

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



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Incoming Worshipful Master's Message

Greetings and Salutations my brothers of the Civil War Lodge of Research!

I am Creighton Lovelace of North Carolina and it is a humble dream come true to be tasked to serve this illustrious and Unique Lodge as Master. I got interested in the War Between the States when I was around 5 years old, when my Uncle, Jerry Lee (a Mason) told me we were kin to General Robert E. Lee. I was amazed! I had seen pictures of him and knew he was a famous general. When I went to school in kindergarten, I told my classmates I was kin to "General Lee" and they asked me how I was kin to an orange car! Ha! Later in 5th grade, I learned more about him in NC History and then in High School I became a reenactor and had already been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans since 1995. Today, I'm privileged to teach World and US History at Trinity Christian School in Rutherfordton, NC and I get to teach my students about all kinds of history including "the War" and how it changed the South, America and the World! That's one reason why we all joined the Civil War Lodge of Research, right? To learn more about this era and conflict? Perhaps you learned, like I did, through an ancestor. Or perhaps you read about it in history class and was intrigued. However we did, we got "hooked" and found ourselves amazed at how scores of boys, who weren't "ready" went and did their duty to their respective Causes and Countries. How did I get here? Well, I became a Master Mason in 2006 and was catapulted into the East and served as Master of Spindale Lodge No. 673 back in 2009 just three years after I was raised! I was in no way "ready" to serve, but I served as Master, the best I could. I served as Master for two years in my current home lodge at Western Star No. 91 in 2022 and 2023. I still deemed myself not "ready" but then again, that's one reason why we're Masons, right? We're still trying to get "ready" to serve in life, to be better husbands, fathers, sons, citizens, worshipers of the Great Architect of the Universe. That's what I strive to do each time I enter the pulpit at Danieltown Baptist Church, where I've served as Pastor since 2004. In my 20 years as pastor, I've realized we're never really "ready" for most things in life. But with His help and the help of our family and friends, we can make it through. That's one blessing I've received ever since I was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, I've gained a LOT of brothers through our great fraternity. With my God and my brothers by my side, how can I not succeed in life? I want to let y'all know that I thought I was getting things "ready" for our December 7th meeting, only to find out that Murphy's Law can kick in at times. But thankfully, I've got my brothers by my side. I hope that some of you can make it. For "ready" or not, it's gonna be here. On that date we will mark 83 years since the attack on Pearl Harbor. America wasn't "ready" at that time but she quickly got "ready" and we emerged victorious by God's grace. Brothers I'm hoping that we will have an awesome year in 2025! I can't wait to see what is in store. Let's make the best of it whether we're "ready" or not. Together we'll make it. If I can do anything for you, just rattle my cage. Stay tuned for more information and fun facts this year!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Creighton "Creig" Lee Lovelace, D.D.
Pastor, Danieltown Baptist Church
Senior Warden Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865

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Itinerary for our December 7th 2024 meeting

Lodging:

Dealer's Choice

There are an abundant number of hotels in the area to suit your taste and we are not picking any particular one as the prices widely vary.

Friday, December 6th

Supper at 6pm

Carolina Crab House

341 College Rd #55, Wilmington, NC 28403

Saturday, December 7th

Federal Point Lodge No. 753

417 Harper Avenue

Carolina Beach, NC 28428

9am Coffee and Donuts

10am Meeting

1130am Adjourn

Lunch - 12pm

Might As Well Bar and Grill

250 Racine Dr UNIT 15, Wilmington, NC 28403

Afternoon:

Fort Fisher Tour

1610 Fort Fisher Blvd S, Kure Beach, NC 28449

If interested:

North Carolina Battleship Tour

1 Battleship Rd NE, Wilmington, NC 28401

Dinner 6 pm

Carolina Ale House

317 College Rd, Wilmington, NC 28403

Upcoming Schedule:

April 12th, 2025 – Charleston, SC

July 12th, 2025 – Chattanooga, TN

October 11th, 2025 – Montgomery, AL (??)

December 6th, 2025 – Highland Springs, VA – Stated – 30 Year

Secretary Sez'

My Brothers – Thank you for your expressions of concern over my recent mini-stroke (TIA) that kept me away from the last meeting. Back to normal (?) now.

2025 Dues are now payable.

Send to me at above address or call if you have questions. I look forward to seeing everyone "Down South" for our next few meetings.

Best Fraternal Regards,
Bennett

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**MOST WORSHIPFUL
GARY DWIGHT HUFFMAN
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN VIRGINIA**

Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above

PGM WILLIAM HERSHEY 1942-2024



Call for Officers!

