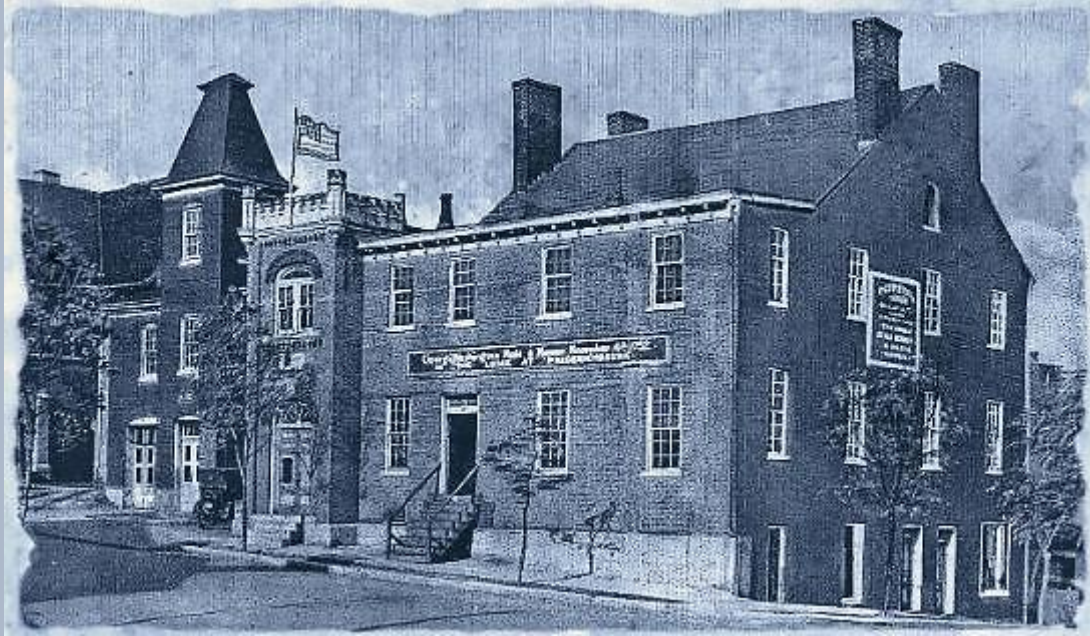


FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.



TRESTLE BOARD

FIRST RECORDED MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1, 1752

SCOTTISH CHARTER - JULY 21, 1758

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Stated Meeting
Second Fridays
(except Nov. 4)

Dinner 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:30 pm

**'GUARDIANS OF THE CRAFT,
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SEPTEMBER 2025

Degree Work
Wednesdays 7pm
(check calendar)

SEPTEMBER 2025 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Practice for Kinsale 6 pm FC practice 7 pm	4	5	6 Pancake Breakfast, 8 am SLOT 10:30
7	8 Fraternal Visit Haymarket Lodge No. 313	9 Community Meal 4 pm	10 Lodge Practice & Clean Up 7 pm	11	12 Stated Comm. Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30	13
14	15	16	17 Degree or Ritual School 7 pm	18	19	20 Kinsale Ritual School 9 am
21	22	23	24 Degree or Ritual School 7 pm	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Consult calendar on website for event details and updates.

Highlights from Last Month:

- Past Masters' Night & Hawaiian Shirt Night at stated
- Entered Apprentice Degree in Old Lodge Room

ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES

Masonic Anniversaries for September

Bro. John W. Thomas, Jr.	66 yrs.	Bro. Benjamin B. Bursae	16
Bro. Charles L. Trigger	59	Bro. Lyndell D. Griffin, Jr.	15
Bro. Douglas C. Holbrook	52	Bro. Mark W. Gilday	15
Bro. Joseph J. Bansky	51	Bro. Dennis L. David	15
Wor. Michael J. McCray	42	Bro. John A. Gaby, Jr.	14
Bro. Henry H. McCaslin, Jr.	38	Bro. Frederic N. Howe, III	14
R.W. William R. Brammer	34	Bro. Tom R. VanBlaricome	14
Bro. Alan F. Embrey	32	Bro. Kenneth H. McSpadden	12
Bro. Richard C. Knick, III	23	Bro. Shawn R. Butterfield	12
Bro. Joseph S. Diggs	20	Bro. Walt D. Callies	11
Bro. Ronald A. Peacock	20	Wor. James M. Snyder	11
Bro. Michael C. Meisberger	19	Bro. Roger A. Smith, II	10
Bro. Michael E. Dillard	16	Bro. Ethan G. Burgess	2
Bro. Stephen L. Marshall	16	Bro. William T. Blanchard	2
Bro. Jeffrey C. McClain	16	Bro. Joshua W. Miller	1

A Tribute to Brother William “Troy” Blanchard

Legendary Senior Deacon of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4



Mrs. Teresa Lynn Blanchard and Brother Sr. Deacon William “Troy” Blanchard

It is with deep appreciation and fraternal affection that Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 pays tribute to Brother William “Troy” Blanchard, our Senior Deacon, whose journey in the Craft has been marked by sincerity, devotion, and unshakable Brotherly love.

Though relatively young in Masonry, Brother Troy has quickly become a cornerstone of our Lodge. Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason within these ancient walls on September 27, 2023, his growth in Masonry has been nothing short of inspiring.

From the beginning, it was clear that his path was guided by the highest ideals of our Fraternity. Long before he received the light of Masonry, he was already laboring beside us, assisting at our pancake breakfasts, joining in cemetery

cleanups, and offering his helping hand wherever it was needed. In those early days, we came to know him as a fine gentleman, dependable, and ever ready to serve. These qualities were only magnified once he assumed the obligations of our Craft.

Brother Troy's progress through the chairs has been steady and sure. Beginning as Steward, then Junior Deacon, and now serving faithfully as our Senior Deacon, he has discharged every duty entrusted to him with diligence and enthusiasm. In the Lodge room, his steady presence has ensured our ritual is conducted with dignity; outside the Lodge, his helping hand and cheerful spirit have become inseparable from the very life of our Lodge.

At nearly every event or function whether large or small one could expect to find Brother Troy present, lending his energy, his good humor, and his dedication. His cable-tow has indeed proven generous beyond measure.



But beyond the outward duties of his offices, Brother Troy has given us something greater: his friendship, his steadfastness, and his example of what it means to live as a Mason. He has shown us that the true strength of a Lodge lies not only in the weight of its history or the beauty of its ritual, but in the quiet consistency and sincerity of the Brethren who make it thrive.

Now, as the winds of change carry him to Florida, we cannot but acknowledge the deep loss his departure represents for Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. His absence will be keenly felt in our gatherings, our labors, and our fellowship. Yet while we feel this loss, we also know it is a profound gain for whichever Lodge he next affiliates

with. They will receive not just a Brother in name, but a Mason in the truest sense, one who embodies fidelity, friendship, and fraternal love.

Brother Troy, as you take this next step in life's journey, know that you carry with you not only the bonds of obligation but also the gratitude and affection of your Brethren. You have earned your place not only in the roll of our Lodge, but in our hearts as a true friend and Brother. For my part, and I speak for many, I am proud to call you my Brother and honored to call you my friend.

When the winter winds chill our Commonwealth of Virginia, we will smile knowing that you are basking in Florida's sun, and we will trust that the light of Masonry continues to shine upon your path as brightly as it has shone within our Lodge.

So, from the heart of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, we say: Bon voyage, dear Brother. May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over you and bless this new chapter of your life. And may you always remember that within these walls, among these Brethren, you have a home, a family, and a Lodge that remains eternally grateful for all you have done!



