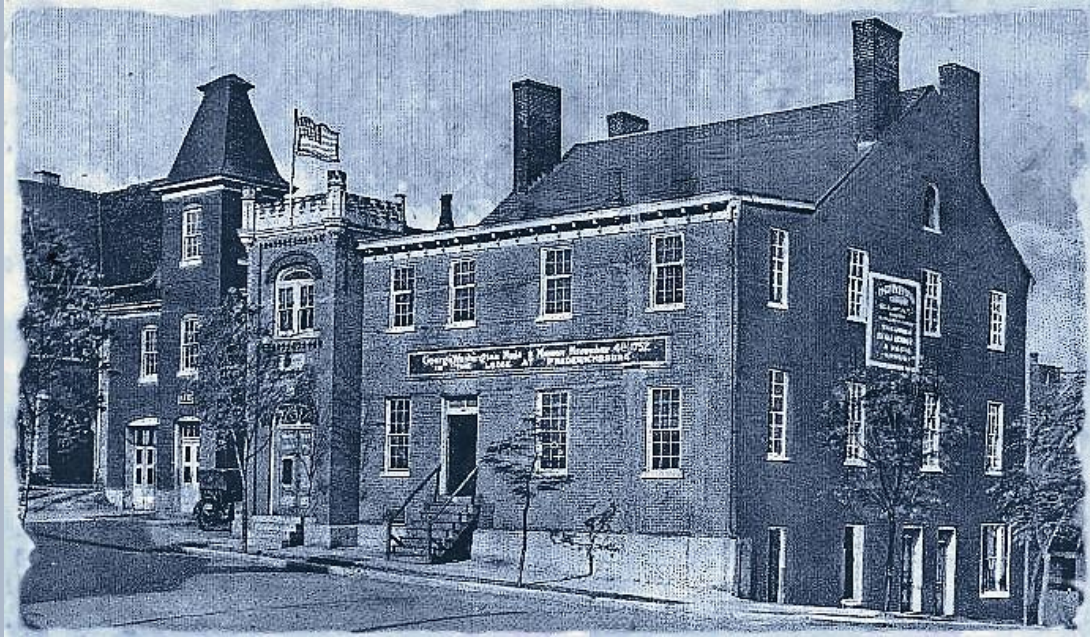


FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.



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

INITIATED NOVEMBER 4, 1752

PASSED MARCH 3, 1753

RAISED AUGUST 4, 1753

Stated Meeting
Second Fridays
(Except Nov. 4)

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'MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER FOR 270 YEARS'

Dinner 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:30 pm

Degree Work
Wednesdays 7pm
(Check calendar)

DECEMBER 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS -DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 8:00am Pancake Breakfast 4:30pm Fredericksburg Christmas Parade
4 1:00pm Rainbow Girls # 12 7:30 Grotto	5 7:00pm Social Order of the Beauceant	6	7	8	9 7:00pm Stated Meeting Lodge Elections	10 12:00pm Lodge Officer Installation
11 1:00pm Jobs Daughters	12	13	14	15 6:30pm SOOB #266 7:30pm Commandery	16	17
18 3:00pm Rainbow Girls #12	19 6:30pm OES #29	20 6:30pm Royal Arch #23	21 No Practice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas	26	27	28 10:30am E.H. Cann Daylight Lodge 1752	29	30	31
Jan 1 New Year's Day	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7 8:00am Pancake Breakfast

Consult calendar on website for details and updates.

<https://masoniclodge4.org/calendar-2/>

MASTER'S CORNER

Brethren, December is finally here!

As we prepare for the end of the year we have one remaining item – Lodge Officer elections. The Lodge Officer election will take place at the Dec 9th Stated meeting. A 2022 dues card check will be conducted prior to the election taking place – please have your dues card ready to present to ensure all that are voting are paid up to date and in good standing with Lodge #4.

November was a very busy month for Lodge #4. Here are some of the activities that took place:

I have the absolute pleasure to inform you that the Lodge roof (over the new Lodge Room) has been replaced. This took place on Nov. 22nd and 23rd. This has been a long overdue and will now mitigate the continued water damage in the original building and well as the new Lodge Room. I would like to thank the Fredericksburg Masonic Museum Association (FMMA) for their support – without the FMMA this would not have been able to happen. I would also like to thank the Lodge Trustee's for all of their support and assistance in making this happen.

