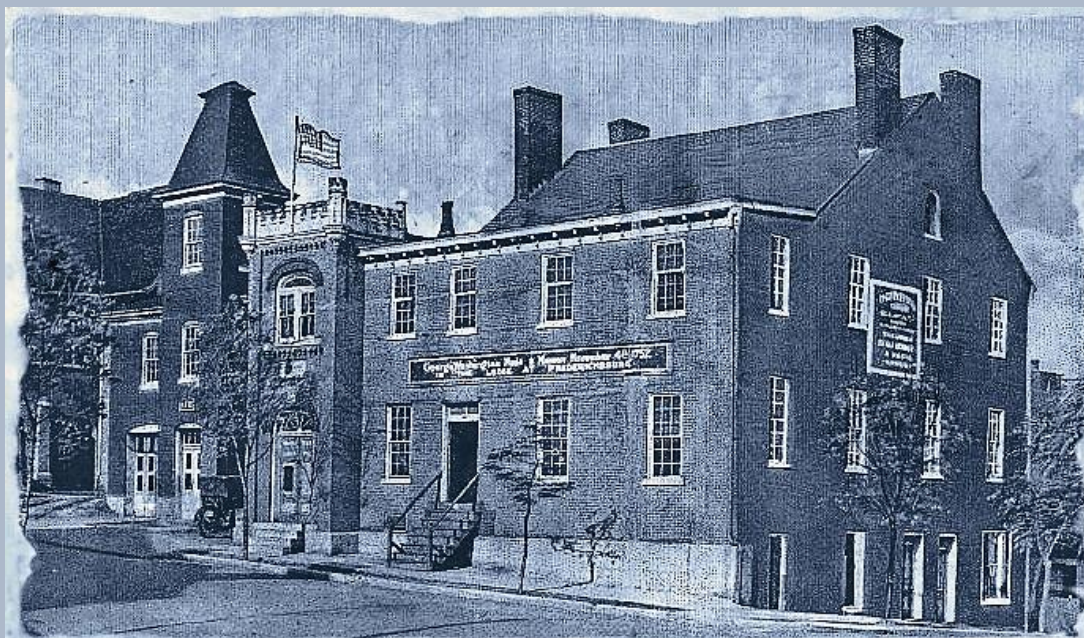


# FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.



## 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

[Masoniclodge4.org](http://Masoniclodge4.org)

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)

MARCH 2024

## MARCH 2024 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Breakfast 8-10am
3	4	5	6 Clean Lodge/practice 6:30 pm	7	8 Dinner 6:30pm Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	9
10	11	12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Community Meal 4:00 pm	13 Degree work/practice 7:00 pm	15	15	16
17	18	19	20 Degree work/practice 7:00 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26 District Ritual School 7:00 pm	27 Degree work/practice 7:00	28	29	30
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*Consult calendar on website for event details and updates.*

## ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES

### Masonic Anniversaries for March

Bro. John Mullins	61 yrs.	Bro. Luis Benitez	16
Bro. Leslie Dickerson	55	Wor. Dan Goodwin	14
Bro. Kenneth Brown	52	Bro. Jerome Coverson	13
Bro. James Brown	51	Bro. Michael Esler	13
Wor. Rod Cutright	49	Bro. Derek Mahin	12
Bro. Harvey Parrish	36	Bro. Troy Carter	12
Bro. David Brooks	36	Bro. Michael Scullin	11
Bro. John Sweton	34	Bro. Justin Garrett	10
R.W. George Seghers	34	Bro. Anthony Lagana	9
Bro. Donald Saucier, Jr.	32	Bro. Kenneth Davidson	9

Wor. Gene Parrotte	26	Bro. John Saunders, Jr.	7
Bro. Thomas Staples, Jr.	25	Bro. Frederic Krebs	2
Bro. Broaddus Sullivan, III.	25	Bro. Jeffrey Adams, Sr.	1
Bro. Dwight Rose	21	Bro. Donald Meyer, Jr.	1
R.W. Shelby Chandler, II	19	Bro. Abdul Karim ElHajasaad	1