*Farewell, our Brother, our Friend, our Companion in the Craft.
May peace, health, and prosperity ever attend you!*

Sincerely,

Michael Dove

Worshipful Master 2025

Untempered

In operative masonry, builders relied upon mortar to bind stones into strong, enduring structures. Mortar, when properly mixed, lends strength, cohesion, and permanence to the structure. But when the mortar it is untempered – poorly prepared, weak, or unstable – it provides only the illusion of stability. Such mortar might hold for a season, but in time and when exposed to the elements it crumbles, and the entire structure collapses. The prophet Ezekiel seized upon this image

when condemning false prophets who proclaimed peace where there was none, offering the people a false security built upon spiritual untruth. Their words were like walls daubed with untempered mortar: outwardly whole but inwardly destined for ruin.

Operative masonry teaches the arts of building in stone. Speculative Masonry teaches us the moral and spiritual architecture of building character, integrity, and a virtuous life. Just as a wall cannot stand if bound by weak mortar, so a man cannot stand in the weather of life if his principles and actions are founded upon deceit, arrogance, or superficial pretenses. If we construct our lives with untempered mortar, we may look respectable before others, but when the trials of life or the judgment of God come upon us, the truth will be revealed in collapse.

We are reminded that we, as Masons, must strive to be tempered in all things. To be tempered is to be measured, balanced, and tested for strength. A tempered man does not rush into falsehood, nor does he build his reputation on sand. He mixes the elements of his character with care and diligence, ensuring that each portion contributes to the whole. In this way, the Mason becomes like a wall bound with true and lasting mortar, able to stand upright and unmoved when the winds of adversity blow.

What then must we mix into the mortar of our lives? First, Knowledge: for without knowledge, we build in ignorance, and our wall will lean toward ruin. Second, Perseverance: for no worthy structure is completed in haste, but only through steady and faithful labor. Third, Humility: for mortar must bind stones together without drawing attention to itself; so too must the Mason recognize that his role is to strengthen and unite, not to boast. Fourth, Confidence: for a builder who doubts his tools will never raise a wall, and a Mason who doubts his own worth will never fulfill his charge. Fifth, Mercy: for the strongest mortar is not rigid but has some pliability; likewise, our dealings with others must balance firmness with compassion. Lastly, Magnanimity: that largeness of spirit which binds all the other virtues together, allowing the Mason to look beyond himself and work for the common good.

In the Lodge, we are continually reminded that our work is not in stone alone, but in the lives we touch, the oaths we keep, and the character we display in the world. If we approach our duties with untempered mortar — half-hearted service, careless words, or selfish motives — we weaken not only ourselves but the entire structure

of the Craft. The Lodge, like a wall, depends upon the integrity of each part. A single joint made with untempered mortar may bring down the whole.

Thus, let us be diligent in the preparation of our mortar. Let us test the mixture of our virtues, ensuring that they are proportioned rightly and strengthened by practice and reflection. And let us reject the easy path, like that of the false prophet, who promises much but builds little. Let us instead labor as true Masons, erecting lives of firmness, beauty, and endurance – walls that will not crumble in the storm, but stand as monuments to brotherly love, relief and truth.

Bro.: Seth Roderick

Secretary's Corner

Brethren,

As mentioned before, the most time-consuming part of editing the Trestle Board is doing the monthly anniversaries. I'd encourage everyone to take a look at the list of names of those celebrating Masonic anniversaries this month. In particular, we congratulate Brother John Thomas, who is celebrating 66 years in the Craft as of September 22nd. This is a momentous milestone. Surprisingly though, he is but the third oldest (in terms of Masonic service) member of our Lodge. I always agonize over this list – have we gotten the names right? Should we use their full names or nicknames they're commonly known by? Have we gotten their titles right? Recognizing the oft-repeated aphorism that there's no higher title within Masonry than 'Brother,' to which no one should ever take offense, we venerate hard work and achievement and strive to always give a Brother his due. And so if your name appears differently than you'd like or we have the wrong title, know that it's unintentional and we're only going by what's in Grand View, so you may want to look at your profile in Grand View and make any needed corrections. But looking at this list (pulling a u-turn after this short digression), I am struck by the truth of the statement that *'Freemasonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise remain at a perpetual distance.'* There's a lot to unpack there – not least the need for tolerance and courtesy towards Brothers with whom we may disagree – but looking at the list of Masonic birthdays, it's the bringing together of Brothers from all walks of life and

