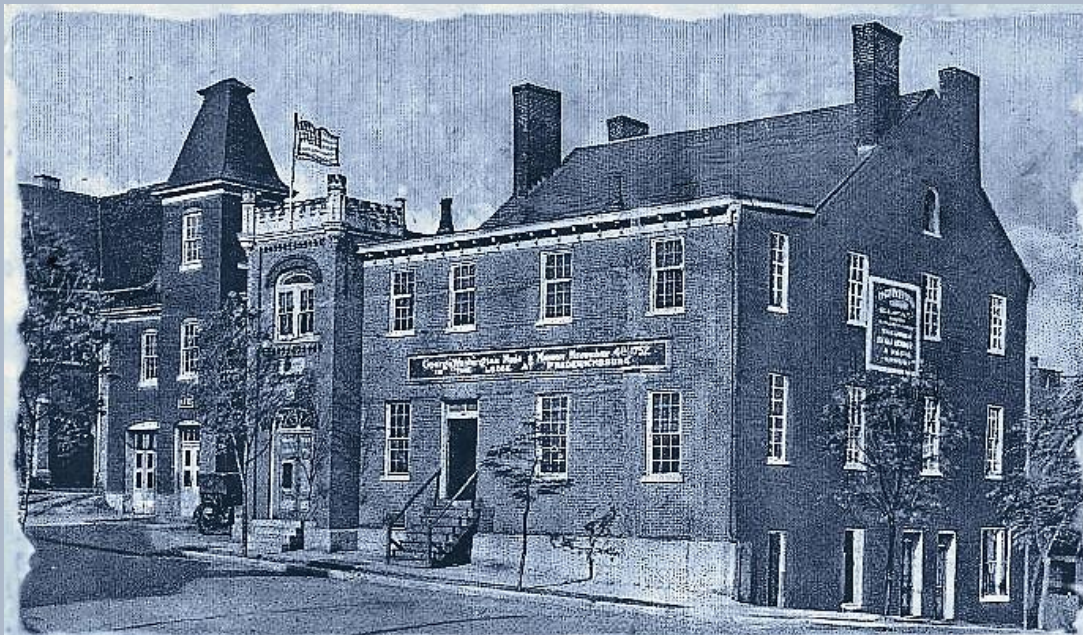


FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.



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

Stated Meeting
Second Fridays
(except Nov. 4)

Dinner 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:30 pm

'FREEMASONRY: THE BEST WORK OF LIFE'

Degree Work
Wednesdays 7pm
(check calendar)

JUNE 2024

JUNE 2024 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Pancake Breakfast 8 am to 10 am
2	3	4	5 Master Mason Raising 7 pm	6	7	8
9	10	11 Second Tuesday Community Meal 4 pm	12	13	14 Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Communication 7:30 pm	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Table Lodge 5 pm
23	24	25 District Ritual School 7 pm	26	27	28	29
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Consult calendar on website for event details and updates.

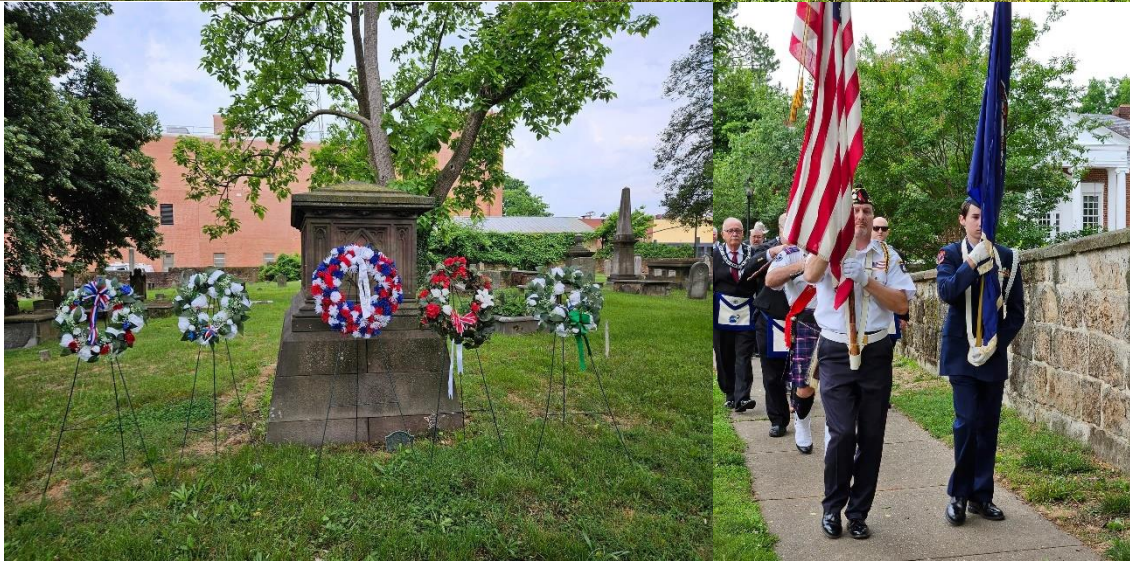
ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES
Masonic Anniversaries for June

