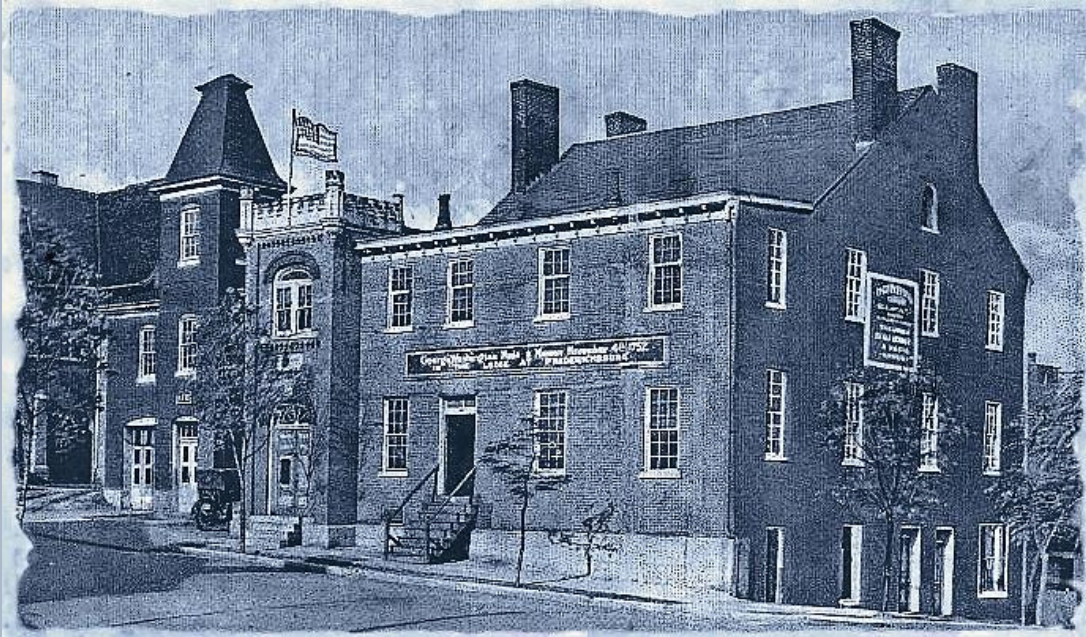


FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.



TRESTLE BOARD

FIRST RECORDED MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1, 1752

SCOTTISH CHARTER - JULY 21, 1758

VIRGINIA CHARTER - JANUARY 30, 1787

MOTHER LODGE OF ILL.: BRO.: GEORGE WASHINGTON

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INITIATED NOVEMBER 4, 1752

PASSED MARCH 3, 1753

RAISED AUGUST 4, 1753

'A TEMPLE OF LIVING STONES'

Stated Meeting
Second Fridays
(except Nov. 4)

Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:30 pm

Degree Work
Wednesdays 7pm
(check calendar)

JULY 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 Independence Day	5 Independence Day (Obs.)	6	7 Ritual Practice or Degree 7pm	8	9 Dinner 6pm Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Lodge Education 8am (Zoom) Meal Delivery 4:30pm
11	12	13	14 Ritual Practice or Degree 7pm	15	16	17 Pancake Breakfast 8-10am
18	19	20	21 Ritual Practice 7pm	22 Fraternal Visit Frank P. Moncure #279	23	24 Lodge Education 8am (Library)
25	26 Fraternal Visit Spotsylvania #26	27 District Ritual School 7pm	28 Ritual Practice 7pm	29	30	31

Consult calendar on website for details and updates.

ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES

Harold Leo Powell Jr.	55 years	Marc Darryl Lipman	47 years
William David Erickson Jr.	39 years	Robert William Benish	34 years
Gregory Elliott Armstrong	33 years	Kent Gregory Sands	32 years
Danny Ray Fields	31 years	Frank Culus Jones II	19 years
Assad Michael Elawar	17 years	Victor Roberto Carreno	11 years
Dave Sayed Washburn	10 years	Barry Wayne Clark	8 years
Stanley Ray Kennedy Jr.	7 years	Ryan Holbrooke Carton	4 years
Richard Jefferey Sabando	4 years	John Christopher Kuhnle	4 years

MASTER'S CORNER

The officers of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 would like to wish all the Brethren, their families, and friends a happy and joyous Independence Day. Please take note that we're moving the pancake breakfast from the 1st to the 3rd Saturday in July, since many of you will be traveling and spending time with family and friends. Safe travels to all who will be on the road this July Fourth weekend.

This is a time to celebrate and to be proud of our great nation, honor our Flag and our Founding Fathers, and remember the lofty—and so very Masonic—ideals upon which America was founded. We do so unapologetically.

Traditionally, the summer months are among our slowest, but this year we're still in the process of ramping up. We have a lot to look forward to as we approach the fall, including our annual picnic, golf tournament, Table Lodge, and the commemoration of Ill. Bro. George Washington's initiation and the Grand Master's visit in November. We're halfway through the year and just hitting out stride...and at this point, I suspect many Past Masters had felt as I do, that many of the grandiose plans we had come in with remain undone. That certainly seems to be true this year, and as a result of the lingering effects of the pandemic, most of those activities will be compressed into the second half of the year. We hope you will join us.