forging friendships across all professions, social classes, and generations who most likely never would have met or bonded except for the Craft that is so striking. For Masonry truly is a mystic tie and an 'indissoluble chain of sincere affection' that reaches from generation to generation. We often forget how remarkable it is to forge such friendships with men years or even decades older – or younger – than us. For Masonic age is not measured by time, but by depth of experience, devotion, and service. The youngest man in the Lodge may be the Master, and the oldest the 'youngest' Entered Apprentice. It makes no difference when we're all on the level in the sight of our Creator. What is age if you are an immortal soul?

Enough rambling. I'd be remiss not to put on my DEO hat and mention that we're having SLOT training this coming Saturday, September 6th, at 10:30 am down in the Baker Room. This is a good opportunity to help Lodge officers prepare to take the mantle of leadership and serve their Lodges as Worshipful Master. If you even have an interest in someday getting in line, you're welcome to join us.

Guardians of memory, presenting; Our very own Cemetery!
Preserving the Legacy of Fredericksburg Masonic Cemetery

This installment of our series takes a different form, for our Masonic Cemetery surely deserves its own dedicated reflection. The sacred ground on Charles Street is more than a burial place for our Brethren, it is a living testimony to the history of Fredericksburg, to the families who shaped it, and to the enduring legacy of Freemasonry. In highlighting its importance, we also pause to extend our gratitude to a Brother whose service and dedication have greatly aided our efforts to preserve and honor this hallowed site.

Historical Overview of Fredericksburg's Masonic Cemetery



Origin and Founding (1784)

The Fredericksburg Masonic Cemetery was established in 1784 by Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, A.F.&A.M., making it one of the oldest Masonic burial grounds in the United States. The land (about half an acre) was donated on April 5, 1784 by James Somerville, a Scottish-born merchant and an early Mayor of Fredericksburg. Somerville conveyed the lot in trust “to and for the use of the master, wardens, officers, fellows, and brethren of the Fredericksburg Lodge of Freemasons and their successors, *forever*”. Soon after acquiring the lot, the Masons informally dedicated it as a burial ground for their deceased members and their families, and it has been known since simply as the “Masonic Cemetery”. The cemetery sits enclosed by an old stone wall (with a brick rear wall) on Charles Street in downtown Fredericksburg, adjacent to the James Monroe Law Office museum.

This burial ground was created to serve the fraternal community of Lodge No. 4 (Lodge founded in 1752) and reflects the Masonic tradition of caring for brethren in death as in life. Over the decades, approximately 225–270 interments took place here.

The graves include a cross-section of Fredericksburg's early citizenry, men, women, and children, -many of whom were connected to our Lodge. Indeed, a historical marker notes that *"the many graves within the sandstone walls reflect the population that was part of Fredericksburg's early development,"* including people who came to the town from England, Scotland, Ireland, Switzerland, and from American cities like Boston and Williamsburg. The cemetery's purpose was thus twofold: to provide a final resting place for local Masonic brethren (and their relatives) and to stand as a tangible symbol of the lodge's presence in the community. By the early 19th century it was locally regarded as the *"Masonic Burying Ground"*, owned and maintained by the Lodge.

Notable Individuals Buried at the Masonic Cemetery

Despite its smaller size, the Masonic Cemetery holds the remains of many *notable figures* from the Revolutionary War era and early Fredericksburg history. Below are some of the prominent individuals interred, with brief notes on their significance:

- **George Weedon (1734-1793)** Revolutionary War general who served at the Battles of Trenton and Brandywine, and later played a key role at Gloucester Point blocking Cornwallis's escape during the Yorktown campaign. Weedon was a Fredericksburg tavern keeper turned patriot officer and close associate of George Washington.
- **Gustavus Brown Wallace (1751-1802)** Revolutionary War colonel (brevetted brigadier general) and owner of Fredericksburg's historic Rising Sun Tavern. Wallace was made a Mason in Lodge No. 4 alongside Washington in the 1750s and later distinguished himself in military service.
- **Major Benjamin Day (1752-1821)** American Revolutionary War officer and twice Mayor of Fredericksburg. Day also served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia (1797-1800), making him one of the highest-ranking Masons in the state. His table-sized tombstone in the cemetery is inscribed with his public and Masonic honors.
- **Bazil Gordon (1768-1847)** A Scottish-born merchant who settled in Fredericksburg and is often cited as the first millionaire in America. Gordon

was a highly successful trader and financier; his obelisk grave monument is prominent in the cemetery.