Bro. Robert Samuels	53 yrs.	Wor. Larry Adams II	21
Bro. Charles McDaniel	52	Bro. Philip Walden Jr.	20
Bro. Carlos Munoz	51	Bro. Derek Honyoust	20
Bro. Bobby Merritt	51	Bro. Martin Smith II	18
Bro. Ed Sompayrac	45	Wor. Christopher Wilson	17
R.W. Stormy Thorson	45	Bro. Erik Cobham	17
Bro. James Vance	43	Bro. Christopher O'Donnell	14
Bro. James Haley Jr.	41	Bro. Jason Lesko	11
Wor. Thomas Shelton	41	Bro. David Palacios	8
Bro. Mark Jones	41	Bro. Jerry Howle Jr.	8
Wor. William White	40	Wor. Patrick McConnell	7
Bro. Donald Brooks	31	Bro. James Watters IV	6
Wor. Anthony Rudder	24	Bro. Kevin Rousseau	3
Bro. Dennis Hooks	23		

Master's Moment

Summertime in Fredericksburg. As we approach the halfway point of 2024, June reminds us to recall one of our Patron Saints to whom we Masons dedicate our Lodges— St. John the Baptist. His feast day is June 24. We will be holding our Table Lodge on Saturday June 22nd at 5 pm to celebrate both Saints John, the Baptist and the Evangelist. I hope you can make it. More details on the event are below.

Speaking of remembering, thanks to Brother Bob Breitenbach for organizing our Memorial Day Ceremony which was held on Monday, May 27th at the cemetery. Honoring those who laid down their lives for our freedom is the least we can do. I also want to thank Carrie Combs of the Order of the Eastern Star Fredericksburg Chapter #29 for the wonderful wreaths for the ceremony. In addition, thank you to Brother Troy Blanchard, our Senior Steward, and Quinn Roderick, son of our Senior Deacon Brother Seth, for their reverent service as our honor guard. And thank you to Right Worshipful Shelby Chandler for speaking. Finally, a special thank you to Brother John McDowall for his awesome bagpipes!



Finally, we are raising a new Master Mason on Wednesday June 5th at 7 pm at the Lodge. I encourage the Brethren to attend to help us celebrate the Craft as we guide a Brother taking his Masonic journey to a new level.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Pat McConnell
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Secretary's Corner

My Brethren,

Just the customary reminder to pay your dues if you haven't done so already, especially if you are more than one year behind. Please reach out to us if there are financial or health reasons you have not paid; the Lodge wants to work with you and retain you as a member. Don't let your name being among those that will be provided to the Grand Lodge, starting the sad process we needlessly go through every year about this time. Remember that dues become liable on January 1st of each year and that your Lodge is charged the Grand Lodge Assessment for every Brother on the rolls as of that date.

Switching roles, please consider attending the SLOT (Subordinate Lodge Officer Training) training sessions for this year. They will be held on June 8th at Kilwinning-Crosse Lodge No. 2-237 and August 17th at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, both from 9-11am. These are recommended for Lodge officers as they move through the line but all Master Masons are welcome. We will also be planning classes in the District in the next several months to go through the Grand Lodge correspondence courses. These offer valuable training on many topics but especially cover the Virginia Methodical Digest. Anyone who has sat in the East will attest that a knowledge of the laws, edicts, and resolutions of the Grand Lodge is vital to everything we do in the Fraternity.