This last month, I was privileged to drive from Virginia to South Dakota to see one of our own, M.W. Jeff VanCuren, be installed as Grand Master of SD. Two things especially struck me on the trip. One of them was the vastness and great variation of our great country, driving across Middle America. The other was the warmth and hospitality of the brethren of South Dakota, Iowa, and other surrounding states. (Wor. Shelby Chandler and I visited Iowa City Lodge No. 4, which has done amazing work renovating their building.) South Dakota has about one fifth the number of Masons as in Virginia and about a quarter the number of Lodges, but lack nothing in spirit. As I started this year by saying, we should strive to be more like a small country Lodge, a humble, friending, and welcoming Lodge. We have a long history and a legacy of which we should be justly proud...but sometimes we need to pause to remember what it's all about. Traveling has another advantage—that of reminding us of the great diversity in the body of Masonry, and to not be too rigid in our thinking. That's one reason I hope you'll join us on some of our upcoming fraternal visits to other Lodges in, and outside, our District.

Finally, as the various Masonic bodies return to use of the building, I'd like to remind everyone that we all need to work together to keep it presentable and keep utility costs down. I'd ask each group to ensure that, upon leaving the building, lights are turned out, alarms set, and doors double-checked, and also make sure any trash is bagged up and removed from the building. Apparently, we have unwanted visitors—some say ghosts—who have twice now activated the motion sensors and set off the alarms. In addition, after not having been used for over a year, the Lodge ovens and warmer need to be serviced. If you plan on preparing food in the Lodge, you might want to make alternate plans until we get them fixed. Enjoy the Fourth, and may God bless you and these United States.

SECRETARY's CORNER

Another is in the books Brethren. Can you believe it's already July? Have you paid your dues this year? Are you having issues? Let us know how we can assist. I hope everyone has a happy and safe 4th of July! I will also touch on what the Master said above. Please clean up after yourselves in Lodge, there is nothing worse than coming in to open food and trash not being emptied. Don't let it get out of hand and unwanted guests invade our Lodge.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



This month we remember M.:W.: Oscar Wood Tate, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1986. M.:W.: Tate served as Worshipful Master of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in 1971—50 years ago this year—and as District Deputy Grand Master in 1976, our Nation's Bicentennial. He was born August 3, 1926 and passed away February 13, 2003. He is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Shown below is a grandfather clock recently donated to the Lodge by the family of M.:W.: Oscar Wood Tate. Our gratitude goes out to his daughter, Ms. Brenda Lee.



Officers of the Lodge (see plaque next to clock in the anteroom) in 1971 contain many familiar names to us.

Wor. Oscar Wood Tate, WM
Wor. Ferris M. Belman, SW
R.:W.: William M. Sebastian, JW
Wor. Ishmael A. Pugh, Treas.
R.:W.: Ralph A. Hicks, Sec.
Wor. Rudolph E. Griffith, SD
Bro. Calvin J. Glattfelder, JD

Bro. Wayne R. Smith, SS
Wor. H. William W. Baker, JS
Wor. Norman C. May, Chap.
Wor. Clyde C. Haire, Tiler
Bro. Walter K. Wigglesworth, Mar.

And M.:W.: Edward H. Cann, Sec. Emeritus



Congratulations and a hearty welcome back to the members of OES Chapter No. 29, as they resume in-person meetings at the Fredericksburg Masonic Temple! Picture taken in the new Lafayette Room.





Reminder about the FMMA Golf Tournament for 2021, to be held on Friday, September 24, 2021, at Meadows Farms. Registration is now open at the website below.

Website: [FMMA Annual Golf Tournament \(perfectgolfevent.com\)](http://perfectgolfevent.com)

Please consider sponsoring a hole, donating prizes, or registering a foursome. The Lodge Building and Cemetery are both in need of repair, so please consider helping out as well as enjoying a great day of fun and fellowship.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

In addition to assisting Micah Ministries with its meal deliveries, we are seeking volunteers to assist with building a house through Habitat for Humanity. We Masons are builders...and here is an opportunity to practice the operative side of our Craft. If you're handy with a hammer, please consider volunteering.

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Charles Cooper, PM – 2024

Chris Decker, PM – 2022

Dan Goodwin, PM – 2023
Dennis David - 2025

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Huey Allen

Lodge Almoner
Richard Klehm, PM

LIVING PAST MASTERS

Wor.: Carter. G. Wells.....	1963	Wor.: Jene G. Parrotte.....	2004
Wor.: Rudolph E. Griffith.....	1974	R.:W.: Steven W. Sanford.....	2005
Wor.: Henry W. Baker.....	1975	Wor.: Richard D. Dey.....	2006
Wor.:Edward L. Donalson.....	1983	Wor.: Anthony L Rudder.....	2007
Wor.:Dennis W. Berry.....	1986	R.:W.: Jeffrey D. St. Onge.....	2009
Wor.:Thomas C Shelton.....	1988	Wor.: Shelton S. Mackey.....	2010
Wor.:William J. White.....	1989	Wor.: Shelby L. Chandler.....	2011
Wor.:James R. Adams.....	1992	Wor.: Christopher J. Decker.....	2012
Wor.:Robert W. Benish.....	1993	Wor.: Christopher R. Wilson.....	2013
Wor.:Michael J. McCray.....	1995	Wor.: Jeffrey L. Mitchell.....	2014
Wor.:Steven M. Gallahan.....	1996	M.: W.: Jeffrey P. VanCuren.....	2015
Wor.: Charles B. Pasto.....	1998	Wor.: James L. Ragsdale.....	2016
Wor.: J. Travis Walker.....	2000	Wor.: Michael T. Moses.....	2017
Wor.: Daniel W. Thompson.....	2001	Wor.: Daniel T. Goodwin.....	2018
R.:W.: W. Robert Brammer.....	2002	Wor.: James M. Snyder.....	2019
Wor.: Sheridan G. Harrod.....	2003	Wor.: Stanley R. Kennedy.....	2020