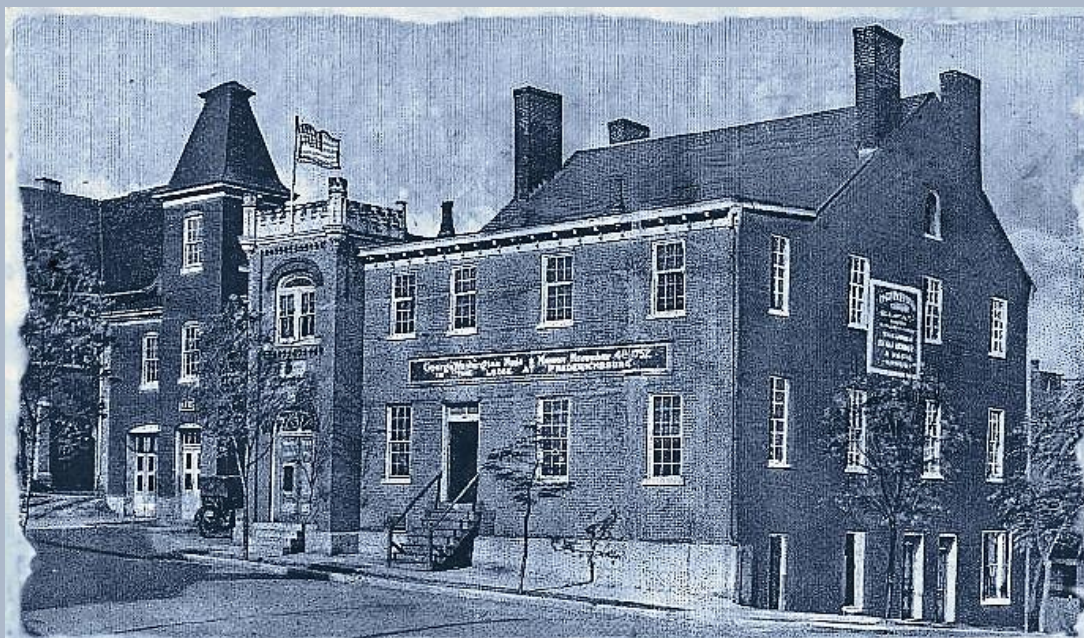


FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.



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

'FREEMASONRY: THE BEST WORK OF LIFE'

Degree Work
Wednesdays 7pm
(check calendar)

OCTOBER 2024

OCTOBER 2024 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Pancake Breakfast, 8 am
6	7	8 Second Tuesday Community Meal 4 pm	9 Ritual Practice Lafayette Committee 7 pm.	10	11 Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Communication 7:30 pm	12
13 Family Picnic 12 pm	14	15	16 Degree or Practice	17	18	19
20	21	22 District 8 Ritual School 7 pm	23 Degree or Practice	24	25	26
27	28	29 Fifth Tuesday Community Meal 4 pm	30 Degree or Practice	31		

Consult calendar on website for event details and updates.

ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES Masonic Anniversaries for October

Wor. Edward L. Donalson	55 yrs.	Bro. Richard D. Dey, Jr.	18
Bro. Samuel G. Row	51	Bro. Christopher B. Ognek	14
Bro. Jerry E. Austin	47	Bro. Michael D. Ognek	14
Bro. Bobby J. Barnes	46	Bro. Matthew P. Mason	13
Bro. Don J. Rhynalds	43	Bro. Stevie L. Ikner	10
Wor. Guy Masquefa	42	Wor. Shawn D. Bryar	8
Bro. John G. Lee	41	Wor. Fredrick C. Edwards	8
Bro. Robert S. Belman	41	Bro. Edmund C. Witalec	8
Wor. Graham Raven	40	Bro. Fredrick M. Callies	7
R.W. Joel D. Ratliff, Sr.	39	Bro. Jacob M. Bryar	4
Bro. John F. Oliver	34	Bro. Taylor S. DeHart	4
Wor. Christopher S. Tripp	26	Bro. Luther E. Deyo	4
Bro. Marshal C. Campbell	23	Bro. Matthew D. Gish	4
Bro. Walter S. Davis	23	Bro. Shane R. Page	4

Bro. John C.W. Vincent	23	Bro. Charles L Sheppard, III	4
Bro. Robert F. Bowman	23	Bro. David W. Ellis	3
Bro. Justin S. Woodside	22	Bro. Seth R. Roderick	2
Bro. Kevin A Valentine	19		

Master's Moment

The Lodge is staying busy as we head into Fall. The below activities are in addition to our normal events:

