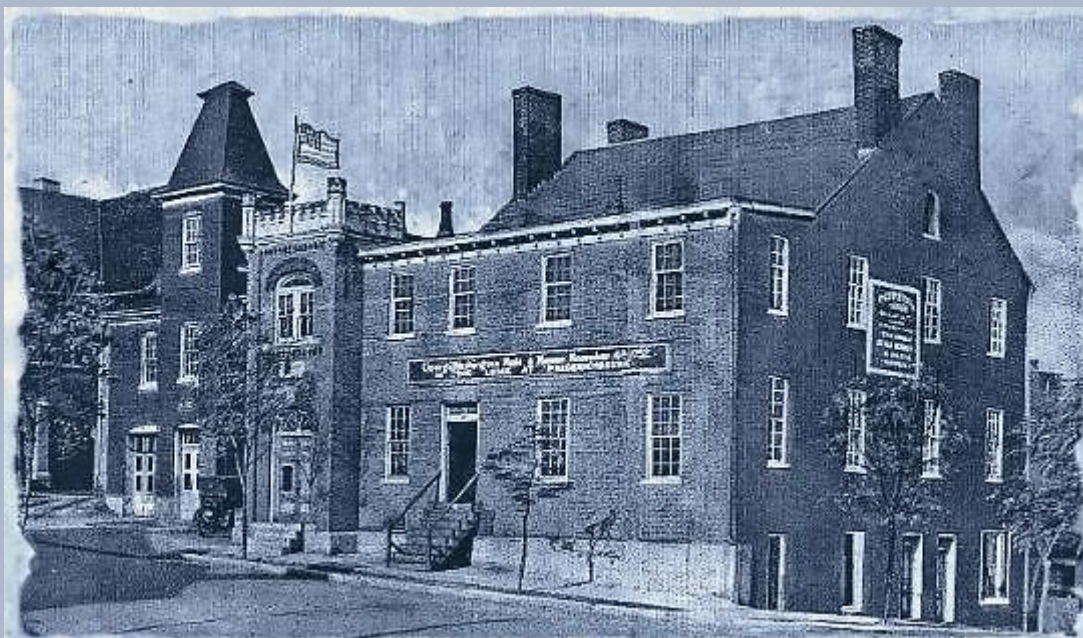


# **FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.**



## **TRESTLE BOARD**

**FIRST RECORDED MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1, 1752**

**SCOTTISH CHARTER - JULY 21, 1758**

**VIRGINIA CHARTER - JANUARY 30, 1787**

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**INITIATED NOVEMBER 4, 1752**

**PASSED MARCH 3, 1753**

**RAISED AUGUST 4, 1753**

Stated Meeting  
Second Fridays  
(except Nov. 4)

Dinner 6:30 pm  
Meeting 7:30 pm

**'GUARDIANS OF THE CRAFT,  
BUILDERS OF TOMORROW'  
JULY 2025**

Degree Work  
Wednesdays 7pm  
(check calendar)

## JULY 2025 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Degree or Ritual School 7 pm	3	4 Independence Day	5 Pancake Breakfast, 8 am
6	7	8 Community Meal 4 pm	9 Lodge Clean Up & Ritual School 7 pm	10	11 Stated Comm. Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30	12
13	14	15	16 Degree or Ritual School 7 pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Degree or Ritual School 7 pm	24	25	26
27	28 District Ritual School 7 pm	29 Community Meal 4 pm	30	31		

*Consult calendar on website for event details and updates.*

### Highlights from Last Month:

- Recognition of Wor. Chuck Cooper's contributions to the Lodge
- Presentation of 50-year Masonic Veteran's pin to Bro. Charles McDaniel
- St. John's Day program by Wor. Patrick McConnell

## ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES

### Masonic Anniversaries for July

Bro. William D. Erickson, Jr.	43 yrs.	Bro. Ryan H. Carton	8
Bro. Kent G. Sands	36	Bro. John C. Kuhnle	8
Bro. Danny R. Fields	35	Bro. Richard J. Sabando	8
Bro. Gregory E. Armstrong	34	Bro. Mason L. DePeal	3
Bro. Victor R. Carreno	15		

## **A Night to Remember: June Stated Communication at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4**

Our June Stated Communication was truly one for the books, a gathering filled with joy, reverence, and the kind of Brotherhood that reminds us why we call the Lodge our second home.

