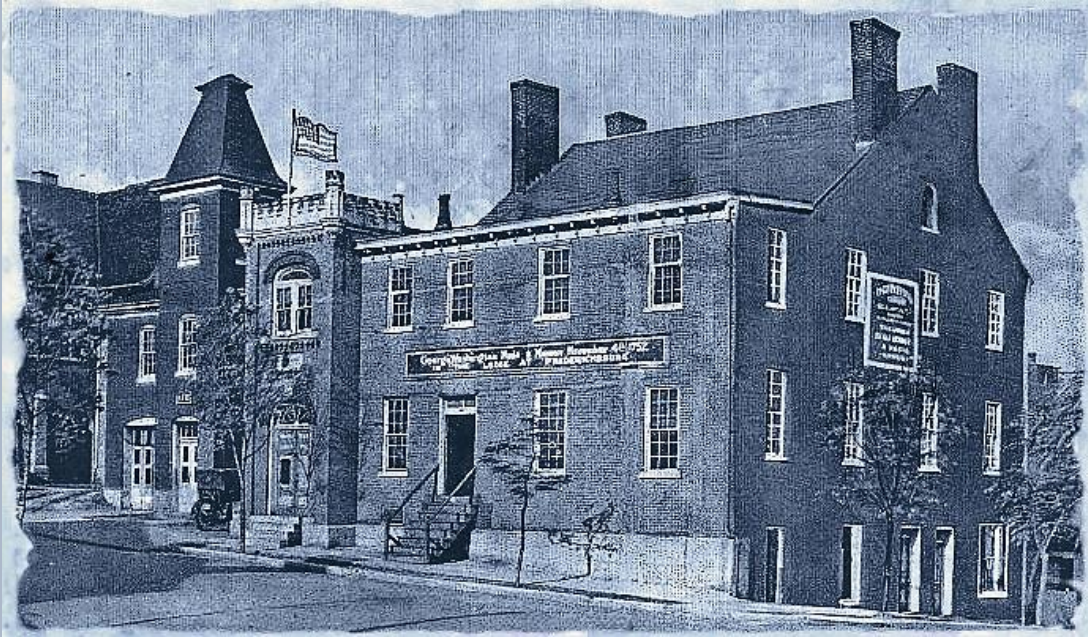


# FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.



## 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)

JUNE 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Memorial Day Masonic Cemetery 9am	1 Lodge Zoom Call 7:00 pm	2	3	4	5 Pancake Breakfast 8-10am Ofc. Mtg. 10am
6	7	8	9 Ritual Practice 7pm	10	11 Dinner 6pm Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Meal Delivery 4:30pm
13	14	15	16 Ritual Practice 7pm	17	18	19 Lodge Education 8am (Zoom)
20	21	22 District Ritual School 7pm	23 Ritual Practice 7pm	24	25	26 Lodge Education 8am (Library)
27	28	29	30 Ritual Practice 7pm			

Consult calendar on website for details and updates.

Please note that the Stated Dinner runs from 6pm to 7pm, followed by a program. This is to allow more time for fellowship and wider participation by wives, families, and working candidates.

The monthly Zoom call will be on the first Tuesday of each month (Meeting ID 824 6760 1712; passcode 109494).

Lodge education moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month; check the Friends of the Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge Facebook Group for schedule changes. Please note that we will do one session a month via Zoom, and one in person at the Lodge, to permit discussion of such topics as may not be fit for an open forum.

## ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES

Howard Arthur Thomas, Jr	53 years	Robert Douglas Samuels	50 years
Charles Griffin McDaniel	49 years	Carlos Jorge Munoz	48 years
Bobby Dill Merritt	48 years	Stormy Thorson	42 years
James Lea Vance	40 years	James William Haley, Jr.	38 years
Thomas Culver Shelton	38 years	Mark Alan Jones	37 years
Donald Lee Brooks	28 years	Anthony Landis Rudder	21 years
Dennis Ronald Hooks	20 years	Philip Hester Walden, Jr.	17 years
Derek James Honyoust	17 years	Martin Thomas Smith II	15 years
Christopher Richard Wilson	14 years	Erik Edward Cobham	14 years
Christopher Brian O'Donnell	11 years	Stephen Laurence Fisher	8 years
Jason Michael Lasko	8 years	Ronnie Orlando Couser	6 years
David Anonio Palacios	5 years	Jerry Boyce Howie, Jr.	5 years
Patrick Francis McConnell	4 years	James Quincy Watters IV	3 years

## MASTER'S CORNER

It is my great pleasure to report that essentially all coronavirus restrictions—social distancing, masks, and restrictions on numbers—have now been lifted at the Lodge. We've turned the corner and are now ready to resume our historic level of Masonic activity. This applies to all bodies that meet in the Building, which is now available for outside rental again. Only a few ritual modifications will continue until September. We're now able to serve meals in the usual fashion and are looking forward eagerly to our first pancake breakfast since March of 2020. Those of you who didn't make the meal at the May stated missed out on an outstanding meal of Peruvian chicken. We hope you'll join us this month.

As we all celebrate the return to normalcy, please remember we may have Brethren who have health issues or loved ones with compromised immune systems. We should not make anyone feel uncomfortable who is hesitant about coming out or who still chooses to wear a mask. That's a matter left up to each Brother.

Looking ahead, we'll be planning several events to bring everyone back together and reenergize ourselves. As stated last month, we're planning a Lodge picnic on August 21<sup>st</sup> back at the Isaac Walton League and a Table Lodge on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. This will not be our September stated, but will instead be a special called communication. A flier for the Golf tournament September 24<sup>th</sup> is attached to this Trestle Board. In addition to players, we need sponsors and prizes to make this a successful fundraising event. We're also planning some additional family events, as well as an outing for our widows this fall. Please watch the Trestle Board, website, and Friends of the Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge Facebook page for future announcements.

This month's stated meeting theme will be Youth Night, featuring both the Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls, with a program before Lodge formally opens. The proceeds from this month's charity basket will go to the SPCA, one of the Rainbow charities. This is a great opportunity for those of you who may have daughters, granddaughters, or nieces, to learn what these organizations are about and get a petition. We will also have a representative from the DeMolay.

I also want to update you on the columbarium project as well as building projects at the Lodge. We have done some preliminary survey work and identified several locations with possible graves or markers where we don't have records. You may have noticed flags scattered around the cemetery. Within the next couple months, we're planning on doing a more thorough survey with ground-penetrating radar, which could impact the feasibility of the project. The findings will be reported back to the Lodge in a future meeting. Regardless of the outcome, both the cemetery and building are in need of repairs and we need to be very proactive in preserving these for future generations. We are also undertaking some remodeling, including expanding the Secretary's and Treasurer's offices into the front, formerly William Moseley Brown, room. Bro. Shawn Bryar is also redesigning the Lodge foyer to make it a more visually impressive entryway. This room, designed to showcase our Lodge's history, will be christened the Lafayette Room.

Lastly, let us pause this Memorial Day to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our great country and the God-given liberties we enjoy.

## **SECRETARY's CORNER**

Brethren, We are halfway through the year and we have not received dues from 70 number of members. Are you struggling to make ends meet do you need a hand? Reach out to myself or the Master and let's have a chat about what the Lodge can do to assist you. It will be kept in confidence, but we don't want to see a Brother get suspended over pride. We are here for you!

“One thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry.” – *Carl H. Claudy*

## **NUGGETS**

**By Brother Bob Melvin, LEO**

“It's All about the Light”

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

It is fitting this Memorial Day to take a moment to remember those patriots from the American Revolution and War of 1812 who are interred at the Masonic Cemetery in Fredericksburg. Below are their names as they appear on the marker installed by the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution and Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia.

