



**THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE  
OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
OF  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

You are cordially invited to accompany

**R.W. John A. MacLeod, Deputy Grand Master**

and the

**Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts**

to the

**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events & Commemoration**

of the

**Knox Train Artillery**

at

**Fort Ticonderoga and Saratoga**

on

**July 18, 2025 - thru - July 20, 2025**

Program Highlights Include:

July 18	Masonic Ceremony at Starks's Knob
July 19	Breakfast at Fort Hardy
July 20	Knox Commemoration at Prospect Hill Cemetery

Attire:

Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputies:	Morning Suits, Dark Suits and Tuxedos as directed by Massachusetts Masonic Protocol
Brethren All:	Masonic Casual or Colonial Attire

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Apron is encouraged  
**no pocket jewels**

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# Ticonderoga & Saratoga event

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**When: July 18-20**

**Where: Historic Fort Hardy Park**

- Flush Toilets
- Water Access
- Along the Hudson River

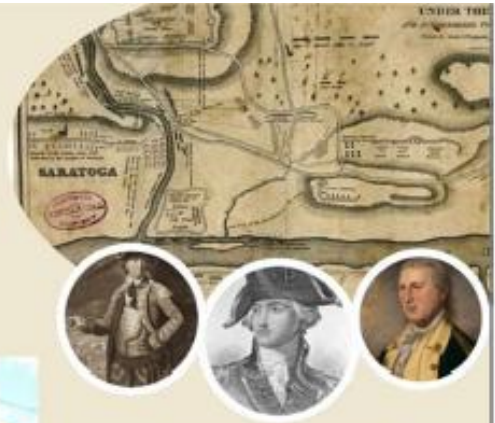


### About Fort Hardy Park

Fort Hardy Park has a long history of being a place where people gather. It's centrally located within the Village of Schuylerville and is a natural hub of activity.

Only at Fort Hardy Park can visitors go to the Champlain Canal Region Visitor's Center, get the background on the American Revolution and Champlain Canal, then step out the door to continue their journey by foot, bicycle, boat, or car.

The Visitors Center has a public restroom and free Wi-Fi hotspot.



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## Itinerary

### FRIDAY, JULY 18 ARRIVAL & EXPLORATION

#### Afternoon:

**Camp Setup at Historic Fort Hardy Park**

- All attendees arrive and establish camp

#### 5:00 PM

#### Masonic Ceremony at Stark's Knob

- Masonic wreath laying, short tour and ceremony at the Stark's Knob Knox Marker in Northumberland.
- Historical Note: Named for NH General John Stark, made a Mason at Master's Lodge, Albany, NY (1778)

#### Evening

#### Dinner & Social Options (Choose Your Own Adventure!)

- Local Dining & Pub Crawl - Coordinated by local Masonic Lodges
- Enjoy Schuylerville's breweries (3) and restaurants (4)
- Explore nearby Greenwich's brewery (1) and restaurants (4)
- Venture into Saratoga Springs for vibrant nightlife and dining
- Personal Time - Guests can make their own plans for dinner

### SATURDAY, JULY 19 ENCAMPMENT & CEREMONY

#### Morning

**Masonic Lodge-Hosted Breakfast at the Fort Hardy Youth Center**

- Hearty meal hosted by local New York Masons

#### Daytime Adventure

#### Journey to Fort Ticonderoga

- Travel Lakes to Locks Passage, an all American scenic highway from Schuylerville to Fort Ticonderoga.
- A box lunch focusing on farm to table from Fort Ticonderoga
- Masonic education, short tour and ceremony focused on Henry Knox.
- Historical note: Visiting Fort Ticonderoga is an unforgettable journey into the heart of early American history. Perched strategically between Lake Champlain and Lake George, this 18th-century fortress played a pivotal role in both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. Walking its storied walls, visitors can experience the very ground where soldiers fought for control of the continent.

#### Evening

#### Community Feast & Celebration

- Chicken BBQ Dinner - Hosted by local Masonic Lodges
- Bonfire & Entertainment - Stories, music, and camaraderie under the stars along the Hudson River

### SUNDAY, JULY 20 DEPARTURE & FAREWELLS

#### Morning

**Optional Breakfast at the Fort Hardy Youth Center**

- Wrap up the weekend with one last meal together hosted by the local New York Masons

#### 10am

**Masonic wreath laying, short tour and ceremony at the Schuylerville Knox Marker**

#### Noon

**Knox Commemoration Ceremony at the Prospect Hill Cemetery**

**Join the Saratoga 250 Commission for an important ceremony where we will:**

- Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Knox Train of Artillery
- The 248th Anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga
- The 148th of the Mason's placing the cornerstone of the Saratoga Monument.
- The dedication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Knox Artillery