

Fredericksburg Lodge 4, A.F. & A.M. The Trestle Board April 2020



Illustrious Brother George Washington's Mother Lodge

Stated
Communication
2nd Friday*

* Except in June & November



Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Stated Communication
7:30 p.m.

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First Extant Recorded Meeting, September 1, 1752

First Recorded Conferral of the Royal Arch Degree in America, December 22, 1753

Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland July 21, 1758

Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, January 30, 1787

"This is Our Lodge"



From the East



Brethren,

This has been a strange month of OUR Lodge and the world and all its employments.

To start we had a successful Pancake Breakfast, followed by a Red Cross Blood Drive at Spotsylvania Mall. The Red Cross Blood Drive was successful and thanks to all the Brethren who came out and supported this vital community event.

On Wednesday OUR Lodge raised our newest Master Mason Brother Michael Shanar. Welcome Brother.

On Sunday 8 March, OUR Lodge was presented the Dr. Edward Alvey, Jr., Education Award, for our preservation efforts in conjunction with the University of Mary Washington and Professor Trudeau. This award was presented to OUR Lodge by the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc. I would like to recognize and thank WB Dick Klehm for all of his work over the past 8 years for OUR lodge archives.

On Tuesday 10 March OUR Lodge made a fraternal visit to Hudson Morris Lodge #80 in support of the DDGM visit. Ten (10) brothers from OUR lodge made the visit and I appreciate all your support. It was an outstanding showing.

On Friday 13 March OUR Lodge held its Stated Communication and welcomed the visit of the DDGM, RW Danaus R. Ford to OUR Lodge. We enjoyed a good Irish meal of Corn Beef and cabbage, with a Baileys Cheesecake for desert. The Stated Communications read the edicts from the Grand Master concerning the Masonic Lodges within Virginia concerning the Coronavirus.

OUR Lodge had the George Washington Masonic Obligation Bible travel to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. It was accompanied by Wor. Warren West, Wor. James Ragsdale and Wor. Jamie Snyder. Thank you Worshipfuls for taking care of OUR artifact and traveling with the bible.

I would like to extend my THANKS to Bro's Joe Gilkerson and Pat McConnell for their efforts in restoring a book to OUR Lodge library. Thank you for the valuable gift to OUR Lodge.

OUR Lodge has been in contact with OUR older Masonic Members and our Widows, we will continue to monitor/make contact with OUR older Masons and Widows and ensure their needs are met during this Coronavirus outbreak.

As you all my well know by now, the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia has suspended all Masonic Degree work through 30 Apr 2020. OUR Lodge is now dark during this period in history. Hopefully this will pass and we can get back to fellowship and fun.

Until we meet again Brethren, take care of yourself and family. Stay safe, healthy, and take this time to cherish and love one another. Let your Masonic Light be the Light we all need during this time.

Respectfully and Fraternally,
Stanley R. Kennedy Jr



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

DOUGLAS VERNON JONES, GRAND MASTER

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March 16, 2020

To: All Ancient Free and Accepted Masons within the Commonwealth of Virginia

RE: Response to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) Outbreak

Brethren:

After weighing the directives set forth in the Governor's news conference yesterday and consulting with the Grand Lodge Physician and other well-informed Brethren this morning, as Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, I find it necessary and prudent to take the following steps. Understand please, I do so with a heavy heart but health and safety must come first.

1) **Effectively immediately, all stated communications are suspended until April 30, 2020.** By this action, I set aside Section 2.09 of the Methodical Digest, *no further paperwork or dispensation is required.* **This suspension applies to all building rentals, Youth organizations, and any other appendant bodies, which meet in any Masonic Lodge building beholden under the Grand Lodge of Virginia.** If the meeting is tonight, and it is not practical to cancel at this late hour, you may proceed.

The deadline for submitting District Deputy Grand Master nominations for the year 2022 has been extended to **preferably** June 15 but no later than July 1.

Worshipful Masters are reminded they have the authority to authorize Lodge Treasurer's to pay recurring bills.

If a Brother is working with a Candidate on catechisms outside the Lodge building, continuing to get together is their call, just practice "social distancing" and common sense measures like handwashing and avoiding all grips and handshakes.

2) All District Official Visits by the Grand Master are suspended until April 30, 2020. The District Deputy Grand Masters are urged to collaborate to see if impacted visits can be combined, if geographically possible, with another district. My Administrative Assistant, Right Worshipful Terry F. Hilton, will work with you to secure available dates.

3) Worshipful Masters may still honor a family request for a Masonic Funeral Service; however, it would be my expectation, after consulting with the Grand Lecturer, Right Worshipful Doyle L. Miller, that you assemble a small team to do the service, no more than eight Brothers.