### Revolutionary War

Captain Eliezer Callender  
Lieutenant Robert B. Chew, Sr.  
Patriot William Drummond  
Midshipman David Henderson  
Surgeon John Julian  
Private Lewis Littlepage  
Private John Minor  
Patriot James Stevenson  
Private William Wiatt  
Brig. General George Weedon

Lieutenant John Chew, Jr.  
Major Benjamin Day  
Private Daniel Grinnan, Sr.  
Patriot William Jenkins  
Private John Legg  
Lt. Colonel William McWilliams  
Patriot James Somerville  
Patriot William Storke  
Lt. Colonel Gustavus B. Wallace  
Patriot Charles Yates

### War of 1812

Captain Matthew Anderson  
Surgeon's Mate Charles L. Carter  
Sergeant Robert S. Chew, Sr.  
Sergeant Robert T. Ellis  
Private Daniel Grinnan, Jr.  
Private William A. Knox  
Private John Metcalfe  
Private John Scott  
Lt. Colonel John Stanard

Captain John Buck  
Corporal John Chew  
Sergeant Major James Dixon  
Private Basil Gordon  
Private Anthony Kale  
Brig. General Richard B. Maury  
Brig. General John Minor  
Private John M. Shepherd  
Lieutenant Alexander Walker

Private Henry White



## LODGE NEWS



The Lodge would like to congratulate R.W. Jeff VacCuren, PM, on his upcoming installation as Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, A.F. & A.M, on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Wor. Jeff was Master of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in 2015. His theme was *Remember Brother, in Whom You Put Your Trust*. Several members of our Lodge are expected to be present for this momentous occasion. We're all very proud of Wor. Jeff, as well as his son, Wor. Alex Van Curen, who is serving as Worshipful Master of Mt. Rushmore Lodge No. 220 in Rapid City, SD.

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Our Chaplain, Bro. Shawn Bryar, has recently undertaken an effort to renovate the Lodge foyer, in an 18<sup>th</sup> Century French style. There were three antique fireplace mantels in the Lodge attic, collecting dust and grime from time immemorial. The largest and most elaborate of the three was removed, power washed, sanded, and painted by Bro. Bryar. Shown below are the before and after pictures.



The Lodge will commemorate the Bicentennial of Gen. and Brother Lafayette's visit to Fredericksburg in 2024. Our historian, Wor. Shelby Chandler, participated in a virtual seminar held by The Lafayette Trail, Inc. at Cincinnati-Lafayette Lodge No. 483 in Cincinnati, OH, the night of our May stated. At his visit in November 1824, Bro. Lafayette was made an honorary member of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4.



As a centerpiece of the new Lafayette Room, the Lodge will display this Louis XVI-style *vitrine*, or glass display cabinet, featuring ornate decorative *ormolu* work. This was donated to the Lodge by Bro. Robert J. Breitenbach and his wife Deborah L. Breitenbach, in the name of Bro. James H. R. Curd and his wife, Betty L. Curd.



Finally, over the past two months, the Lodge has been busy initiating 6 new Entered Apprentices. These include the son of our Jr. Warden, Bro. Joe Gilkerson, who sat in the East the first time to confer the Degree on his son. We are proud of all our new EAs and would like to give them a warm welcome into the Lodge.





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**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**September 24, 2021**



**Meadows  
Farms**



**HOME OF THE  
LONGEST  
HOLE IN THE  
USA**

*Captain's Choice*

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.



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## TRUSTEES

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Charles Cooper, PM – 2024		Dennis David - 2025

## PROGRAM OFFICERS

<b>Lodge Blood Coordinator</b> Jeff Mikulas	<b>Lodge Instructor of Work</b> Charles L. Dirienzo	<b>Lodge Education Officer</b> Bob Melvin
<b>Masonic Home Ambassador</b> Ross Upchurch	<b>Lodge Catechism Chair</b> Huey Allen	<b>Lodge Almoner</b> 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	R.: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