Brethren, if you are interested in serving as a Line Officer for our Civil War Research Lodge for 2026, please drop Brother Secretary (hart.bennett@gmail.com) a note. We will happily get you involved!



Clara Barton (above, see back page article)

“Though it is little that one woman can do, still I crave the privilege of doing it.” *Letter to I.W. Denney, seeking permission to go to the front, March 30, 1862*

PAST MASTERS

(* – deceased)

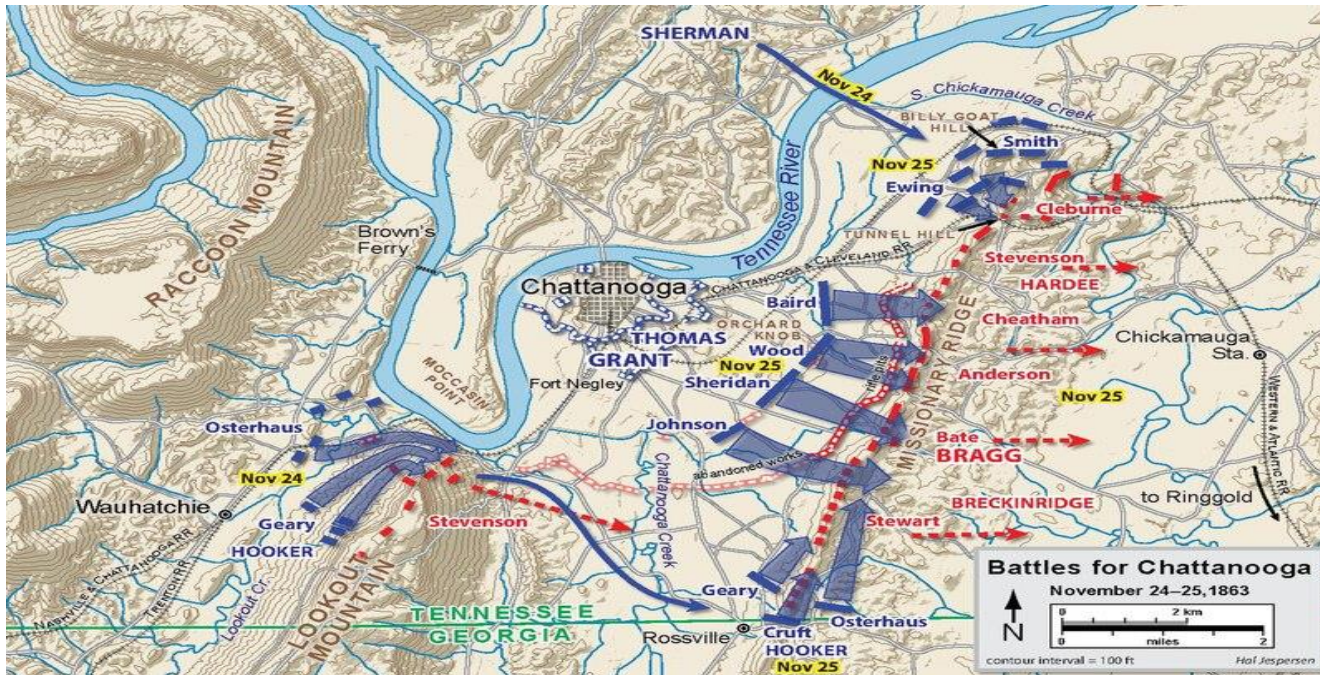
- 1995 – Allen E. Roberts * (VA)
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Grant's battle report of 23 Dec. 1863, Battle of Chattanooga:

Maj. Gen. GEORGE H. THOMAS: “All preparations should be made for attacking the enemy's position on Missionary Ridge by Saturday at daylight. Not being provided with a map giving names of roads, spurs of the mountains, and other places [*but he did have a scientific contour map*], such definite instructions cannot be given as might be desirable. However, the general plan, you understand, is for Sherman, with the force brought with him, strengthened by a division from your command, to effect a crossing of the Tennessee River just below the mouth of Chickamauga, his crossing to be protected by artillery from the heights on the north bank of the river (to be located by your chief of artillery); and to secure the heights from the northern extremity to about the railroad tunnel before the enemy can concentrate against him.”



Homework for the July Meeting - The Chattanooga Campaign – November 23-25, 1863

The Battle of Chattanooga consisted of three separate battles that occurred over the days of 23-25 November 1863. The three battles were the Battle of Orchard Knob, The Battle of Lookout Mountain, and the Battle of Missionary Ridge. If General Grant's efforts had gone according to plan, the fighting would have occurred in a single concentrated attack against the entire Confederate line.