- **Lewis Littlepage (1762-1802)** A fascinating soldier-diplomat who led a remarkably adventurous life abroad. Littlepage served as aide to American envoy John Jay, then joined the court of King Stanislaus II of Poland as a confidential secretary and even fought with Polish forces against Russia. He returned to Virginia in ill health and died at age 39. His marble tombstone (now very worn) in the cemetery's western corner bears a long inscription detailing his exploits.

- **Robert Lewis (1769-1829)** Nephew of George Washington (son of Fielding and Betty Washington Lewis of Kenmore plantation) and private secretary to President Washington. Robert Lewis later served as Mayor of Fredericksburg. His burial in the Masonic Cemetery underscores the strong ties between the Washington/Lewis family and the Fredericksburg Lodge.

- **Christiana Campbell (ca. 1723-1792)** A notable woman buried here, she was the proprietress of *Christiana Campbell's Tavern* in Williamsburg, a famous colonial-era tavern frequented by Virginia's patriots. In her later years she lived in Fredericksburg (possibly with family) and upon her death was laid to rest in this cemetery. Her presence here is unique, as she was not a Mason herself but was honored for her contributions, her Williamsburg tavern had hosted Lodge meetings in the 1770s.

- **Charles Yates (1727-1809)** An influential early Fredericksburg merchant and local political figure. Yates was involved in town governance and commerce; he helped finance the Revolution and was a contemporary of George Mason and Patrick Henry. His grave lies near the front of the cemetery.

- **John Minor (1761-1816)** Veteran of the Revolutionary War and a general of militia during the War of 1812. Minor was a leading citizen and lawyer in Fredericksburg. He is interred under a raised Gothic-style tomb.

- **Rev. George Rowe (1793-1866)** - A local minister and entrepreneur, noted for pastoring Fredericksburg's Salem Baptist Church as well as the African Baptist Church (later known as Shiloh Baptist, "Old Site"). Rowe's inclusion reflects the broad community role of many Masons.

· **Delia Forbes Smith (1780-1841)** A Fredericksburg resident whose descendants included prominent figures of the Gilded Age (she was an ancestor of Consuelo Vanderbilt, the Duchess of Marlborough). Her burial indicates the generational reach of families associated with the Lodge.

Note: Many other prominent local surnames appear on graves here, including Mortimer, Mercer, Brooke, French, Chew, Wellford, Grinnan, and Littlepage, among others, illustrating that Fredericksburg's political, military, and business elite of the 18th early 19th centuries used this cemetery. Even James Somerville, the donor of the land, was himself interred in the cemetery in 1798 under a stone slab praising his service to the town.

Role in Wartime and Historic Events

Revolutionary War Era: Since many interments were Revolutionary War veterans or contemporaries of that era, the cemetery itself is a direct link to the War of Independence. Several patriots and war heroes rest here (as noted above: Generals Weedon and Wallace, Major Day, etc.), and their gravesites have become spots of remembrance. The cemetery's creation in 1784 just after the war was part of the Lodge's effort to honor its members' service and provide a sanctified space for national heroes and local leaders alike. Even decades later, in 2015, heritage organizations commemorated these patriots: for example, the Virginia Society of the War of 1812 and Sons of the American Revolution jointly dedicated markers honoring Revolutionary War patriot William Drummond and Private Daniel Grinnan, Sr. (a War of 1812 veteran) who are buried in the Masonic Cemetery. This underscores the cemetery's lasting role as a site of patriotic memory.