- November and the 200th anniversary of General Lafayette's visit to our Lodge will be here before we know it. We are having a planning meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday October 9th. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND and help plan the Lodge's commemoration of this historic event! We are also looking for volunteers to serve as greeters and tour guides for the weekend of November 23rd and 24th. You can learn more about the whole weekend of festivities by visiting <https://fxbg.com/lafayette/>.
- Family Fall Picnic is set for Sunday, October 13, 2024, from 12 pm to 4 pm at the Izaak Walton League's Spotsylvania facility (12400 Herndon Road, Spotsylvania, Virginia). Our OES Sisters of Fredericksburg #29 are joining us as well as other Lodges in the 8th Masonic District. If you can make it, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
 Pat McConnell
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Secretary's Corner

Brethren, this month is Founder's Day Month, which recognizes the founding of the Grand Lodge of Virginia on October 30, 1778 in Williamsburg, as well as the Masonic Home of Virginia in 1890. Our Lodge was one of the founding Lodges and our own M.W. James Mercer, who would go on to become the second Grand Master in 1785, was president of the convention that led to formation of the Grand Lodge. We recognize the debt we owe to our founders this month.

There have been some questions about dues payments for next year. Our dues-paying members should expect to get an invoice around November. A reminder that dues are due the first of January. Please take a moment to make sure your correct mailing address and email and phone number are on file with the Lodge.

A couple months ago, I talked about the duties of the Secretary. This month, I'd ask you to consider the Tiler. His is largely a thankless job, relegated to the outer courts while we go about our work and business. Thankfully it is now automatic that he be allowed to sit in the doorway except at opening and closing, balloting, and Degree work. The Installation Ceremony says that his presence is a 'constant admonition...to set a guard at the entrance of our thoughts, to place a watch at the door of our lips, and to post a sentinel at the avenue of our actions, thereby excluding every unqualified and unworthy thought, word, and deed.' It is particularly important to remain mindful of this in our spoken and written communications, especially in our email interactions and posts, which leave a permanent record and can be easily misconstrued, remembering that silence and circumspection are truly Masonic virtues.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Christopher S. Tripp

The Rest of the Year - Mark Your Calendars Now

October

Pancake Breakfast, *October 5*, 8 am

**2nd Tuesday Community Meal, *October 8*, 4 pm
*With Oak Grove Baptist Church***

Volunteers should arrive at the Baker Room by 4 pm.

Lafayette Commemoration Planning Committee Meeting
October 9, 7 pm.

Stated Communication, *October 11*

Dinner Menu, 6:30 pm

Pork Schnitzel

German Potato Salad

Corn

Garden Salad

Blueberry Pie

Meeting, 7:30 pm

Officer Move Up Night!

Lodge Family Picnic, Spotsylvania Izaak Walton League, *October 13*, 12 pm

5th Tuesday Community Meal, *October 29*, 4 pm

Volunteers please arrive at the Baker Room by 4 pm!

November

Pancake Breakfast, *November 2*, 8 am

Stated Communication/GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT, *November 4*

Dinner Menu, 6:30 pm

Sliced Spiral Ham

Carved Roasted Turkey w/Cranberry Sauce

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Green Bean Casserole

Cornbread Dressing

Salad w/Spinach, Romaine, Dried Cranberries, Feta & Almonds

Parker House Rolls

Sweet Potato Pie

Meeting, 7:30 pm

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT

2nd Tuesday Community Meal, *November 12*, 4 pm

Lafayette Commemoration Weekend; *November 23 and November 24*

Reception of General Lafayette, *November 24*, 10:30 am.

Brother Chris Ruli's book lecture on Brother Lafayette, *November 24*, 2 pm

December

Pancake Breakfast, *December 7*, 8 am

Fredericksburg Christmas Parade, *December 7*, Time TBD

2nd Tuesday Community Meal, *December 10*, 4 pm

Stated Communication/ELECTIONS FOR 2025 Officers, *December 13*

Dinner Menu, 6:30 pm

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Country Style Green Beans

Caesar Salad

Parker House Rolls

Apple Pie

Meeting, 7:30

ELECTIONS FOR 2025 OFFICERS

Officer Installation, *TBD*

5th Tuesday Community Meal, *December 31*, 4 pm

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Lafayette 200th Anniversary Challenge Coin **\$20**



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Masonic Home Ambassador Joseph Ilk	Lodge Catechism Chair Justin Garrett	Widows Program Coordinator Kyle Olesevich
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LIVING PAST MASTERS

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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