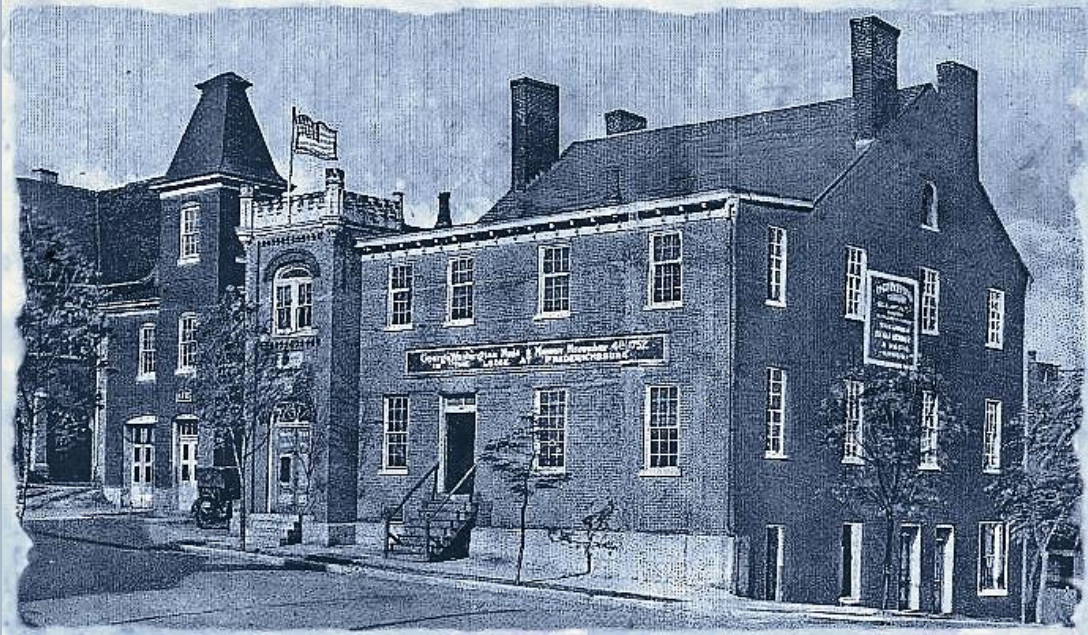


FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M.



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)

SEPTEMBER 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 8:00 – Pancake Breakfast
4 1:00 - Rainbow Girls 7:30 - Grotto	5	6	7 No degree work. Prepare lodge for stated. Any practice as needed.	8	9 6:30 – Dinner 7:30 - Stated	10
11 1:00 - Job's Daughters	12 7:30 - OES #29	13 7:30 – Royal Arch #23	14 7:00 – EA Return and Fellowcraft Degree	15 6:30 – SOOB 7:30 – FXBG Commandery #1	16	17
18 1:00 - Rainbow girls	19	20	21 11:00 – E.H Cann Daylight Lodge	22	23	24 12:00 – Lodge picnic – Izaak Walton League Park – Bring dessert or side dish
25 1:00 - Job's Daughters	26	27	28	29	30	

Consult calendar on website for details and updates.

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

ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES

John Wesley Thomas, Jr	63 years	Charles Leonard Trigger	56 years
Douglas Cowen Holbrook	49 years	Joseph James Bansky	48 years
Michael Jerome McCray	48 years	Henry Harris McCaslin, Jr	35 years
William Robert Brammer	32 years	Alan Franklin Embrey	29 years
Richard Camell Knick II	20 years	Ronald Allen Peacock	17 years
Robert Sterling Parsons	16 years	Michael Charles Meisberger	16 years
Benjamin Bliss Bursae	13 years	Michael Emmitt Dillard	13 years
Stephen Loyd Marshall	13 years	Jeffrey Carl McClain	13 years
Lyndell Darrell Griffin, Jr	12 years	Mark William Gilday	12 years
John Allen Gaby, Jr	11 years	Walter Hugh Harrison	11 years
Frederic Northey Howe III	11 years	Tom Ryan Van Blaricome	11 years
Kenneth Hudson McSpadden	9 years	Shawn Ray Butterfield	9 years
Walt Daniel Callies	8 years	James Milton Snyder	8 years
Roger Allen Smith III	8 years		

MASTER's CORNER

Brethren, as we move into the Fall, we have some milestone events that should be a lot of fun and provide a good platform to catch up with the Brothers. On September 3rd we will have our monthly Pancake Breakfast (\$5 – all you can eat 800am – 1000am). The Stewards have been providing an excellent selection of Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, and sausage and biscuits, plus coffee and juice. Come out and catch up with the Brothers and bring the family and a friend.