From the moment the doors opened, there was a special kind of energy in the air. The Lodge room and Baker room alike buzzed with lively conversation, laughter, and the warm embrace of both familiar and new faces. Brethren from near and far, including visitors from North Carolina, Illinois and across Virginia, gathered in strength to share in the spirit of Freemasonry. Tours were given, sharing our proud history of our Lodge.

The evening began with a hearty and well-received meal, sliced Angus beef brisket, roasted potato salad, and corn on the cob. The vote was unanimous: it was a delicious dinner and a perfect prelude to a night filled with purpose.



The program portion of the evening was rich with thought and history. Bro. Travis Miller, Senior Warden of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120, gave a compelling

historical presentation on foreign-born Freemasons who fought in the Continental Army. His talk touched on remarkable figures such as the Marquis de Lafayette, Tadeusz Kościuszko, and Baron von Steuben, reminding us of the global ties that have long bound the Craft together.

Our own Wor. Patrick McConnell followed with an inspiring presentation on Saint John the Baptist, beautifully aligning Masonic teachings with historical and spiritual reflection.

The night continued with meaningful moments of recognition and gratitude. Bro. Charles G. McDaniel was honored with his 50-Year Masonic Veteran pin, a milestone that speaks not only to his longevity in the Craft, but to a life of steadfast commitment and service.





Worshipful Charles Lee Cooper was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from both the Grand Lodge of Virginia and Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. A specially crafted certificate accompanied the honor, representing the deep respect held for his contributions.



As the gavel fell and the evening came to a close, there was a tangible sense that something special had taken place. The echoes of fellowship, the stories shared, and the reverence shown for those who have given so much to the Craft reminded all present that Freemasonry is alive and well at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4.



It was a night where past and present met with purpose, where Brotherhood was celebrated in word and deed, and where every handshake and embrace reaffirmed the strength of our Fraternity. If you missed it my brother, know that you were missed. And know that the doors of the Lodge remain open, and the light ever shines, awaiting your return!



### **A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Distinguished Guests**

On behalf of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, I wish to extend my sincerest gratitude to the Worshipful Masters who honored us with their presence and brotherly fellowship:

- Worshipful Master Walter De La Vega, Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120
- Worshipful Master Benjamin Jibben Wagoner, Fellowship Lodge No. 84, Smithfield, North Carolina
- Worshipful Master Blake Roderick, Pittsfield Lodge, Illinois
- Worshipful Master Jeremy Utt, Spotsylvania Lodge No. 28

Your visit added warmth, strength, and light to our gathering. It is always a joy and a privilege to welcome such dedicated and honorable Brothers from across

jurisdictions and state lines. May the bonds we share continue to grow in Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. A special thanks to Wor. Blake, for traveling that distance and for supporting our Sr. Warden as one's uncle does.

And on a personal note, I couldn't have been more joyful. As the evening coincided with my birthday, I'm filled with deep gratitude that so many good things unfolded on a night already so dear to me. A full heart, a full Lodge, and an evening to remember!

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Mike

## **Industry A Duty and Virtue**

(abridged from presentation at May 2025 State Communication)

We gather as a Lodge and as men of good conscience, bound by our Obligations and dedicated to the timeless principles of Freemasonry. Industry is driven by obligation and an obligation to persistent effort. Within Masonic obligations are found, duty to one's community, and the cultivation of civic virtue.

