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**“DECONSTRUCTING THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS”
A TALK BY TODD ARRINGTON OF MENTOR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.
SHELTER HOUSE, FRED FULLER PARK, KENT**

On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. In just two minutes, Lincoln completely changed the way northerners understood why they were fighting the Civil War--and what was at stake. Learn more about one of the most revered speeches in human history with a line-by-line deconstruction and explanation of Lincoln's words.

We will again enjoy a talk by James A. Garfield National Historic Site Manager Todd Arrington. He spoke here a couple of years ago on Garfield. Now he brings us a new look at arguably the most famous short speech ever made.

Our speaker will not be able to make dinner, but it will still occur at 5:30 p.m. at Little City Grill (formerly Digger's Bar & Grill) in Kent.



Address Memorial at Gettysburg National Cemetery

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The President then delivered the following dedicatory speech:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new Nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. [Applause.] Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that Nation or any Nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We are met to dedicate a portion of it as the final resting-place of those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. [Applause.] The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. [Applause.] It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work that they have thus far so nobly carried on. [Applause.] It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain (applause); that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom; and that Governments of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth. [Long-continued applause.]

Three cheers were here given for the President and the Governors of the States.

After the delivery of this address the dirge and the benediction closed the exercises, and the immense assemblage separated at about 2 o'clock.

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The printing of the Gettysburg Address as it appeared in the New York Semi-Weekly Tribune of November 20, 1863