Civil War (1861-1865): By the time of the Civil War, the Masonic Cemetery was an old graveyard in the midst of a town about to become a battlefield. Fredericksburg endured a devastating battle and bombardment in December 1862, and the town was occupied by Union troops. During the Battle of Fredericksburg, the Masonic Cemetery served as a conspicuous landmark - it was noted on maps and in accounts as an identifiable walled burial ground in the southwest part of town. Historian John Hennessy describes it as "*certainly the moodiest burial ground in town and an important landmark during the Battle of Fredericksburg*". While most of the heavy combat took place on Marye's Heights and other outskirts, Union soldiers

did fight and maneuver through the town's streets; the proximity of the cemetery to some of these skirmishes made it part of the battle's landscape.

In the aftermath of the battle, Fredericksburg was heavily damaged and looted. The Masonic Lodge building itself was not spared - it was used as a Union field hospital and ransacked, resulting in the loss of many lodge records and artifacts (minutes from 1771 - 1862 were lost). The cemetery, being an open-air site, likely sustained incidental damage (though specific records of struck tombstones are scarce).

There is no evidence that the Masonic Cemetery was used for mass Civil War burials - by late 1862, Union war dead were ultimately reinterred in what became Fredericksburg National Cemetery, and Confederate dead in a separate Confederate Cemetery. However, local Civil War-era burials did occur in the Masonic Cemetery if a family plot already existed there. For instance, older members of the community who died during the 1860s (from illness or other causes) continued to be interred in family graves on these grounds. Thus, the cemetery witnessed the war's impact more as a bystander and survivor than as an active burial site for soldiers.

It's worth noting that American Lodge No. 63, a Masonic lodge formed in Fredericksburg in 1799 as an offshoot of Lodge No. 4, did not survive the Civil War -it went defunct during the conflict. Later on, the remains of some members of Lodge 63 were reinterred in the Masonic Cemetery, consolidating Fredericksburg's Masonic burials in one place (one marker notes that along one wall of the cemetery lie re-interred graves from Lodge 63's former plot).

This reflects how the turmoil of war and Reconstruction led the surviving Lodge No. 4 to gather and preserve Masonic heritage, including the resting places of brethren from the dissolved Lodge.



The Brethren of Lodge No. 4 have long held the care and preservation of our cemetery as a sacred duty.

Today, Fredericksburg's Masonic Cemetery stands as a quiet, enclave of history amid the modern city. It is maintained by Lodge No. 4 as both a memorial and a museum of stone. The site's historical markers and documented burials offer a tangible connection to Revolutionary-era Fredericksburg - Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 and its Brethren - as well as to the trials the town endured through the Civil War.

From the founders like James Somerville, who gave the land in 1784, to the patriots, politicians, businessmen, and families laid to rest over the next several generations, the Masonic Cemetery encapsulates a significant part of Fredericksburg's heritage. It has witnessed the birth of the nation, the devastation of war, and the evolution of the community around it, all while fulfilling its original purpose as "a resting place of faithful Masons and their families.

Stewardship of Our Sacred Grounds

A Brother stepped forward and offered financial assistance toward the care and preservation of our Masonic Cemetery. This act of generosity reminds us how much good can be accomplished when Brethren, friends, and our community join together in support of this sacred place. Contributions such as these not only help the Lodge, but also ensure that the cemetery remains a respectable and dignified site within the city of Fredericksburg, a place worthy of the many patriots, Masons, and families who rest there.

Every act of help, large or small, is deeply appreciated. From the restoration of weathered headstones to the replacement of grave markers and the upkeep of the grounds, much work remains to be done. These are significant undertakings, but they are also an obligation. As Masons, we are charged with being good stewards of our past Brethren, our war heroes, and the Masonic families who shaped both our Lodge and this city. Preserving their memory is not only an honor but also a duty that connects our past, our present, and our future.