Duty and Civic Virtue are not just dusty ideas from some ancient parchment. At their core, Wisdom, Strength and Beauty are found, and these are the very pillars upon which an industrious and noble society are built. In these pillars we find the echoes of the teachings revealed in the Beauty of the Holy Scriptures, the whispered Wisdom of King Solomon, and the tireless pursuit of enlightenment that has Strengthened our ancient Brotherhood for centuries. While addressing ideas such as duty, virtue, wisdom, strength and beauty in a way only a Greek tragedy can; Aeschylus wrote, "against our will, comes wisdom, through the awful grace of God."

Setting aside a playwright for inspiration, let us consider our Lodge forefathers (and Brothers among us) for inspiration to industry, those men who helped forge this great community and country. Brothers such as Bro. Silvanus Quinn, Bro. Fielding Lewis, Bro. George Weedon, just to name a few. They weren't content to



merely fraternize within the Lodge walls, nor were they content with secret handshakes and passwords, or the ritual. No, they embraced great Masonic and industrious principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and they carried them out into the world. They built schools and hospitals, they leveraged their lives, fortunes and sacred Honor when they saw despotism and despair in their world; they championed the cause of decency and principled prosperity in the world around them; they understood that Freemasonry wasn't just a fraternal society; it was an obligation. Their obligation was a burden they considered their solemn duty and industry. It was their privilege of membership to seek more light. Those Brothers, as many before and after, have endowed us today with both great privilege and awful burden.

Some today, might say, "Those were different times. Slower clocks struck happier hours. We live in the modern world now. Time is a currency, and my worth is measured by spreadsheets and charts. What can a humble Freemason like me do in the face of all the problems in the world I see today? Other people's problems are for someone else's spreadsheet. Can't I just be a better man in my own humble confines?"

To that I say, you are not merely a humble Freemason- You are a FREEMASON! It's in those small acts of service to others, outside of your own humble, comfortable confines; it's in those quiet tests of leadership, in those unwavering commitments to temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, that true civic virtue shines and industry is found. Remember Brothers, the perception we have of the world around us today is no more exaggerated or diminished or complicated than the perception our Lodge forefathers had. Their solution was industry. This is also our solution. Remember, most importantly, every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. These words rang true then and they ring true still today.

Brothers, it is not just your capability but your solemn duty to lead by example and to be a beacon of light in the community. Every one of us has the ability to influence, and with that influence comes the undeniable responsibility to act.

Consider St. John the Evangelist, traveling the ancient world, spreading the Good Word and aiding those in need. He wasn't a king, or a general, but his actions

changed the course of history. He exemplifies how individual acts, guided by principle, can resonate far beyond their immediate impact.

Consider, more contemporarily, our Brother, George Weedon. Here was a man, a tavern keeper by trade, and a man of influence, but when his community called, when his country needed him, he didn't hesitate. He served as a general officer in the Continental Army, fighting bravely for his countrymen's independence. He faced hardships, endured sacrifice, and helped forge the civic prosperity we enjoy today. Then he returned home to run his tavern in this small hamlet on the Rappahannock and afterwards cared for his Brother Mercer's widow and orphans. This was his Duty, his Industry.

He didn't have time to be a civic superhero. He had a business to run, bills to pay, a family to care for, just like many of us. But he answered the call, put his responsibilities in order, and stepped up for the greater good. He was comfortable in his own right, but he chose to be uncomfortable in his deeds.

And what's our excuse? Are we less capable than Brother Weedon? Are we less dedicated to the principles he found essential to society? Are we less industrious? Are we less able to influence the world around us? Pray not.

Brothers, civic virtue isn't some grand, unattainable ideal. It's about acting with honesty in your public life. It's about giving your time and effort where your skills can serve others. It's about Serving in civic organizations. It's about coaching and mentoring young men. It's about listening to your neighbor's concerns and offering a helping hand and wise and measured counsel. It's about voting your conscience when your decision is requested. It's about standing just and upright in the community. It's about upholding justice and accountability with both firmness and compassion. These are your civic obligations. This is industry.

Think about the widow and the orphan for which we are obliged to provide relief. Now think about those misfortunates in our society- the lonely- the downtrodden – the lost. They represent the widow and orphan, those who need our help and our example. To embody civic virtue is to act as a shield for the defenseless, a voice

for the voiceless, a conversant for the oblivious; to stand for truth and honor when others might waver. This is industry.