## ***MASTER’S MOMENT***

Hello, Brethren! March is upon us. Spring is in the air (I hope so anyway). I want to take a moment to recognize an effort currently driven by Worshipful Jamie Snyder and Carrie Morton Combs. Years ago (I think during Most Worshipful Jeff VanCuren’s year as Worshipful Master), Lodge No. 4 started opening the Lodge to community groups that would come in to serve meals to our un-housed neighbors and others in need. We still host Oak Grove Baptist Church’s community meal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

Over time, Lodge No. 4 took over providing meals on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month when they come around. The last meal was on Tuesday January 30, 2024. Through the efforts of Worshipful Jamie and Carrie, 15 community groups, including Lodge No. 4, came together to either volunteer or donate food for the meal. 105 individual meals were served to a mix of men, women, teenagers, and even military veterans. In addition, donations of clothing, hand-knitted hats, 200 pairs of socks and some military surplus items were donated and quickly claimed by those in attendance.

These meals have a significant positive impact for those served. Our efforts are being noticed in our community and are made worth it when attendees express their gratitude. That gratitude and the passion which volunteers bring to each meal are contagious. I hope more Brothers at Lodge No. 4 can volunteer to experience that! The next 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meal is on July 30, 2024. Those who wish to donate or volunteer should contact Worshipful Jamie ([jamie-snyder@usa.net](mailto:jamie-snyder@usa.net)) for more information.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
 Pat McConnell  
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## ***Secretary’s Corner***

Brethren, you will not fail to notice this month’s Trestle Board’s emphasis on community service, so this seems an appropriate time to remind you that if you’re having difficulty in

paying your dues, please reach out to us. We will be contacting those Brethren who are in arrears over the next several months, and we want to work with you rather than lose your fellowship as a Brother. The same is true for those experiencing any kind of distress among the Brethren, our extended Masonic family, our youth, and our widows. We are truly a Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

Please come check out all the groups represented at this month's Appendant Body night. Joining an appendant body will enrich your experience and deepen your understanding of Masonry. If you're new on your Masonic journey and just interested in learning more, stop by to talk. Those that meet here are always welcoming of new members. In addition, the Richmond Scottish Rite will be holding its spring conferral on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Acca Shrine in Richmond will have its next ceremonial on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Abaca Grotto will be hosting a ceremonial here at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Those are just the ones I know about...so this is an auspicious time to join one or more of these fine upstanding organizations. We'd love to get you a petition. Masonry is like a three-legged stool, and whether your interest is mainly social, philanthropic, or philosophical, there is something there for everyone in your Blue Lodge and our constellation of Appendant Bodies.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Christopher S. Tripp

### **Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge No. 4: A Beacon of Charity and Community Support**

In a heartwarming display of solidarity and compassion, Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge No. 4 recently raised an impressive \$4,685 for the community endeavors of Micah Ecumenical Ministries. This remarkable feat stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment of local Masons to live our charge that every human being has a claim upon our kind offices.

Guided by the leadership of Worshipful Master Patrick McConnell and Worshipful Treasurer Brother Jamie Snyder, Lodge No. 4 rallied together with friends and supporters to contribute to the Coldest Night of the Year 5k walk event. This annual fundraiser aims to provide essential assistance to the less fortunate and unhoused individuals within our community.



The enthusiasm and dedication exhibited by Lodge No. 4 members during this fundraising endeavor were truly exemplary. One brother even achieved membership in the esteemed \$1,000+ fundraising club. Thus it is evident that the spirit of generosity runs deep within the Masonic fraternity and friends.

Prior to embarking on their fundraising efforts, members of Lodge No. 4 took the time to familiarize themselves with the impactful utilization of previous year's donations and the ambitious goals of the newly established foundation. The funds raised through such initiatives have been instrumental in offering vital support ranging from housing assistance to medical aid, thereby facilitating the reintegration of individuals into the economic mainstream.

This marks the second consecutive year that Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 has actively participated in the Coldest Night of the Year event, and the resounding success of our endeavors ensures that it will not be our last. The event serves as a beacon of hope and solidarity, offering Masons a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful philanthropy that resonates deeply within their local community.

Beyond monetary contributions, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 is deeply invested in fostering ongoing support for Micah Ecumenical Ministries. The lodge proudly participates in serving meals to the homeless, exemplifying their steadfast commitment to humanitarian causes.

At its core, Masonry is founded upon the principles of moral rectitude and benevolence, with a mission to elevate good men to greater heights of virtue and service. Events such as these underscore the profound impact that collective action can have in effecting positive change within society.

