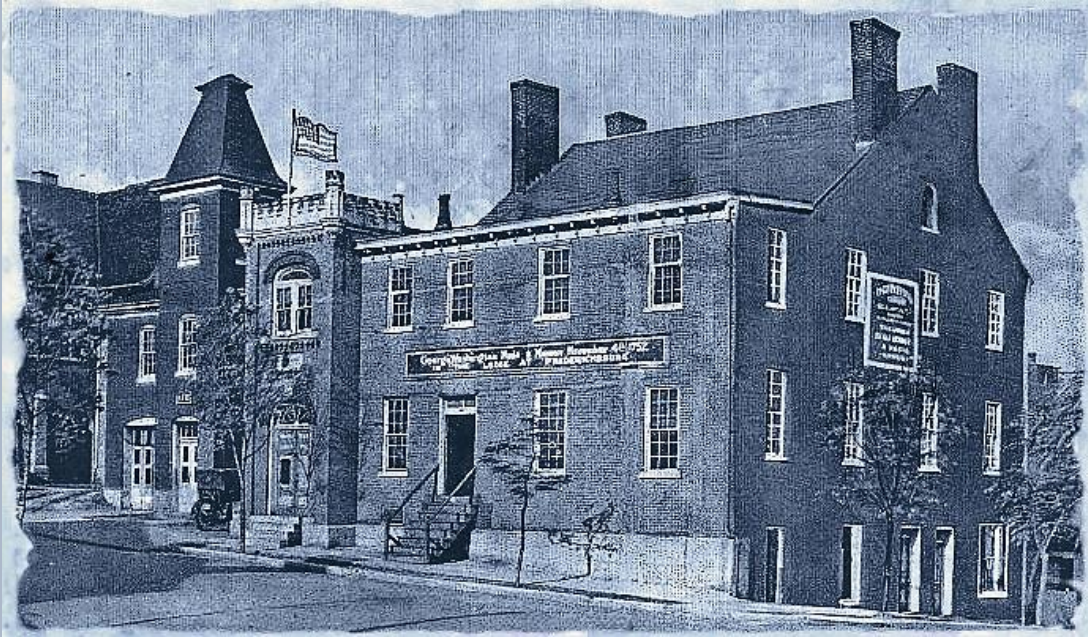


FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.



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

803 Princess Anne St.
Fredericksburg,
VA 22401

INITIATED NOVEMBER 4, 1752

PASSED MARCH 3, 1753

RAISED AUGUST 4, 1753

Stated Meeting
Second Fridays
(except Nov. 4)

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'A TEMPLE OF LIVING STONES'

Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:30 pm

Degree Work
Wednesdays 7pm
(check calendar)

MAY 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 Catechism Practice 7pm	6	7	8 Education 8am Meal Delivery 4:30pm
9	10	11	12 Zoom Call 6pm Ritual Practice 7pm	13	14 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	15
16	17	18	19 EA Degree 7pm	20	21	22 Education 8am
23	24	25 Visit Mt. Carmel #131/District 8 School 7pm	26 Ritual Practice 7pm	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day Service – Cemetery 9am					

Consult calendar on website for details and updates.

We're moving the Zoom call from the night of stated to the Wednesday before, since we're resuming meals before stated starting in May (dinner at 6pm).

The Lodge will resume the pancake breakfasts on June 5th, from 8-10am.

Please also join us for our Memorial Day Service at the Masonic Cemetery on May 31st.

ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES

Richard Phelps Miller	58 years	Donald Richard Sparks	57 years
John Albert Fines	56 years	George Harden Edwards	55 years
Rudolph Edwards Griffith	53 years	Henry Eugene Rees	37 years
Ronald Walker Hall	35 years	Denny Waddell Kelly	24 years
Charles Lee Cooper	23 years	Gregory Paul Balzer	21 years
Nasseem Assad Sleem	17 years	Steven Michael Draper, Sr.	17 years
Michael Allen Hunnel	16 years	Christopher John Decker	15 years
Charles William Horton	15 years	David Grant Black	15 years
Todd Patrick Kee	15 years	Roger William Baughan	14 years
Gary Steven Smith	13 years	Brian Francis Supples	13 years
Brian Russell Hesler	11 years	Gregory Allen Baxter-Hey	11 years
William Frederick McGrath	11 years	Jeffery Philip VanCuren	11 years
Steven Thomas Cahill	10 years	Mikeal Cheslav Stojic	9 years
Scott Winter Walker	7 years	Ronald Frederick Reuschling	7 years
Trevor Bailey Taylor	6 years	Michael Patrick Hansberry	5 years
Joseph Kenneth Gilkerson	4 years	Nicolas Tayler Gilchrist	3 year

MASTER'S CORNER

Brethren, it's my pleasure to report that we're continuing to return to a more normal level of activity. This last month, we initiated four new EAs into the Mysteries of Freemasonry, the first in nearly a year and a half. We also held our first social event, at Alum Spring Park (photo below). This was well-attended with over thirty members, family, and friends. One thing this pandemic has taught us is that social interaction is vital to our well-being as human beings, and we're going to plan more such events in coming months. We can now start scheduling activities with high confidence that we'll be able to pull them off as planned this summer and fall. Looking forward, if you missed the cookout in April, we'll have the Lodge's annual picnic on August 21st, and in September, our Table Lodge and FMMA Golf Tournament. Other events will be announced shortly.