Here in Virginia, we understand the importance of family and community. We understand the strength that comes from shared values and genteel respect. We know that a flood tide is the waterman's friend, and the tobacco flower blooms in the moonlight. As Virginia Masons, we have a sacred duty to our families and communities, to contribute to the industry that the tide of opportunity brings us, to be beacons of light in a world that often appears dark and uncertain.

We are Freemasons, not spectators. We are builders, we are leaders, we are men of action. We are not called to sit on the sidelines when our community calls out.

This is our challenge- get involved and act. Don't just say you care; show you care. Do not say you stand with something, stand for something.

- Attend a town hall or school board meeting. Let your tempered voice be heard on the issues that affect our community.
- Volunteer to lead on a board or civic organization. There are countless organizations that need your help and your experience and your leveled wisdom.
- Mentor a young person. Guide them, support them, and help them reach their full potential.
- Run for a local office. If you're passionate about your community, step up and lead.
- Simply be a good neighbor. Offer a helping hand to those in need, show kindness and compassion, and be a positive influence in your corner of the world.

Brothers, perfection is not asked of you. Participation is asked of you. Be the kind of Freemason, that when a young man starting out on his own is asked, "who do you look up to," his answer is you. Be the person in which the people you do business with will always get a square deal. When your family, neighbors, church or community look for someone to step forward, they should find a Freemason doing so.

Think about it, pray about it, and then do something about it. Because Brothers, our community needs us, and Freemasonry calls us to act. Let us rise to the occasion and let us leave this world a little better than we came into it.

Let us recommit ourselves to our Masonic principles. Let us pledge to be men of action, men of service, men of thought, men of industry, men of civic virtue. Let us honor the legacy of our ancestral Brothers and our contemporary Brothers in Fredericksburg Lodge #4.

As we prepare to leave from the next Stated Communication, do not simply return to our daily routines unchanged. Let the lessons we learn in Freemasonry, the bonds forged in Brotherhood, fuel a transformation within each of us, and without us. Let us strive to be not merely good men within this Lodge, but exemplary citizens in the world outside this Lodge.

Brothers, as you navigate your public lives, let your every action be noble. Let integrity be your compass, guiding you towards what is right and just, even when the path is difficult or unpopular. Seek to build bridges, not walls, to unite rather than divide, to whisper good counsel and be always willing to receive the same. Seek knowledge and reject ignorance. Let your word be your bond. Let your character be unimpeachable. Let your actions reflect the highest ideals of Freemasonry, inspiring respect and admiration in all who observe you. Let your lamp shine brightly and illuminate a path for all around you. Let the world see the true meaning of Freemasonry through your deeds. Let us remember that we are all children of the Great Architect, striving towards enlightenment.

Let us help, aid and assist each other, in all our temporal pursuits with Virtue, Magnanimity, Honor and Industry. Let us cheerfully shoulder the great privilege and awful burden which we all inherit as members of Fredericksburg Lodge #4.

Comme Noblesse, Maçonnerie Oblige-

Bro.: Seth Roderick



## Secretary's Corner

Wishing a very Happy Independence Day to all of our Brethren. As the summer season gets into full swing, many of you will be traveling and taking time off from your regular routine. Things tend to slow down a bit Masonically, as evidenced by the very short list of Brethren celebrating Masonic anniversaries this month. But that is not the case this year in our Lodge, as we have been practicing diligently to get ready for a substantial amount of Degree work coming up in the next few weeks. So if you're in town, please consider coming down on Wednesdays and support our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts as they advance on their Masonic journeys.