My Brothers, things are fluid and moving rapidly. I have said, and will continue to say, **common sense should rule the day.** Remember your obligation to our members, widows, and the elderly especially, during this uncertain time.

Be safe and stay well.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Douglas V. Jones
Grand Master

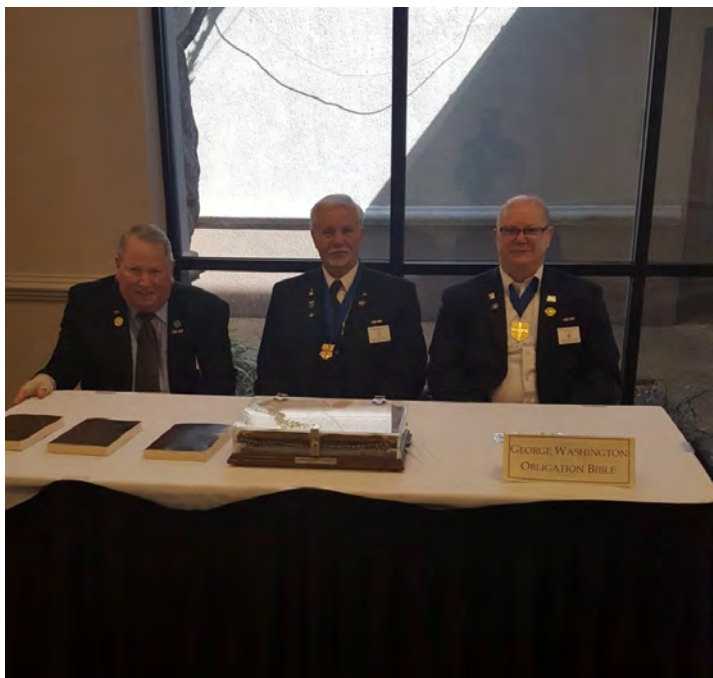
OUR Lodges newest Master Mason Brother Michael Shaner who was Raised on March 4, 2020



Wor. Dick Klehm and Professor Trudeau at the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation Awards ceremony.



Past Masters, Wor. Warren West, Wor. James Ragsdale, and Wor. Jamie Snyder with the George Washington Masonic Obligation Bible at the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.



DDGM RW Danaus R. Ford visit to OUR Lodge along Worshipful Freeman Shupe, Worshipful Darius Kuzemchac and Worshipful Chris Tripp.



From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

I hope you are staying safe and I hope this finds you all well.

Toward the end of March, I sent out the 2020 invoices for a reminder Brothers that have as of yet paid their dues. Again, if there is a problem where you are having difficulties in paying your dues please let myself or Worshipful Stan so this can be worked out.

As stated in the March Trestle Board I have submitted the Delinquent notice to the Grand Lodge for the four members that have not reached back to either the Worshipful Master or myself. We will be reading their names at Lodge Stated Communication on May 8th where I will send out a letter to appear at the June 10th Stated Communication.

Again, if anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally
Brother Mike Moses, PM
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Upcoming Activities

April 2020 Events

25 April - Saturday - Spotsylvania Towne Center - 10:00am to 4:00 pm
26 April - Sunday - Spotsylvania Towne Center - 10:00am to 4:00 pm

May 2020 Events

2 May - Saturday - Pancake Breakfast
6 May - Wednesday Lodge Clean-up
8 May - Friday Stated Communication
16 May - Saturday - Towne Center - 10:00am to 4:00 pm
17 May - Sunday - Spotsylvania Towne Center - 10:00am to 4:00 pm

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Trustee's

Charles Cooper PM	2020
Dennis Berry PM	2021
Chris Decker PM	2022
Dan Goodwin PM	2023
Mike Moses PM	2024



Living Past Masters

Carter G. Wells	1963
Rudolph E. Griffith	1974
Henry W. Baker	1975
Edward L. Donalson	1983
Carlton D. Beach	1985
Dennis W. Berry	1986
Thomas C. Shelton	1988
William J. White	1989
James R. Adams	1992
Robert W. Benish	1993
Michael J. McCray	1995
Steven M. Gallahan	1996
Charles B. Pasto	1998
J. Travis Walker	2000
Daniel W. Thompson**	2001
W. Robert Brammer *	2002



Sheridan G. Harrod	2003
Jene G. Parrotte	2004
Steven W. Sanford *	2005
Richard D. Dey	2006
Anthony L. Rudder	2007
Jeffrey D. St. Onge **	2009
Shelton S. Mackey	2010
Shelby L. Chandler	2011
Christopher J. Decker	2012
Christopher R. Wilson	2013
Jeffery L. Mitchell	2014
Jeffery P. VanCuren	2015
James L. Ragsdale	2016
Michael T. Moses	2017
Daniel T. Goodwin	2018
James M. Snyder	2019

* Past DDGMs
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