Starting May 1st, the Grand Lodge is authorizing us to serve meals under the Phase II guidelines. That means that we will start having meals before stated on May 14th and will resume the pancake breakfasts as of June 5th. I know that's something we all look forward to. Our appendant bodies and youth groups are also returning to the Lodge and may resume serving meals, provided they comply with the Phase II guidelines in the Grand Master's October 19, 2020 letter, and existing health restrictions, which remain in place. A link to these resources is given [here](#).

We hope you'll join us at our May stated, where we're planning some interesting historical programs, including broadcasting a live seminar on Gen. and Bro. Lafayette, as well as visitors from the GW Masonic National Memorial. Please note we're moving dinner back half an hour to 6pm, to allow more time for socializing and programs outside the tiled portion of the meeting. Therefore, we encourage our new EAs

and members of the Masonic family to attend the dinner and program before we retire upstairs for a short business meeting.

Lastly, let me be blunt—your Lodge needs you. We need you to get involved. We need you to coach, to mentor, and to participate in Degree work. We need you to pitch in with the Stewards, cut the grass at the Cemetery, work in the Archives. We also need those who may have stopped coming to Lodge, whether due to some conflict with another Brother, past experience, or just life circumstances, to give your Lodge another try. If the former, I'd challenge you to reach out to your Brother in a spirit of reconciliation and work out your differences. Let's set old differences aside and let bygones be bygones. We're all Brothers, and that's what Brothers do. I look forward to seeing many old familiar faces soon.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren, what would a Secretaries article be without the gentle reminder that if you have outstanding dues and are having issues please reach out and let us know. Don't let pride keep you from you Brethren.

Now onto the fun part: The Wilding family in Cheshire have tyled Lodge of Sincerity, No. 428, continuously since 1836, a total of 168 years. The current Tyler, Bro. Tony Wilding, is the 7th generation of the family to serve the Lodge.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



As we prepare to commemorate Memorial Day, we'd like to honor Wor. and Brigadier General George Weedon (1734-1793), who is buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Fredericksburg. He was with Ill. Bro. Washington when he crossed the Delaware, fought alongside him at the Battles of Trenton, Brandywine, and Yorktown, where he was instrumental in cutting off the British and bringing an end to the American Revolution. He served as Worshipful Master in 1783 and Mayor of Fredericksburg in 1785. He is now the subject of a film documentary in progress by local historian Norman Voss.

LODGE EVENTS

Now announcing 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.



*Fredericksburg
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September 24, 2021

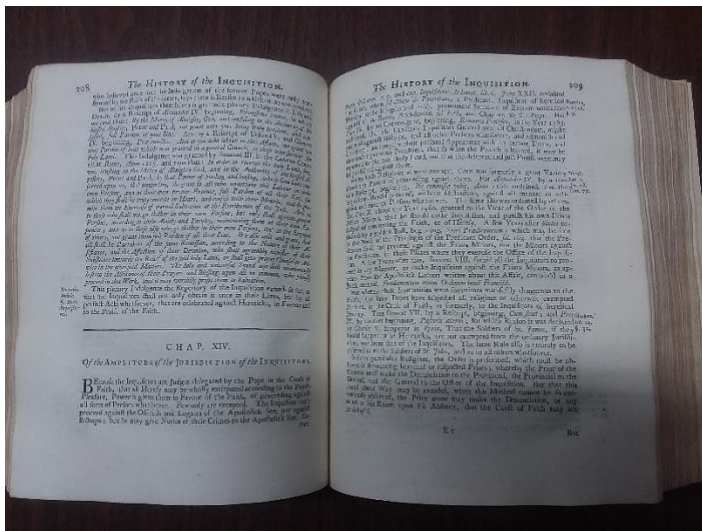




Lodge cookout at Alum Springs Park on April 25th

Lastly, we'd like to express our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Ethel Hellman, who throughout this pandemic has graciously taken it upon herself to restore several of our books in the Ralph A. Hicks Masonic Library. The most recent batch is pictured below, including the *History of the Inquisition* from 1731 (open below). As this has been a volunteer project for her, the Lodge will accept donations towards the restoration of our remaining holdings.

In addition, we would like to expand our holdings to include more Masonic books for use in research and our Masonic Education Program.



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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