If you are traveling, consider making a visit to another Masonic Lodge, whether it be in Virginia, in another state, or overseas. It's generally a good idea to contact the Lodge Master or Secretary before visiting to make sure they're meeting and find out about the dinner and dress code, but I've had good luck visiting Lodges on a whim. We want to let you know that many foreign Lodges will require what we in Virginia call a Travel Certificate in addition to having a current dues card. This is a certificate that I can request for you from the Grand Lodge, which will be signed by the Master and Secretary and affixed with the Lodge seal. Sometimes other jurisdictions may request a Letter of Good Standing or other such document, which typically is what we call a Travel Certificate. The Grand Lodges in amity with one another are used to working together and can figure out what you need if you reach through your Lodge. Speaking of amity, please make sure in advance that the Lodge you plan to visit is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Again, this is something we can help you ascertain. The reason more than a dues card may be needed is that being in good standing is more than paying your dues. The certificate attests that, on the date it was issued, you had no Masonic charges pending against you (see Methodical Digest Sect. 2.138). Visitors to Virginia Lodges are expected to present a current dues card – i.e., valid through the end of the year or an LMIP or Veteran's card – and are administered the Tiler's Oath. This is basically asserting on your honor that you are in good standing. You may also be examined on certain elements of your Degrees which we will not go into here

for obvious reasons. But other jurisdictions may require the additional documents discussed above. Whatever your plans, safe travels and we hope to see you soon. Lastly, on this Independence Day, it's worth reflecting on the ideals and teachings of Freemasonry that influenced the founding of our great Nation. Many of our Founding Fathers were Freemasons, or otherwise influenced by their associates who were and by the Masonic ideas circulating around them. We stand for the dignity of Man, unalienable rights granted by our Creator, freedom of conscience, liberty and justice, equality and brotherhood, and the list goes on and on...all of which are echoed in the ancient truths of Masonry that were preserved through centuries of dark human history until they were brought to light in the crucible of Libery from which our great Nation was forged.

Fraternally,  
Christopher Tripp

**Preserving the light:**  
**A collaborative effort to safeguard the history of Lodge No. 4**  
*By The Worshipful Master*

There is a renewed energy within the sacred walls of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, not only in the bonds of Brotherhood but in the reverent labor of historical preservation. Our efforts to protect and archive the legacy of our storied Lodge are moving forward by leaps and bounds, thanks in no small part to the dedication and guidance of some truly remarkable individuals.



It has been our great fortune to collaborate with Clarissa Sanders, Manager of Operations and Events, and Kylie Thomson, Collections & Exhibitions Coordinator at the Fredericksburg Area Museum. These two steadfast friends of our Lodge have become invaluable partners in our mission to catalog, conserve, and display the treasures of our Masonic past. Their professionalism, care, and insight have elevated our efforts and ensured we proceed with integrity and precision.



With their support, and alongside our own Senior Warden, Brother Seth, and myself as Worshipful Master, we've committed ourselves to a labor of love. Countless hours have been poured into scanning documents, photographing artifacts, cataloging materials, researching items and carefully handling those items that require special attention. When more advanced preservation is required, we have turned to institutions such as Moore Archives, whose expertise provides us with additional assurance that our sacred relics are in good hands.

This work is not quick, nor is it easy, it is deliberate, consuming, and deeply inspiring. And yet, it has already borne fruit in unexpected and heartening ways.

During a recent visit to our Lodge, we were honored by the presence of Right Worshipful Jim Kraut Past District Deputy Grand Master of Hay Market Lodge



No. 313, as well as Right Worshipful Lee Phillips, Past District Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Orator from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. They were accompanied by their families, including R.W. Phillips' sister, Mrs. Cheryl Atwell, and niece.

To my astonishment and delight, Mrs. Atwell revealed that she is no stranger to the work of preservation. She has spent a significant portion of her life as a museum curator and collections manager, and served nearly a decade as Director of the Halifax Historical Museum in Daytona Beach, Florida.



Mrs. Atwell, clearly moved by what she saw at Lodge 4, has graciously offered her expertise and support. She plans to return with materials and resources to aid us further, tools that will help us better display, protect, and share our history with generations of public and Masons yet to come.