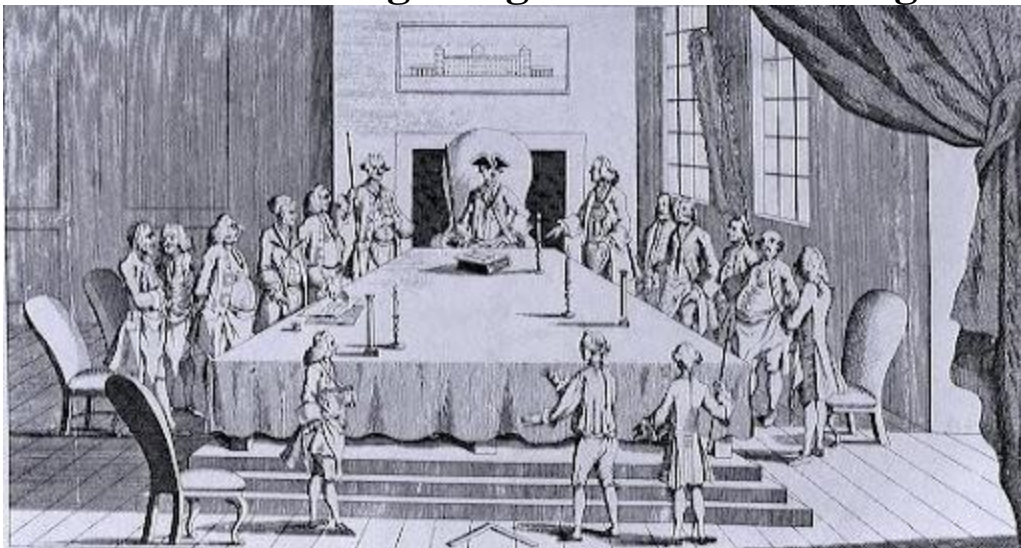
Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 extends its deepest appreciation to its members, supporters, and the broader community for their unwavering support of this noble cause. Together, through collaborative efforts and boundless compassion, we stand as a shining example of the transformative power of unity and goodwill. See you all next year!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Mike Dove, Senior Warden

### **Things to Remember**

- March Stated Communication (3/8/2024)
  - Appendant Bodies Night!
  - Dinner Menu for the evening:
    - Southern Style Pot Roast
    - Fresh Steamed Broccoli
    - Fresh Garden Salad
    - Parker House Rolls
    - Apple Cobbler

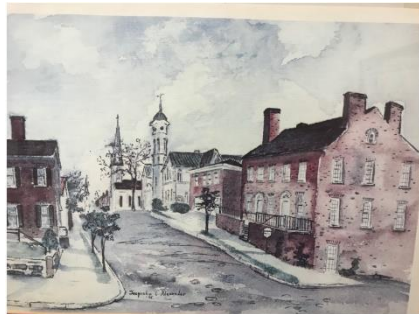
### **Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 Table Lodge**



Saturday June 22, 2024  
5 p.m.  
Advance Tickets or at the door - \$35.00

*Menu*

Herb Crusted Prime Rib  
Garlic Whipped Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans Almondine  
Fresh Garden Salad  
Parker House Rolls  
Chocolate Ganache Cake



Purchase a brick through [BricksRUs](https://bricksrus.com) to help  
maintain our Historic Home!

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



*Jim Ridenhour*  
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**PinDads@Outlook.Com**

Thank you to Jim Ridenhour for designing this challenge coin for Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> 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.





## 2024 LODGE OFFICERS

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Charles Cooper, PM – 2024	Dennis David – 2025	Dennis Berry, PDDGM – 2026
Chris Decker, PM – 2027	Dan Goodwin, PM - 2028	

## PROGRAM OFFICERS

<b>Lodge Blood Coordinator</b> Jeff Adams	<b>Lodge Instructor of Work</b> Christopher Tripp, PM	<b>Lodge Education Officer</b> Bob Melvin
<b>Masonic Home Ambassador</b> Joseph Ilk	<b>Lodge Catechism Chair</b> Justin Garrett	<b>Widows Program Coordinator</b> Kyle Olesevich
	<b>Lodge Scholarship Coordinator</b> 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