That is why I have chosen to make the cemetery a focus of my year as Worshipful Master. By shining a light on this historic ground, I hope to remind us all of its importance, to our Lodge, to Fredericksburg, and to the families who still care for plots within its walls. When we safeguard these stones, we safeguard our legacy. When we care for this place, we ensure that future generations will have the opportunity to walk among these markers, to learn from history, and to honor the descendants who came before them.

The cemetery has been opened by appointment for some years, but we are now considering opening it to the public once a month following our pancake breakfast. The interest has been tremendous, foot traffic is high, and visitors are eager to learn the history of both Lodge No. 4 and Fredericksburg itself. Many have expressed surprise at just how intertwined our Lodge is with the very fabric of the city. Sharing that story has turned every visit into both an education and an act of remembrance.

We especially want to thank the Fredericksburg Masonic Museum Association and our Brother Charles McDaniel, a descendant of none other than General George Weedon, for their steadfast support over the last several years.

Their contributions have helped keep the cemetery in good order and preserved its dignity. Most recently, the FMMA and Brother Charles McDaniel worked together to get the great black walnut tree removed, which posed a safety hazard, and they further made ivy removal and essential cleanup efforts happen. Without their assistance, this important work would have remained undone.



In the end, preserving the Masonic Cemetery is not simply about maintenance, it is about honoring our Brethren, families, and the city itself. It is about ensuring that this place of memory remains a place of teaching, reflection, and pride. We are humbled by the assistance we have received, and we pray that many more will join us in this labor of love, so that the sacred grounds entrusted to our care may continue to inspire for generations yet to come.

Should any Brother or friend feel moved to contribute their time, talents, or resources toward the preservation of our sacred cemetery, I invite you to reach out to me as Worshipful Master. Together, we may continue the honorable labor of guarding the resting place of our Brethren, their families, and the noble history entrusted to our care.

This concludes the eighth 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



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maintain our Historic Home!

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2025

Fredericksburg Commandery No. 1 150th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

**A. Smith Bowman Distillery
1 Bowman Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408**

Please join us for an evening of chivalric fellowship and history as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our founding. Social hour followed by dinner, a historical program, and distinguished speakers.



Dinner \$50
Guests Welcome.
Please RSVP to
CELEBRATE150@FXBGKT1.ORG
by September 30.



Due to increased costs, tickets for this event are now \$50. Guests and Masons who are not Templars are also welcome. Dinner is being catered by Orofino Restaurant and will include salad, two types of pasta, lemon chicken, and asparagus. Many of our historic artifacts will be on display. Please also note we have 150th Anniversary jewels (pictured at top) for all Knights Templar to wear on their uniforms throughout our anniversary year for \$30.

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Wor.: Carter. G. Wells.....	1963	Wor.: Anthony L Rudder.....	2007
Wor.: Rudolph E. Griffith.....	1974	R.: W.: Jeffrey D. St. Onge.....	2009
Wor.: Henry W. Baker.....	1975	Wor.: Shelton S. Mackey.....	2010
Wor.: Edward L. Donalson.....	1983	R.: W.: Shelby L. Chandler.....	2011
R.: W.: Dennis W. Berry.....	1986	Wor.: Christopher J. Decker.....	2012
Wor.: Thomas C Shelton.....	1988	Wor.: Christopher R. Wilson.....	2013
Wor.: William J. White.....	1989	Wor.: Jeffrey L. Mitchell.....	2014
Wor.: James R. Adams.....	1992	M.: W.: Jeffrey P. VanCuren.....	2015
Wor.: Michael J. McCray.....	1995	Wor.: James L. Ragsdale.....	2016
Wor.: Steven M. Gallahan.....	1996	Wor.: Michael T. Moses.....	2017
Wor.: Charles B. Pasto.....	1998	Wor.: Daniel T. Goodwin.....	2018
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Wor.: Sheridan G. Harrod.....	2003	Wor.: Joseph K. Gilkerson.....	2023
Wor.: Jene G. Parrotte.....	2004	Wor.: Patrick F. McConnell.....	2024
R.: W.: Steven W. Sanford.....	2005		
Wor.: Richard D. Dey.....	2006		