Upon further inspection of the display case housing our cherished George Washington Bible, we discovered that it was, regrettably, below the standard required for such a sacred and delicate artifact. In fact, it was unintentionally causing harm to the Bible over time. Recognizing the urgency of the matter, we have taken swift and thoughtful action. A new custom case has already been

measured and designed, with plans now underway for its construction. I look forward to presenting this new case to you in the near future, a protective cradle tailored specifically for our Bible, complete with UV-resistant glass, built-in security features, and mobility options that allow it to be safely transported when needed.



Every measure is being taken to ensure we honor the historical and spiritual weight of this treasured volume. As for the old case, it has served us faithfully, and it deserves our thanks, but the time has come for it to step aside so that we may better preserve our past for the future. None of this would have been possible without the kind help and expertise of Kylie Thomson, whose dedication and assistance in facilitating the design and creation of this new case has been invaluable. Thank you, Kylie, for helping us do right by this important piece of our Lodge's heritage.

We must also give special recognition to Brother Dennis David, whose tireless work and commitment have greatly strengthened our foundation. Brother Dennis

has been instrumental in helping preserve our oldest archives and has collaborated closely with us to ensure Lodge 4 will enjoy a far more robust and larger database.

The gratitude of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 and me personally, is deep and heartfelt.

There are no words sufficient to praise the generosity and dedication of those who have joined us in this noble endeavor. This is more than archiving, it is honoring the legacy entrusted to us by the Brethren who came before. It is our duty, our privilege, and now, thanks to our extended circle of friends and supporters, it is a shared mission.

We thank you, one and all, for your unwavering support, your time, and your trust. The Light of Lodge No. 4 will continue to shine, preserved, protected, and prepared for the future.

Sincerely,  
Michael Dove

**Guardians of memory, presenting Colonel and Bro John Stanard.**  
*Preserving the Legacy of Fredericksburg Masonic Cemetery*



Sacred to the memory of Colonel John Stanard Aged 47 years

After he served his country with a reputation in stations military and civil, he enlisted under the banner of Emmanuel, gained the victory over sin and death, and departed with joy at the command of his Lord.

“Calm on the bosom of thy God,  
Fair spirit rest thee now,  
E’er while with ours they footsteps trod  
His seal was on thy brow.  
Dust to its narrow house beneath  
Soul to its place on high  
They that have seen thy face in death  
No more may fear to die.”



This monument has been erected as a testimony of conjugal affection by his bereaved widow.

Colonel John Stanard was born at "Stanfield" Spotsylvania County the residence of his father, Captain Larken Stanard and Elizabeth Parrott Chew, his wife. His official military life began as ensign United States, Infantry 1807, Captain in 1812 and Lieutenant Colonel in 1814. He was honorably discharged June 15, 1816. He received a severe wound which lamed him for life in a duel with Dr. Bronaugh, an army surgeon.

In 1824, at the time of the visit of Lafayette to his country Colonel Stanard was one of the escort to meet him at Spotsylvania Courthouse and accompany him to Fredericksburg. It was he who fired the salute from the artillery stationed on the outskirts of the town, which announced to the citizen the approach of the great man.

When President Jackson was here in May, 1833, on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the first Mary Washington monument, the beautiful home of Colonel John Stanard was one whose doors were thrown wide open to the throng of distinguished guests.

The beautiful lot on Princess Anne Street, on which is now the shepherd residence, was until 1814, the Stanard property, when Elizabeth Stanard, the widow of William, conveyed the lots (83-84) to Robert Mackey, who built the present handsome residence.

The fire in 1808, which nearly destroyed the town started in the Stanard home on Princess Anne Street, and it is said by a candle in the kitchen being overturned, where refreshments were being prepared for the funeral of Captain Larkin Stanard.

The remains were gotten out of the house only with great difficulty on the part of the mourners. In those days funerals were accompanied by feasts, at which cake in sombre wrappings and wine in glasses with long black ribbons tied to the stems were served.

