

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



Chartered
November 13th, 1995

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Incoming Master's Message

Brethren,

It will be an honor to serve the Civil War Lodge of Research #1865 for the upcoming year, and I will strive to have a meaningful year as we travel to different Civil War sites.

In April, we will travel to New Market, Virginia and VMI. You might want to watch the movie "Field of Lost Shoes" and see if you can picture the event as it unfolded as you tour the battlefield.

In July, we will be travelling to Monterey Pass Battlefield near Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. At the battlefield, we will visit the museum and have a guided walking tour, note (a golf cart will be available to help those needing assistance to reach the summit).

In October, we travel to Fort Monroe "The Freedom Fortress" which is the largest stone fort built in the United States and the only moat encircled fort remaining. Enjoy driving into the fort, taking the walking tour, and the Casemate Museum. You might get lucky and see a Naval Ship cruising by.

As we travel thru 2026 feel free to call me any time with your questions or suggestions, I will lend you an Attentive Ear. (717) 773-8341.

Thanks for your confidence in me to lead you thru this upcoming year and I'll try not to disappoint anyone.

Brother William C Hare Jr.,
Senior Warden, CWLR1865



Trestleboard

Our next Stated Communication will be
Saturday, December 6th 2025

Lodging:

Hampton Inn Richmond Airport (rooms \$129)
421 International Circle Drive
Sandston, VA 23150
804-226-1880

Friday Dinner (December 5th 2025, 6:30 pm)

Dinner Roberto's Italian
5550 Williamsburg Road
Sandston, VA 23150

Saturday Meeting (December 6th 2025):

Babcock Lodge #322
1 1/2 Holly Ave, Highland Springs, VA 23075
Set up Friday Night/Practice
Open Lodge 10:00 am
Installation 12:00 pm
Lunch: 1:00 pm

Cold Harbor Battlefield 3:00 pm
5515 Anderson-Wright Drive
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Saturday Dinner:

Mexico Restaurant
5213 Williamsburg Road
Sandston, VA 23150
7:00 pm

2026 Grand Master's Research Lodge Official Visit

Hay Market Lodge #313
6713 Jefferson Street
Haymarket, VA 20169

This event is a BBQ and will take place:

Saturday, August 29, 2026

From 1 – 3 pm

(Attire is polo and khakis)

2026 Schedule:

December 6th, 2025 – Highland Springs, VA
April 11th, 2026 – New Market Battlefield, VA
July 18th, 2026 – Monterey Pass, PA
October 10th, 2026 – Fort Monroe, VA
December 5th, 2026 – TBD

2025 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master-	Creighton Lee Lovelace, PM
Senior Warden-	William Chester Hare, Jr
Junior Warden-	Cliton C. White. PM, PD/PDDGM
Treasurer-	Mark Stephen Lentz
Secretary-	Bennett Richard Hart PM
Assistant Secretary-	Creighton Lee Lovelace, PM
Assistant Secretary-	Freddie Edward Pearson II, PM/PDDGM
Senior Deacon-	Christopher Edward Chapman, PM
Junior Deacon-	John August Anderson, PM
Chaplain-	Wayne Eugene Price PM / PDDGM
Tyler-	Gary Lloyd Laing PM
Marshal-	Richard Wayne Burkman PM
Senior Steward	Alan James Hawk
Junior Steward	David Edward Simcox
Ritual-	Wayne Eugene Price PM/PDDGM
Editor/Trestleboard	Andrew Martinez PM/PGI

District Deputy Grand Master Bennett Richard Hart



**MOST WORSHIPFUL
MATHEW TODD SZRAMOSKI
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN VIRGINIA**

Call for Officers!

Brethren, if you are interested in serving as a Line Officer for our Civil War Research Lodge for 2027, please drop Brother Secretary (hart.bennett@gmail.com) a note. We will happily get you involved!

Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above

Herbert Griffith Turner
Robert Henry Knight



Secretary Sez'

Please let me know as soon as possible:

- 1) You will be there; 2) Which events:
- Friday Dinner: Roberto's _____
- 3) Saturday Meeting _____ Lunch _____ (\$20)
- 4) Saturday Dinner _____ Mexico Rest

My contact info is above:

Best Fraternal Regards !!!!! Have a safe Thanksgiving!!
Bennett

PAST MASTERS (* – deceased)

- 1995 – Allen E. Roberts * (VA)
- 1996 – Keith A. Hinerman (VA)
- 1997 & 1998 – Paul M. Bessel (DC)
- 1999 – David J. Roberts (ME)
- 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 S. Jensen (VA)
- 2016 – Christopher R. Chrzanowski (VA)
- 2017 & 2018 – Bennett R. Hart (VA)
- 2019 – Richard W. Burkman (MD)
- 2020 & 2021 – G. Andrew Martinez (MD)
- 2022 – Gordon A. Munholland (MD)
- 2023 – Andrew N. Wilson (MD)
- 2024 – John H. Butler (VA)

HONORARY MEMBERS

- MW William F. Perdue-VA
- MW Thomas F. May- VA*
- John P. Westervelt - VA
- PPGM James L. Jack - Scotland
- PM Paul M. Bessel – MD*
- PM Allen E. Roberts - VA
- MW Kenneth D. Fuller- DC*
- MW Jules Saul Temper - DC
- MW Gregory A. Riley, Sr. - 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- VA*
- MW Alan Wayne Adkins – VA
- RW Wayne Eugene Price - VA
- RW Raymond "Mickey" Moats – VA*
- MW Jack Kayle Lewis – VA
- RW Lokie Leo Voight -VA
- GL-RW Doyle Lee Miller -VA

Secretary Sez'(con't.)

