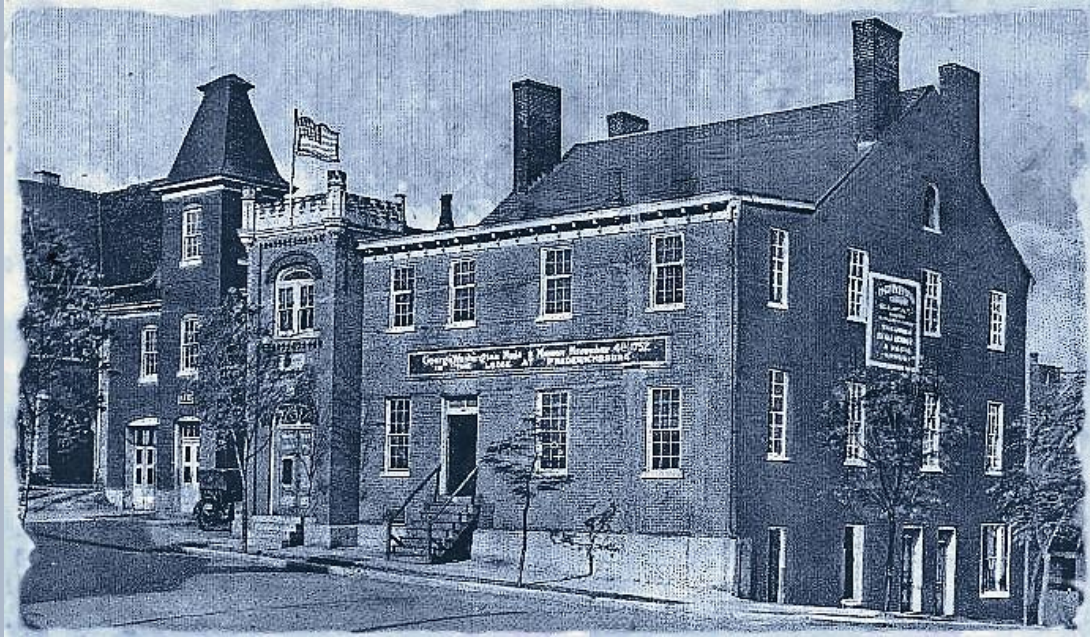


# FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.



## 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)

Masoniclodge4.org

**'MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER FOR 270 YEARS'**

Dinner 6:30 pm  
Meeting 7:30 pm

Degree Work  
Wednesdays 7pm  
(Check calendar)

NOVEMBER 2022

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS -NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 7:00pm Practice Receiving Grand Master	3	4 7:00pm Stated Meeting	5 8:00am Pancake Breakfast
6 1:00pm Rainbow Girls # 12  7:30 Grotto	7	8	9 7:00pm – EA Practice	10	11	12
13 1:00pm Jobs Daughters	14	15 6:30pm Royal Arch	16 7:00pm – FC Practice	17 6:30pm SOOB #266 7:30pm Commandery	18	19
20 3:00pm Rainbow Girls #12	21 6:30pm OES #29	22 7:00pm DeMolay	23 No Practice	24 Thanksgiving	25 OES Baker Room	26 OES Baker Room
27 1:00pm Jobs Daughters	28	29 7:00pm Social Order of the Beauceant	30 7:00pm – MM Practice	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3 8:00am Pancake Breakfast  4:00pm Fredericksburg Christmas

Consult calendar on website for details and updates.

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

## ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES

Eugene Hoffer Mullen	56 years	Dennis Leroy English	51 years
John Richard Dodson	49 years	James Bryan Banks	48 years
Burce Ziegler Hollman	44 years	William Gordon Linwood Turner	44 years
Bruce Jeffrey Adkins	43 years	Terry Lee Bruss	40 years
Charles Thomas Doyal	26 years	William Howard Peck	25 years
Jason Daniel Morris	22 years	Joanthon Buell Stevens	19 years
Gregory Brian Palmertree	15 years	Raymond Lawrence Nelson Sr.	14 years
Patrick Joel Wagnon	5 years	Assad Hamze	4 years

## MASTER's CORNER

Brethren, we are now into November and Fall is full upon us. I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge two Brothers who have laid down their working tools – Brother Carlisle Mister (CM) Williams and Brother Michael Highlen Long. Please keep their families in your thought and prayers.

On Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Wor. Chris Tripp and myself represented Lodge 4 at the Grand Lodge Reunion Table Lodge that was held at the St. Tammany Lodge #5. This is an annual event for the original Lodges in Virginia and was a lot of fun and Brotherly comradery. We were able to see a set of stainless-steel jewels that were made in the late 1700's. This Reunion Table Lodge rotates between the original Lodges – once I have the info for 2023, I will make sure it is posted.

Lodge dues will be announced once the Grand Lodge Annual Communication has been completed (Nov 11<sup>th</sup>). You can pay by mailing a check to the Lodge, paying person at the Lodge, or with the updated link in the Lodge Store via PayPal (you do not need to have a PayPal account to use it).

Don't forget to take a look at the Lodge Calendar ([Calendar – Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge No. 4 \(masoniclodge4.org\)](http://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 by and sit in Lodge with us.

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

Lastly, we will have the Lodge Officer Installation on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> (time TBD). It is open to the public and there will be refreshments afterwards. Come out and meet you new line for 2023.

Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

I would like to leave you with a poem by Brother Robert Burns (1788):

**The Fall of The Leaf**

The lazy mist hangs from the brow of the hill, Concealing the course of the dark-winding rill;  
How languid the scenes, late so sprightly, appear! As Autumn to Winter resigns the pale year.  
The forests are leafless, the meadows are brown, And all the gay foppery of summer is flown:  
Apart let me wander, apart let me muse, How quick Time is flying, how keen Fate pursues!  
How long I have liv'd-but how much liv'd in vain, How little of life's scanty span may remain,  
What aspects old Time in his progress has worn, What ties cruel Fate, in my bosom has torn.  
How foolish, or worse, till our summit is gain'd! And downward, how weaken'd, how darken'd, how  
pain'd!  
Life is not worth having with all it can give - For something beyond it poor man sure must live.

Respectfully and Fraternally,  
Joe

Joe Gilkerson  
Fredericksburg Lodge #4  
Worshipful Master - Pro Tem

*George Washington's Mother Lodge*

## **SECRETARY's CORNER**

Brethren and Friends,

It is hard to believe that it is November already. First message I would like to put out is a massive THANK YOU to the FMMA for granting the Lodge money to replace the flat roof above the Baker room. This is the reason for the damage you see in the Lodge room. So you should be seeing construction going on very shortly. It doesn't stop there, the lower flat roof also is getting near the end of life and will need to be replaced and redesigned shortly. The estimate for that replacement is around \$10,000. Remember you can make donations to the FMMA and earmark them for repairs around the Lodge. The FMMA is a 501c3 so your donation will be tax free. The Lodge will also take donations on our webpage.

Now on to dues....It is coming to the end of the year and dues invoices will be coming out soon. If you are two years behind dues as of January 1<sup>st</sup> you are eligible to be suspended and cost the Lodge the Grand Lodge assessment. It is the last thing the Lodge wants to do so please contact myself or the Master if you are having financial difficulties.

## 2022 LODGE OFFICERS

Joseph Gilkerson	<a href="mailto:gilkerson@hotmail.com">gilkerson@hotmail.com</a>	(540) 907-7404	Worshipful Master (ProTem)
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Dennis David			Junior Warden(ProTem)
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## TRUSTEES

Chris Decker, PM – 2022	Dan Goodwin, PM – 2023	Charles Cooper, PM – 2024
Dennis David – 2025	Dennis Berry, PM – 2026	

## PROGRAM OFFICERS

<p><b>Lodge Blood Coordinators</b> Frank Jones</p> <p><b>Masonic Home Ambassador</b> Ross Upchurch</p>	<p><b>Lodge Instructor of Work</b> Christopher S. Tripp, PM</p> <p><b>Lodge Catechism Chair</b> Huey Allen</p>	<p><b>Lodge Education Officer</b> Bob Melvin</p> <p><b>Lodge Almoner</b> Richard Klehm, PM</p>
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## 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