## HALF OF THE TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE

In the year 1807 Fredericksburg was visited by a terrible conflagration which destroyed nearly one-half of the town. It was in October of that year, when the town was almost depopulated, the citizens, old and young, having left their homes to attend and witness the horse racing just below town, on "Willis's Field" farm. The fire broke out in the dwelling house of Mr. Stannard, which was located on the lot where the residence of Mr. George W. Shepherd now stands, on the north corner of Princess Ann and Lewis streets. A high wind prevailed at the time, the house was inflammable, the weather very dry, and in a short time the fire swept down Main street, the flames leaping from house to house to Henderson's store, on the south corner of Main and Amelia streets; thence down both sides of Main to George street, destroying every building in its track except Henderson's corner, which alone escaped destruction. The Bank of Virginia, which stood on the spot where Shiloh Baptist church (old site) now stands, on Water street, although more than a quarter of a mile from where the fire originated, was the second house to take fire and was entirely consumed. Mr. Stannard, at whose residence the fire started, was lying a corpse in the house at the time of the fire, and his remains were rescued from the flames with great difficulty.



Preparations to rebuild the burnt district were at once commenced, and buildings of a more substantial character took the places of those destroyed and prosperity again smiled upon the town. Yet strange to say the square on the west side of Main street, from Lewis to Amelia, then in the business part of the town, and now in the residential part, although before the fire was lined with buildings, was without a building until some five years ago. A tool chest, saved from destruction in this fire, by the debris of the building falling upon it and covering it up, and which escaped the destruction wrought in town by the Federal soldiers in December, 1862, is now in the possession of Police Officer Charles A. Gore. It was the property of his grandfather, Jacob Gore, who had been working at Mr. Stannard's a few days before the fire occurred and left it there temporarily.

Colonel Stanard was a member of the Presbyterian Church here in Fredericksburg.

The Richmond Whig of September 27, 1838, quotes the following from a Fredericksburg paper: "*It is with sincere regret we announce the death of Colonel John*

*Stanard, of this town, formerly of the army of the United States, and later marshal of the Chancery Court of Fredericksburg district."*

### Masonic Lesson: From Earthly Service to Spiritual Ascent

*"After he served his country with a reputation in stations military and civil, he enlisted under the banner of Emmanuel, gained the victory over sin and death, and departed with joy at the command of his Lord."*

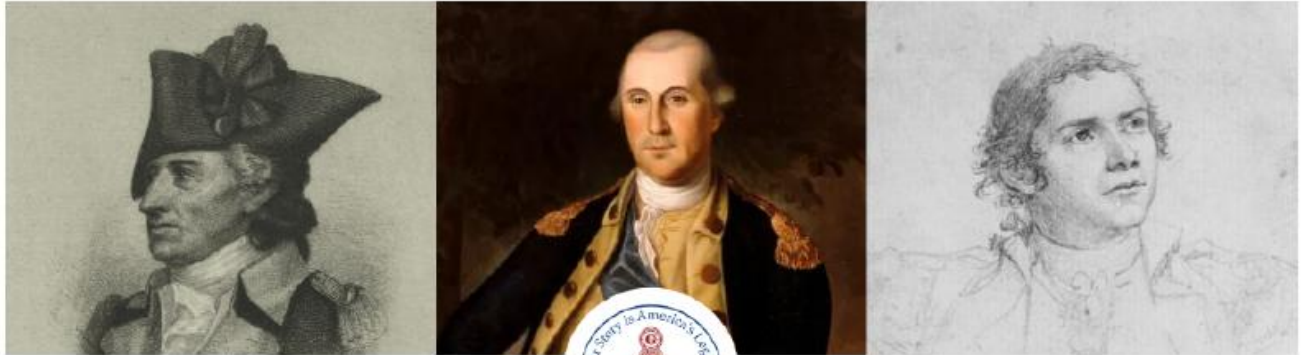
These words echo one of Freemasonry's highest ideals: That a life of duty and honor prepares the soul for the journey beyond the grave. Colonel and Bro Stanard's path, from military service, through civic engagement, to spiritual commitment, reflects the very progression symbolized in the Masonic degrees:

1. Entered Apprentice -He began in strength and vigor, serving as a young officer in the War of 1812.
2. Fellowcraft -He developed intellectually and socially, acting as host to dignitaries like Lafayette and President Jackson.
3. Master Mason -He ultimately embraced the spiritual light, enlisting "under the banner of Emmanuel" and departing this life "with joy," a phrase evoking the Masonic hope of immortality.