We are still in the process of reaching out to all of our members, especially our senior statesmen !! We want to make sure all are getting our communications. Thanks to the Assistant Secretaries, we are trying to make contact with all !! In addition, Please be sure to use the new petitions now !!

30 Years of Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865!

Brethren, it has been a fantastic 30 years since the Chartering of this Lodge! Let us time-travel back to 1995 and see what we can see:

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05 May 1995

The Secretary read the dispensation from our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Thomas F. May, authorizing this group of Freemasons to work as a regular lodge of research. The Secretary also read a letter from the Grand Master dated May 5, 1995, where he appoints Worshipful Keith A. Hinerman as Senior Warden on the original Dispensation. (The Dispensation and the letter of May 5, 1995 from the Grand Master are included with the minutes.)

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13-14 November 1995

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS

During this Grand Lodge year, the Committee on Charters was not tasked by the Grand Master to provide assistance as may pertain to the chartering of Lodges or other such related matters. Informal dialogue was held in January 1995 between the Committee Chairman and Brother Paul M. Bessel concerning the chartering of a Lodge of Research dedicated to examining matters pertaining to the Civil War. This Lodge was to be identified as the Civil War Lodge of Research. A dispensation has been issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and attested to by the Grand Secretary. A Charter will be issued at this Grand Annual Communication for the Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865.

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The Committee is honored to have served our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and the Grand Master and stands ready to provide assistance in the future as may be required.

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Hershey, Jr., Chairman

Presentation of the Charter for Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Thomas F. May, requested the Grand Marshal to present Right Worshipful Allen Earl Roberts, Worshipful Master; Worshipful Keith Alan Hinerman, Senior Warden; and David John Roberts, Junior Warden, of the new Civil War Lodge of Research in the East.

It was announced that Right Worshipful Brother Roberts was ill and could not be present today. The Grand Master indicated that it has been a long time since The Grand Lodge of Virginia has chartered a new Lodge, and we have that honor today. The charter was presented to Worshipful Keith Alan Hinerman, Senior Warden, who thanked the Grand Master for his support, without which there would not be a Civil War Lodge of Research. Worshipful Brother Hinerman expressed his hope that this Lodge would continue the traditions established by Research Lodges in Virginia by researching Freemasonry during the period of the American Civil War.

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6 May 1996

Most Worshipful Thomas Frederick May, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Nineteen Ninety Five and Most Worshipful William Frank Perdue, Grand Secretary, symbolically presented our Lodge with its Charter and in turn received the **Dispensation issued January Second Nineteen Ninety Five**. Most Worshipful Brother May referred to the old symbolic Masonic symbols of Corn Wine and Oil in the presentation of the Charter:

As you receive this Charter, let us all be reminded of the age old Elements of our Fraternity; Corn, Wine, and Oil and symbolically apply them the presentation and reception of this Charter.

For it is with the Corn of Nourishment that we dedicate this Lodge to God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe. May all of those who come into this fellowship be bound together by His Holy Spirit.

With the Wine of Refreshment we dedicate and consecrate this Lodge to the memory of the Holy Saints John as a place of refuge and refreshment from the concerns of the world.

And with the Oil of Joy and Gladness we consecrate this Lodge to the ideals of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and may these ideals always shine forth from its Altar into the midst of this community and become the true symbols of the light of Freemasonry everywhere.

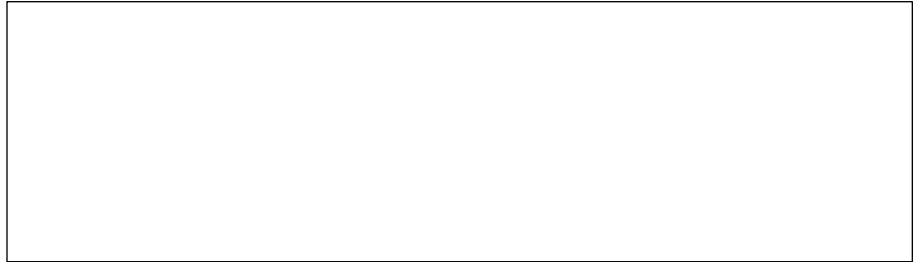
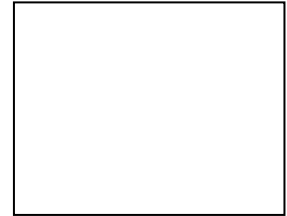
The following petitions were presented, (One Hundred Forty Six) the ballot was spread and all the Brethren were elected to membership in the Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865, as Charter Members.



NOW !!!

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December 2025



### Happy 30 Years CWLR #1865! Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth!



Nov 1995 – SW Keith Hinerman receiving CWLR 1865 Charter from MW Thomas May. L to R – MW Frank Perdue, SW Keith Hinerman, JW Dave Roberts, MW Thomas May. Seated – RW George Farley – GT. (WM Allen Roberts ill)