On November 23, Grant observed a number of columns withdrawing from their positions around Chattanooga, thinking that General Bragg was planning to reinforce General Longstreet. In order to verify Grant's suspicions of Bragg's intention to fortify Longstreet, Union General Thomas ordered reconnaissance in force, sending four divisions to gain information regarding the size and intent of the Confederates. Following the reconnaissance mission, Grant sent 14,000 troops against the 600 withdrawing Confederates, quickly overrunning them. General Grant then ordered his men to entrench at Orchard Knob, where he used the 100 foot elevation as his headquarters for the remainder of the campaign. Grant's presence on Orchard Knob had a great impact on Bragg's strategy in defending Chattanooga. By Grant concentrating on Orchard Knob, which was located near Missionary Ridge, it forced General Bragg to focus his defensive efforts on Missionary Ridge, leaving few men to defend Lookout Mountain.

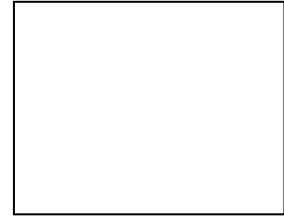
On November 24, "Fightin'" Joe Hooker attacked the Confederate left at Lookout Mountain in order to take the summit of Lookout Point. Brigadier Gen. John W. Geary's Union skirmishers advanced through the thick fog to engage Confederate Brig. Gen. Edward Walthall's men one mile southwest of Lookout Point. The Confederates were outnumbered and driven back despite Walthall's best efforts to rally his men. Confederate Brig. Gen. John C. Moore launched a counter-attack against the Union forces, but became outflanked on the right and retreated through a fog so thick that very little fighting actually took place "above the clouds." Bragg then withdrew from Lookout Mountain to reinforce Missionary Ridge.

Hooker's original plan was to attack Lookout Mountain, General Sherman's was to attack Missionary Ridge, with Thomas to support the center. Due to faulty intelligence Sherman instead went to Billy Goat Hill, a summit separated from Missionary Ridge, and the attack on the Confederate right became a coordinated effort between General Hooker, who attacked Missionary Ridge, General Sherman, who attacked Tunnel Hill, and General Thomas who attacked the center of Bragg's line on November 25th.

On November 25th, General Grant realized that the Union had only a few hours remaining to secure a victory, Grant called Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Wood to form rifle pits at the base of the ridge. Grant hoped that this would put enough pressure on Bragg to have him send troops from his right to the center to defend against the rifle pits, but Wood realized that it would be impossible for Union troops to stay in that position without being wiped out by Confederate artillery. Despite orders to hold their position, Union troops then began to advance up Missionary Ridge. Union troops fought through Confederate artillery fire with great prowess, as they had been held back for much of the battle. As the Union troops breached the breastworks, the Confederate forces began to retreat and eventually the center of Bragg's line broke as Union forces advanced to secure a victory for the north, what one officer called "the grandest sight I had ever witnessed" and resulted in victory for the Union. General Grant's victories at Orchard Knob, Lookout Mountain, and Missionary Ridge secured a victory for the Union at Chattanooga and pushed the Confederate Army further South towards Georgia.



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The Emergence of Women into the Medical Profession

As conflicts invaded every corner of the United States during the Civil War, many women were drawn into new roles beyond the household. Wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters took the opportunity to serve their country in more ways, one of them assisting in the field of medicine. While many remained homebound to manage farms and family businesses, others felt called to enlist their skills and services to aid those injured on the field of battle. It is estimated that between 5,000 to 10,000 women volunteered to serve the medical field in some degree during the war. At a time when most medical positions were filled by men, women were more readily initially accepted as volunteers. Led by figures like Clara Barton, who was originally a teacher at the start of the war, women would educate themselves in the field of medical care. Some women, like Georgeanna Woolsey and Mary Edwards Walker, would even become licensed doctors. Dr. Mary Edwards Walker was the only woman to serve as a surgeon in the Union Army during the Civil War, and she is the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor for doing so. As women were more socially accepted into the field of medicine by the end of the war, nursing became more cemented as a profession in which women could enter. This set a new social precedent that women were capable of doing men's work. An interesting addition to history is that nurses recorded their experience on the battlefield by keeping journals of their experiences which introduced more women to the new iconic role of heroine. The Civil War presented a unique opportunity for women to step into roles they had never been able to access before as patriots for their country and being the start of a slow march to equality