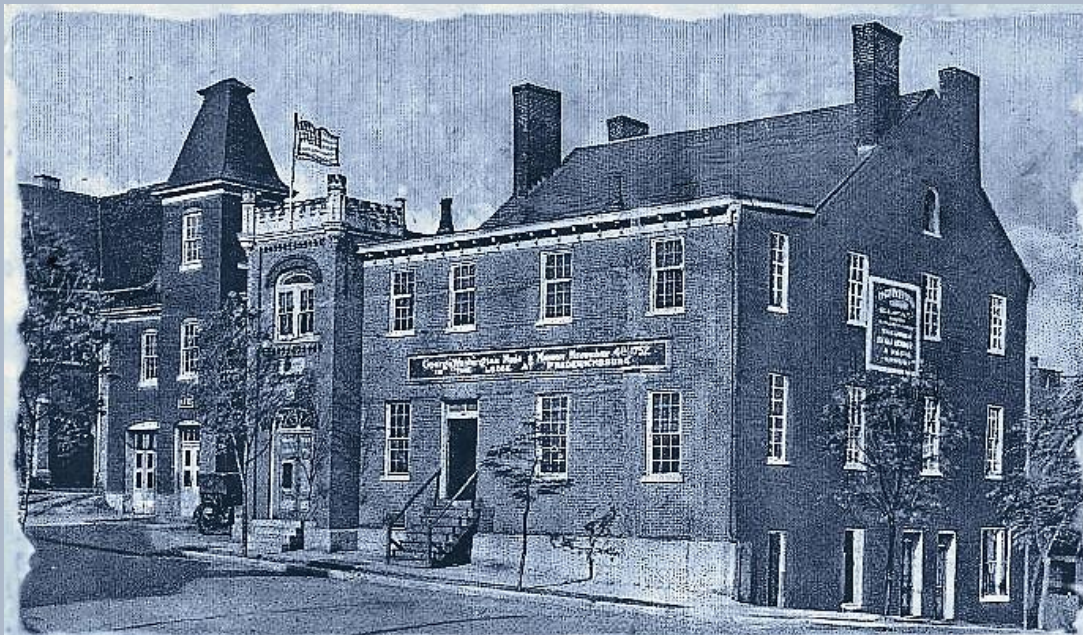


# FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.



## 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

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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)

SEPTEMBER 2024

## SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS

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

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

## ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES

### Masonic Anniversaries for September

Bro. John Thomas, Jr.	65 yrs.	Bro. Benjamin Bursae	15
Bro. Leonard Trigger	58	Bro. Lyndell Griffin, Jr.	14
Bro. Douglas Holbrook	51	Bro. Mark Gilday	14
Bro. Joseph Bansky	50	Bro. Dennis David	14
Wor. Michael McCray	41	Bro. John Gaby, Jr.	13
Bro. Henry McCaslin, Jr.	37	Bro. Frederic Howe, III	13
R.W. W. Robert Brammer	33	Bro. Tom VanBlaricome	13
Bro. Alan Embrey	31	Bro. Kenneth McSpadden	11
Bro. Richard Knick, III	22	Bro. Shawn Butterfield	11
Bro. Ronald Peacock	19	Bro. Walt Callies	10
Bro. Michael Meisberger	18	Wor. James Snyder	10
Bro. Michael Dillard	15	Bro. Roger Smith, II	9
Bro. Stephen Marshall	15	Bro. Ethan Burgess	1
Bro. Jeffrey McClain	15	Bro. William Blanchard	1

