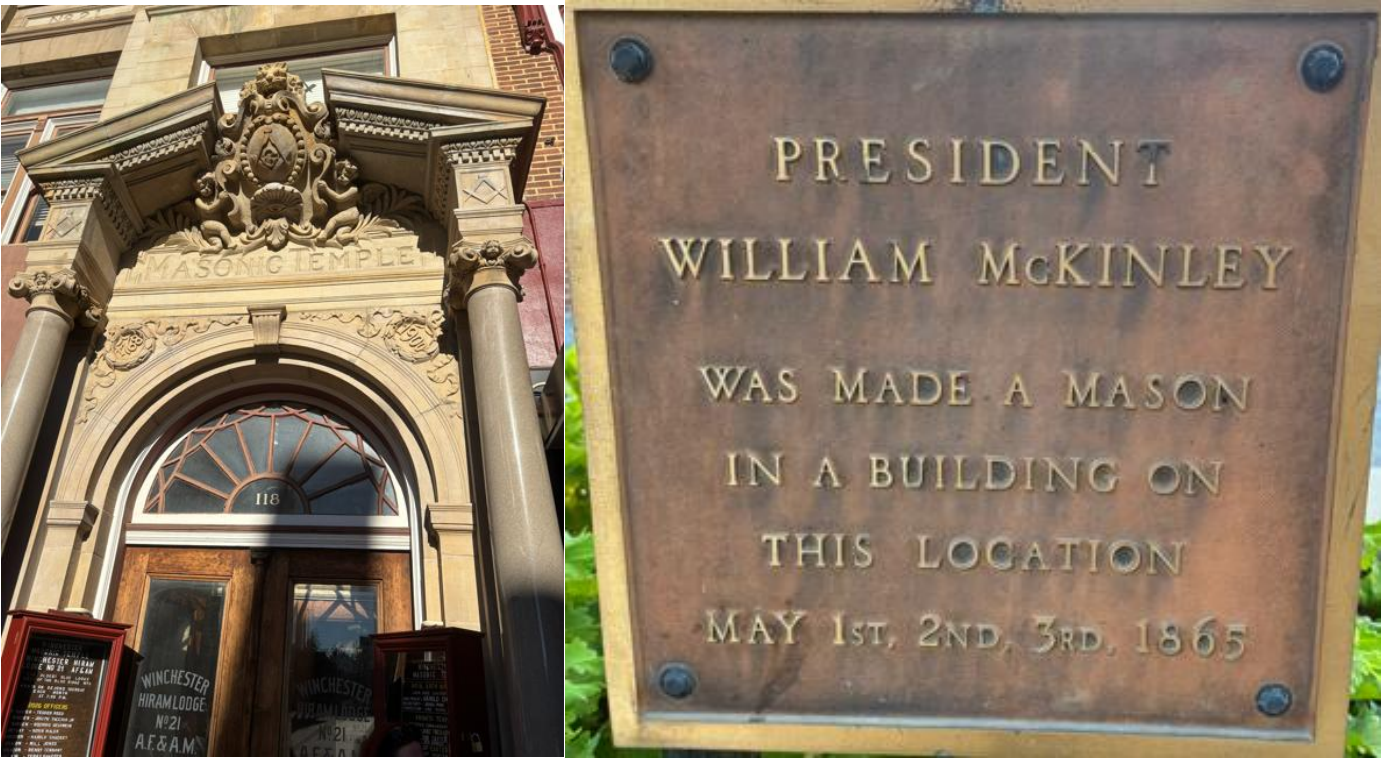


In mid-June, Therese and I went to Winchester, VA for the family reunion of the descendants of Heinrich Frey (1663-1734). There were about 60 of us from all over the United States who were in attendance. In addition to visiting the still standing Frye Fort which was built in 1750 and other places of Frey importance, we participated in a walking tour of the downtown area of Winchester.

Our guide was pleased to point out the building of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21. This Lodge started off with a charter from Pennsylvania (later chartered by the GL of Virginia) and during the Civil war it also served as a military lodge. Its most famous candidate for the degrees of Masonry was William McKinley who later became President of the United States.



I phoned a member of the Lodge and asked about attendance at their meetings. He said that at their monthly business meeting they have about 35 attend out of about 250 current members. As for William McKinley, he thinks that during the Civil War, a person could get all three degrees in one day as this was common in Military Lodges at that time.

I wish that I could have gone in to the actual Lodge room as this brother told me that there was original art painted on the walls lodge room.