If you will be traveling this summer, travel safe and we look forward to seeing you in Lodge again soon!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Christopher S. Tripp

The Craft in Community

“To whom much is given, much is expected” Luke 12:48

It has been my experience that most people have something that they can contribute to society. Some of us have treasure to be shared for the common good, some of us have talent that others can enjoy, and we all have time. Time. We really don't know how much of this blessing we have. It is up to us to decide what size impact we want to make that influences our life, and those that are in our close or farther orbits. Some of this comes from our personalities, as in “he's a people person,” or “the quiet man behind the scene.” But as we age and become more reflective, the rearview mirror can reflect a life well spent or opportunities missed, regardless of our personal traits.

I have been blessed with some terrific opportunities serving as a Marine officer in Vietnam and Japan, as Trustee of my alma mater Randolph-Macon, and as a board of the Central Virginia Housing Coalition, a non-profit providing housing opportunities for those less fortunate. I have helped raise a special needs daughter, served as President of the Fredericksburg Rotary Club, and most recently have been named the griddle master for scrambled eggs and sausage at No. 4's monthly pancake breakfast. But I want to talk about the importance of church in my life. As Masons we are required to believe in God with no further demands, so this is not a recruitment ad!

I am a member of Christ Church in Spotsylvania right by the county courthouse. Built in 1841 and sustaining bullet and cannonball holes during the Civil War, my church has offered me so many opportunities to help others. This little church serves as a sanctuary for around 250 souls, but through its outreach, touches so many more. I especially enjoy our twice-monthly food pantry where we provide food for 250-300 clients. This satisfies, in part, my personal goal to help others. I also serve on the vestry of the church which helps guide our pastor in his work as our leader. My job on the vestry is being in charge of making newcomers feel welcome and encouraging them to fully participate in the life of the church. I also help officiate the sacraments during Sunday worship and am chair for our men's group. While this litany sounds so self-serving, I mention my involvement for a reason. The more you put in, the more you get out. In life we sometimes feel close to God, and at other times not so much. By being involved in so many aspects, I feel the passion to help my brothers and sisters any way I can, and God seems close.

My choosing to talk about church is the hope that if you are not currently affiliated with one or have not attended in a while, church is a great way to fulfill our Masonic responsibility to be charitable in serving others. My suggestion would be to step out of

your comfort zone and volunteer to have a deeper involvement if you are a regular attendee. Get excited! It can make your life richer and provide those opportunities we don't want to miss.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Brother Bruce Adkins

The Boys of Summer

The Fredericksburg Nationals' baseball season is in full swing! So is our season! Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 is staffing the Mess Hall concession stand for 12 FedNats Saturday night home games this summer. Our efforts resulted in a fantastic fundraiser for the Lodge last season. Our remaining Saturday dates are: 6/8, 6/22, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/17, and 9/7. We need eight people to adequately staff the stand for about 3 to 4 hours each night. Masons, family, and friends are welcome to join us. Contact Worshipful Jamie Snyder (jamie-snyder@usa.net) or visit <https://signup.com/go/FFUwFND>.