This concludes the sixth installment of our *Guardians of Memory series*. We hope you have found this journey through history both enriching and inspiring. In the enduring pursuit of further light, we warmly encourage all who are so inclined to explore history's timeless lessons and its profound influence on our shared legacy.

Sincerely,  
Michael Dove  
Worshipful Master  
Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4

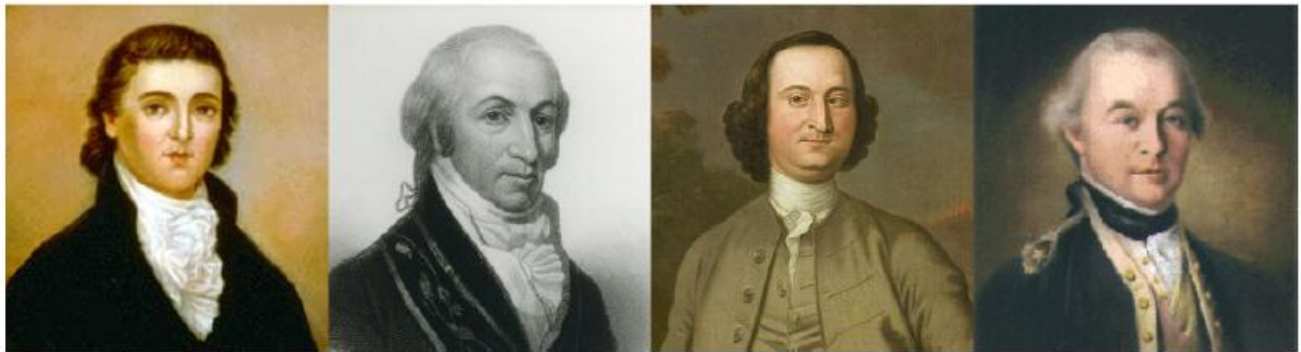




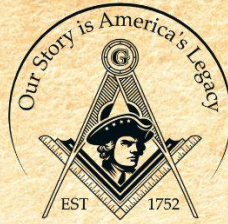
George Washington's Lodge  
**Fredericksburg**  
Lodge No. 4

**Happy Independence Day!**

**FREDERICKSBURG**  
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George Washington's Lodge  
**Fredericksburg**  
— Lodge No. 4 —

On the Eleventh Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M. shall hold its monthly Stated Communication. Master Masons in the region are invited to join us for a special presentation by Wor. : Barry Mensh, Worshipful Master of John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350, A.F. & A.M. This particular Stated Communication will also serve as an Appendant Body night. All members of the Masonic family are welcome to come and represent their organization!

We are honored to share that the Lodge shall bestow upon another one of its members the Fifty Year Masonic Veterans' Emblem. As our Lodge anticipates an assemblage of brethren beyond our usual number, all who intend to partake of the evening's repast are kindly entreated to inform the Worshipful Master at [michaeldove79@gmail.com](mailto:michaeldove79@gmail.com) with their attendance and the number in their party. We eagerly await the pleasure of your company as we gather in the spirit of Brotherhood, Enlightenment, and Fellowship.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W.: M.: Michael Dove  
Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M.  
[michaeldove79@gmail.com](mailto:michaeldove79@gmail.com)



*The dinner shall consist of carved roast beef, scalloped potatoes, butter beans, classic Caesar salad, cornbread, and strawberry shortcake. A contribution of twenty dollars shall be requested for the evening's meal, which we are sure will be suitably adorned and leave all brethren and guests well satisfied.*





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maintain our Historic Home!

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