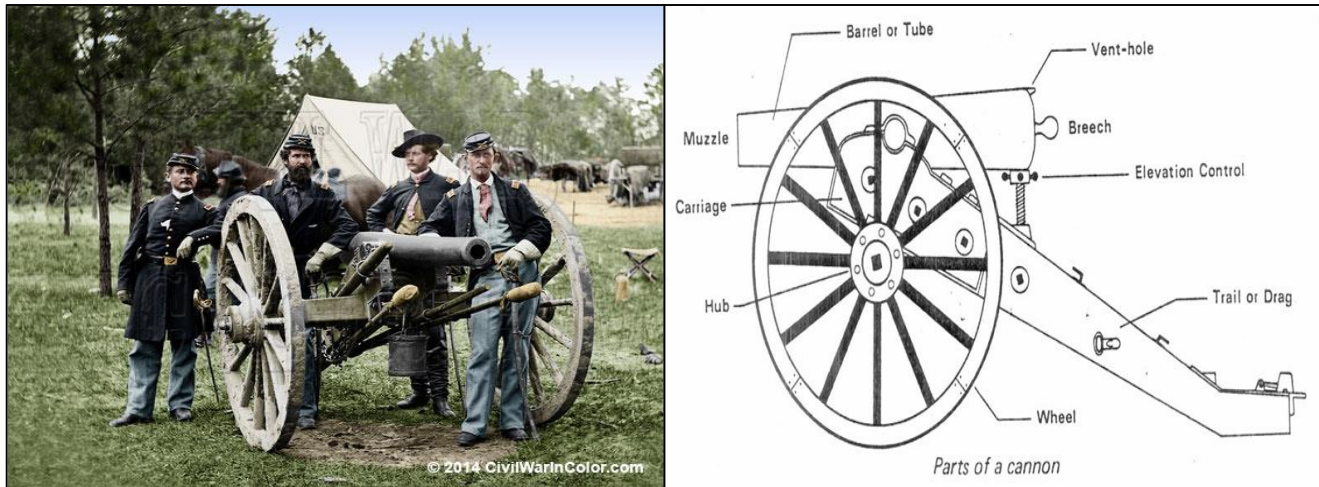
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Lt. Bayard Wilkeson holding his battery, G 4<sup>th</sup> U.S., to its work in an exposed position. KIA Gettysburg: <https://www.herocards.us/hero198>



## Artillery

Most artillery during the Civil War (on both sides) were manned by 9-10 man teams, though only 2 were needed to actually run through all the steps. Sponging the barrel was most important to prevent unplanned explosions due to any embers still burning in the barrel after initially fired. Then there were the duties of (XXX) to carry out the process of carrying ammunition, ram-rodging the powder and shell, and the gunnery skills to judge the distance and position of the target.

About six horses per gun were needed to transport it and as many ended up as casualties in order to render moving a gun into position useless, usually remained in the rear with the ammunition caissons.

Ammunition consisted of 4 types: solid (cannonballs), shell, case shot (shrapnel), and canister. Solid were used when flanking as they had a bowling ball effect on enemy soldiers. Shell was most effective against fortifications due to the large amount of black powder inside. Case shot contained about 75 iron shot and when set to explode about 15 feet over enemy ranks, were absolutely devastating. Cannister was similar to case shot in that each canister contained 25 or so one-inch balls and the gun used as a shotgun against attacking infantry.

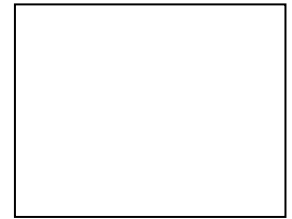
Most battlefield visitors today do not know that they are usually seeing guns from the 1860's on display, just that the wheels and carriages have been replicated. By closely examining a gun, you can often see things like which side deployed it, which factory created it and when it was cast, when the design was patented, an even the initials of the inspector that examined it. With this information, we know that many guns on display may have been at the battlefields where they are now held.

Name	Tube				Projectile (lb)	Charge (lb)	Velocity (ft/s)	Range (yd at 5°)
	Material	Bore (in)	Len (in)	Wt (lb)				
6-pounder Gun	bronze	3.67	60	884	6.1	1.25	1,439	1,523
M1857 12-pounder "Napoleon"	bronze	4.62	66	1,227	12.3	2.50	1,440	1,619
12-pounder Howitzer	bronze	4.62	53	788	8.9	1.00	<i>1,054</i>	<i>1,072</i>
12-pounder Mountain Howitzer <sup>[2]</sup>	bronze	4.62	33	220	8.9	0.5	---	<i>1,005</i>
24-pounder Howitzer	bronze	5.82	64	1,318	<i>18.4</i>	2.00	<i>1,060</i>	<i>1,322</i>
10-pounder Parrott rifle	iron	2.9 or 3.0	74	890	9.5	1.00	1,230	1,850
3-inch Ordnance Rifle	wrought iron	3.0	69	820	9.5	1.00	1,215	1,830
14-pounder James Rifle	bronze	3.80	60	875	<i>14.0</i>	1.25	----	<i>1,530</i>
20-pounder Parrott rifle	iron	3.67	84	1,750	20.0	2.00	1,250	1,900
12-pounder Whitworth breechloading rifle	iron	2.75	104	1,092	12.0	1.75	1,500	2,800

*Italics denotes data for shell, not shot.*



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### Three Large Barrages – Fort Sumpter 1861, Gettysburg 1863, and Vicksburg 1863

**Fort Sumpter, Charleston, SC:** The Confederates fired a bit over 3000 rounds of heavy artillery which lasted about 34 hours - the average was about 100 rounds per hour, perhaps approaching 200 rounds per hour at times. Union fire was far less (Anderson was short on men to work the guns as well as bags for the powder). The Union guns were at least as numerous and firing back at something close to the same rate.

**Vicksburg:** Union forces bombarded the city all night, from 220 artillery pieces and along with naval gunfire from Rear Adm. Porter's fleet in the river. While causing little actual damage, the Confederate civilian morale was devastated. On May 22, the Confederates were bombarded for four hours before the Union attacked on a full front at 10 am.

**Gettysburg:** Experienced one of the largest artillery exchanges of the Civil War on the morning of July 3, 1863 with a two-hour duel that attempted to dislodge the Union guns before Pickett's famous charge. Union forces fired over 33,000 rounds during the three days at Gettysburg (34% of their supply) with 7 pieces lost and 769 casualties. Confederate forces fired around 22,000 rounds (50% of their supply) with 6 pieces lost and 68 casualties. Sadly, several hundred horses on both sides were killed or destroyed.

**Comparison:** At Gettysburg, the fire was shorter and much more concentrated than Fort Sumpter. The 160-odd Confederate guns were firing rapidly. If each gun fired only once every three minutes, they would have fired the equivalent of the entire Ft. Sumter bombardment in an hour.