Save These Dates - Mark Your Calendars Now

June 1 – Pancake Breakfast – 8 am to 10 am

June 14 – Stated Communication

Dinner @ 6:30 pm

Menu

Sliced Angus Beef Brisket

Roasted Potato Salad

Corn on the Cob

Fresh Garden Salad

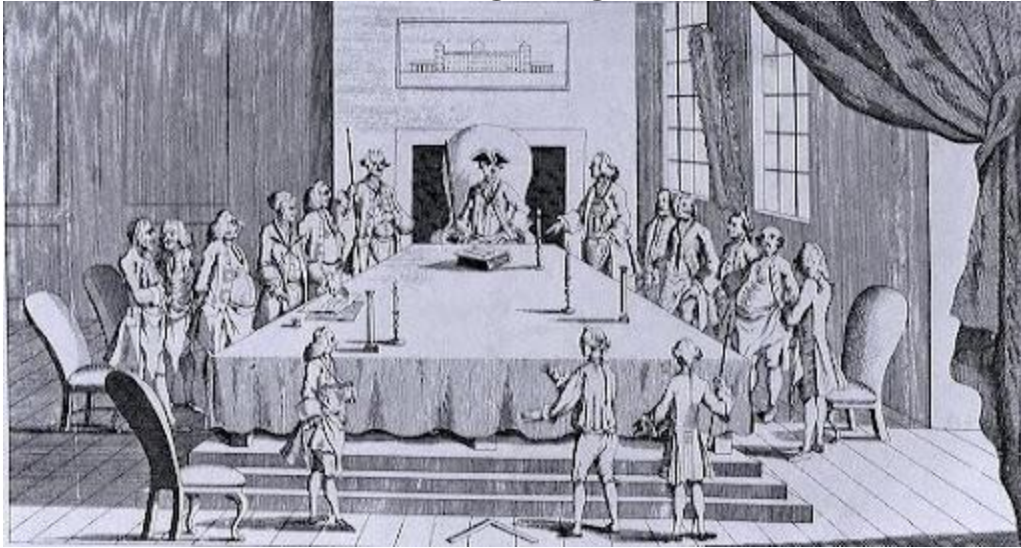
Parker House Rolls

Oreo Surprise

Meeting @ 7:30

Masonic Youth Night!

June 22 - Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 Table Lodge



Saturday June 22, 2024, 5 p.m.

Guest Speakers: Right Worshipful Daniel Thompson & Worshipful William Searcy!

Advance Tickets or at the door - \$35.00

Tickets will be available at our Stated Communication Dinners

Menu

Herb Crusted Prime Rib

Garlic Whipped Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans Almondine

Fresh Garden Salad

Parker House Rolls

Chocolate Ganache Cake



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maintain our Historic Home!

[Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge #4 Friends of Fredericksburg Donor Site \(bricksrus.com\)](https://bricksrus.com)



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Thank you to Jim Ridenhour for designing this challenge coin for Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of General Lafayette's visit to our Lodge in November of 1824. Be on the lookout as we will be selling them to raise money for Lodge improvements and community projects.



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	Lodge Scholarship Coordinator David Smith	

LIVING PAST MASTERS

Wor.: Carter. G. Wells.....	1963	R.:W.: Steven W. Sanford.....	2005
Wor.: Rudolph E. Griffith.....	1974	Wor.: Richard D. Dey.....	2006
Wor.: Henry W. Baker.....	1975	Wor.: Anthony L Rudder.....	2007
Wor.: Edward L. Donalson.....	1983	R.:W.: Jeffrey D. St. Onge.....	2009
R.:W.: Dennis W. Berry.....	1986	Wor.: Shelton S. Mackey.....	2010
Wor.: Thomas C Shelton.....	1988	R.:W.: Shelby L. Chandler.....	2011
Wor.: William J. White.....	1989	Wor.: Christopher J. Decker.....	2012
Wor.: James R. Adams.....	1992	Wor.: Christopher R. Wilson.....	2013
Wor.: Robert W. Benish.....	1993	Wor.: Jeffrey L. Mitchell.....	2014
Wor.: Michael J. McCray.....	1995	M.:W.: Jeffrey P. VanCuren.....	2015
Wor.: Steven M. Gallahan.....	1996	Wor.: James L. Ragsdale.....	2016
Wor.: Charles B. Pasto.....	1998	Wor.: Michael T. Moses.....	2017
Wor.: J. Travis Walker.....	2000	Wor.: Daniel T. Goodwin.....	2018
R.:W.: Daniel W. Thompson.....	2001	Wor.: James M. Snyder.....	2019
R.:W.: W. Robert Brammer.....	2002	Wor.: Stanley R. Kennedy.....	2020
Wor.: Sheridan G. Harrod.....	2003	Wor.: Christopher S. Tripp.....	2021
Wor.: Jene G. Parrotte.....	2004	Wor.: Joseph K. Gilkerson.....	2023