## *Master's Moment*

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

- We are raising a worthy Brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Wednesday, September 4, **STARTING AT 6:30 pm**. Please note the earlier start time. Please come to celebrate the Craft and support the candidate as he continues his Masonic journey.
- November and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of General Lafayette's visit to our Lodge will be here before we know it. We are having a planning meeting at 11am after the pancake breakfast on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. **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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. You can learn more about the whole weekend of festivities by visiting <https://fxbg.com/lafayette/>.
- **Last Call for Baseball! FINAL GAME OF THE SEASON!** Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 is staffing the Mess Hall concession stand for one last time this baseball season on Saturday, September 7, 2024. This fund-raising activity has been successful thus far and we hope to finish strong. However, **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Eight people are needed to adequately staff the stand just for about 3 to 4 hours. Masons, family, and friends are welcome to join us. Contact Worshipful Jamie Snyder ([jamie-snyder@usa.net](mailto:jamie-snyder@usa.net)) or visit <https://signup.com/go/FFUwFND>.
- 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). More details to follow.

Finally, let me leave you with some homework! Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry describes the furniture of the Lodge as technically being the Bible, Square, and Compasses. They are respectfully dedicated to God, the Master of the Lodge, and the Craft. Your homework is to delve into the world of Masonry to answer this question: Why is the Bible considered to be "furniture"? We sit on furniture, eat on furniture, sleep on furniture, etc. So, when I first heard the Bible as being labeled "furniture" I was

honestly aghast at the thought. If you find the answer, please email it to me at [patmccnll@gmail.com](mailto:patmccnll@gmail.com). The answer will be published in the October Trestle Board. I hope you learn a lot and have fun with this assignment!

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Pat McConnell  
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### *Secretary's Corner*

Brethren, nothing really new or urgent to report from the Secretary's desk, other than the usual drumbeat to pay your dues, if you haven't, and keep your contact information updated. Let me therefore assume my other role as LIW this month and ask that as we settle back into our fall routines, please consider coming to Lodge on Wednesday nights to participate in Ritual practice and—as in this coming week—Degree work. We're always in need of people to learn new parts. But even if you don't feel proficient taking on a part, it's always great for Brethren to see lots of welcoming faces on the sidelines as they go through their Degrees. But if you want to learn a part, there are plenty of Brothers willing to teach you. If you're unsure, start with the written work, then as you get more proficient and develop your mental muscles, or 'neuroplasticity' (which term Bro. Justin Garrett so aptly taught me recently), we can teach you the rest. Learn a prayer, a charge, one of the chairs. Every little bit helps. Strive to learn one line a day. Just seven or eight words a day. Before you know it, you'll have a whole piece.

While it's nice to have waxed floors and shiny woodwork, it's much more impressive and vastly more meaningful to our candidates to experience polished Ritual. If I had to choose, I'd rather be sitting in rubble and have solid and impactful Degree work than shoddy work in a pristine tomb... We're going to try some different ways of teaching moving forward, including more targeted focusing on specific parts and bringing more Catechism refresher into our practice. As the Ritual is the bones of our Masonic body, the Catechism is the backbone. Keeping it fresh will allow you to not only pass it forward as a Coach, but will greatly facilitate your ability to do Degree work. (And education is the flesh on the bones, but that's a topic for another day.) We hope that you will join us.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Christopher S. Tripp

**The Rest of the Year - Mark Your Calendars Now**

**September**

**September 4 – Master Mason Raising – 6:30 pm!**

**September 7 – Pancake Breakfast – 8 am to 10 am**

**September 10 – Second Tuesday Community Meal with  
Oak Grove Baptist Church**

Volunteers should arrive at the Baker Room by 4 pm.

**September 13 – Stated Communication**

**Dinner @ 6:30 pm**

**Menu**

Bruschetta Chicken

Pesto Tortellini

Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

Fresh Garden Salad

Garlic Bread

Tiramisu

**Meeting @ 7:30**

**October**

**Pancake Breakfast, *October 5*, 8 am**

**Family Day at MAHOVA, *October 5***

**2nd Tuesday Community Meal, *October 8*, 4 pm**

**With Oak Grove Baptist Church**

Volunteers should arrive at the Baker Room by 4 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**

**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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Kevin Valentine	<a href="mailto:vak242@yahoo.com">vak242@yahoo.com</a>		Tiler

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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