On November 4th, Lodge 4 hosted the Grand Master of Virginia during our Stated Communication. An excellent meal of Ham, Turkey, and traditional holiday fare was provided. Lodge #4 presented Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay Jr. a handmade Lantern as a gift. I am proud to say the Charity Basket collected over \$600 for the Grand Masters Charity. Along with the Grand Master of Virginia, a large contingent of Masons from Scotland led by Rt. Wor. Ewan Rutherford were present as well. Additionally, during November's Stated, Lodge #4 hosted 21 current or Past DDGMs, 12 Heads of Appendant Bodies, 4 Grand Lodge Officers, 7 past Grand Masters (from Virginia and various states), and 3 sitting Grand Masters (Virginia, Pennsylvania, and North Dakota). The day began with a procession (led by a bagpiper) to the Fredericksburg Masonic Cemetery (the oldest in the Western Hemisphere) with an excellent presentation given by Wor. Christopher Tripp. We then continued our procession to the Bro. Hugh Mercer statue and received an excellent presentation by Wor. Shelby Chandler.

Later in Nov., I (with Wor. Christopher Tripp and Wor. Shelby Chandler) had the honor of attending the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The highlight was the election and installation of the new Grand Line. Please join me in congratulating Most Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle on his election. His theme this year is "Uniting all Mankind".



Additionally, the newly elected and installed District Deputy Grand Master for District 8 is Rt. Wor. Daniel Thompson. Please join me in congratulating him on his election and installation.

During the same time as the Grand Annual Communication, Wor. Chris Decker and Bro. Pat McConnell, along with Wor. Bill White escorted the George Washington Obligation Bible to Gabon Africa (Wor. Chris Decker will speak to that in the Secretary's section).

Lodge dues for the 2023 have been set at \$215. You are able to pay your dues via the Lodge's web page (there is a fee to use PayPal added), you can mail a check. or drop by the Lodge to pay.

Don't forget to take a look at the Lodge Calendar ([Calendar – Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge No. 4 \(masoniclodge4.org\)](https://masoniclodge4.org)) to make sure you know what is going on with your Lodge. If you have been a away for a while, fear not..... come by on any Wednesday and we will give you a rust nail class – no need to worry about forgetting anything as you will be given a refresher and will have a Brother sit with you during Stated to answer any questions you may have and to guide you. It just like riding a bike!! We would enjoy having you come back and sit in Lodge with us.

As a reminder, we will be walking in the Fredericksburg Christmas Parade this year on Dec 3rd (be at the Lodge at 4:00pm)

Lastly, we will have the Lodge Officer Installation on Dec 10th at 12:00. The date in the last Trestle Board was incorrect, my apologies. It is open to the public and there will be refreshments afterwards. Come out and meet your new line for 2023.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

I would like to leave you with another poem by Brother Robert Burns:

Auld Lang Syne a Christmas & New Year Poem

Make it Snow!

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll buy your pint-cup, And surely I'll be mine! And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

We two have run about the braes (hills), And picked the gowans (daisies) fine; But we've wandered many a weary foot Since auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

We two have paddled in the stream, From morning sun till dine; But seas between us broad have roared Since auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere (friend), And give me a hand o' thine! And we'll take a right good-will draught For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

Respectfully and Fraternally,
Joe

Joe Gilkerson
Fredericksburg Lodge #4
Worshipful Master - Pro Tem

George Washington's Mother Lodge

SECRETARY's CORNER

My Brethren,

Whew December is finally here! What a year it has been. There have been highs and lows and if you will allow me I would like to speak about a few of the highs from this year.

Worshipful Bill White, Brother Pat McConnell and I had the amazing honor of escorting the George Washington obligation Bible to Gabon for the reinstallation of Most Worshipful and President Ali Bongo Ondimba, who is also a member of our Lodge. The trip was beyond amazing with Grand Masters from all over the world getting to see the Bible and the Brethren of Lodge No 4 spreading awareness about this amazing artifact that we are entrusted with.

Also, the Lodge was part of The UnXplained hosted by William Shatner where they spoke about Ill. Bro George and his connection to the Lodge. If you haven't seen it, it is worth looking.

Several points of Business that I would like to highlight:

The first one being all dues notices have been sent out, if you have not received yours please let me know and we will look into it.

Second – If you are 2 years past due as of January 1st I will be starting the process to suspend. This is not a personal decision but every member that we carry on the books that doesn't pay their dues costs the Lodge the Grand Lodge assessment every year. As of this writing there are over 50 members who will be eligible for suspension. I know I say this every month but my Brethren if you are having hardships please let us know and we can work with you.

Last thing for this month, Do you own a business and would like to advertise it in our Tresleboard? Let me know and we can get you the details.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season filled with laughter and joy!

Chris Decker, PM
Secretary



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Frank Jones

Lodge Instructor of Work

Christopher S. Tripp, PM

Lodge Education Officer

Bob Melvin

Masonic Home Ambassador

Ross Upchurch

Lodge Catechism Chair

Huey Allen

LIVING PAST MASTERS

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