On September 9th, (7:30pm) we will celebrate our Stated meeting with Past Masters Night. There will be a meal of Creamy Basil Chicken, Butter Parsley Potatoes, with Roasted Seasonal Vegetables, Salad, Roll, and Desert. All Past Masters will wear Hawaiian Shirts and Slacks and the Brethren will wear business casual attire (button down shirt or Polo shirt with Khaki Trousers and appropriate shoes **NO** shorts, **No** T-Shirts, **No** flip flops). Let's fill the Lodge Room to see how it was done in "their year"!

On September 17th, (6:30pm – 1000pm) Lodge 4 Table Lodge. Come Celebrate our Table Lodge event. The Cannons will be prepped and ready for many toasts to include to our Esteemed Brother George Washington and others. The Menu will be Herb Crusted Prime Rib, Garlic Whipped Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine (WM Chris Tripp's Favorite), Salad, Rolls, and Desert. To make your reservation (pay at the door) please use this link so we can ensure we order enough food <http://evite.me/jjAh5M5NsV>.

On September 17th, (8:00am) Brothers from the 8th Masonic District will be meeting in Kinsale, Va. to exemplify the Fellow Craft Degree. If you would like a role for next year, attend the District School on

the 4th Tuesday of each Month (at 6:30pm). Brothers from around the 8th Masonic District meet to go over Ritual with Rt. Worshipful Dave Weaver.

I would like to also let everyone know that our Masonic Youth Groups have a lot going on as well (way too much to list here) please go check out the Lodge Calendar and sit in on one of their meetings. They do a great job with their ritual and if you have a child that would be interested, bring them along – these youth groups are well led (both by the Adult Advisors and the Young Leaders). Here is the link to the Lodge Calendar: [Calendar – Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge No. 4 \(masoniclodge4.org\)](http://masoniclodge4.org).

Brethren, the Lodge needs attention. We are scheduling Lodge Clean ups on Saturday Mornings 800am – 1000am. The Next one will be on September 10th and then on September 14th. There will be doughnuts and coffee. We really need your help; more hands make for easy work. This building has been here since 1816 and needs upkeep. So, stop by, catch up with the Brothers and have some fun. We have visitor's form around the globe stop by our Lodge just to be in the Brother George Washington's Mother Lodge. We need to ensure the Lodge Looks it best at all times.

I would like to thank Brothers Ken Carey, Mike Dove, and Lodge Petitioner Don Meyer for their excellent work taking care of the Masonic Cemetery. It looks great because your efforts and the Lodge is proud to be the care taker of the oldest Masonic Cemetery in the Western Hemisphere. I would also like to thank Bro Frank Jones for coming in on a Saturday to fix a broken toilet. Thank you for taking time out of your weekend to stop by the Lodge and make it a better place for everyone. Thank you, Worshipful Chris Decker and Brother Kevin Valentine, for building the new Secretary's desk (a beautiful wooden desk donated by Brother Bob Melvin) and for cleaning up the East. I would also like to thank Bro Pat McConnell for all of the work and coordination you do for the Lodge month in and month out, especially you're stopping by on Saturday to help with the Lodge Clean up (by yourself).

Brothers, remember Masonry is what you put into it. Becoming a Master Mason is just the beginning. Come to a called meet on Wednesday or a Stated, it does not matter how long you have been away – we have a "Rusty Nail" team ready to get you prepared for the meeting. We have had a few Brother return after a long absence and performed without a flaw! If you know a Brother that has been away for a while, bring them with you and sit with them and coach them.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,
Joe

Joe Gilkerson
Fredericksburg Lodge #4
Worshipful Master - Pro Tem

George Washington's Mother Lodge

SECRETARY's CORNER

Brethren and Friends of the Lodge,

This is going to be a Trestleboard without a mention of dues by me. However, I just want to emphasize a bit about the cleaning of the Lodge. Remember that everyone who uses the building has a responsibility to clean up after yourself. Have you taken out your trash? Have you thought about vacuuming a carpet? Have you picked up after yourself?

We are seeing a shocking amount of items that don't belong in the Lodge gathering around. Remember the Lodge is not a place to drop off items you no longer want. It creates an environment that starts to resemble a Salvation Army.

The next thing I would like to talk about is the Lodge roof. The Lodge is in the process of replacing the flat roof, that was last replaced in the 1980's. This roof is causing plaster to fall in the Lodge room. We have gathered quotes and we are working to get a contractor for the job.

Did you know that you can make a donation to the FMMA which can be used to go to projects inside the Lodge? If you would like to do that you can earmark it for a certain project i.e. something you see around the Lodge that you would like to see fixed or to the general fund.

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Dennis David – 2025	Dennis Berry, PM – 2026	

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Masonic Home Ambassador Ross Upchurch	Lodge Catechism Chair Huey Allen	Lodge Almoner Richard Klehm, PM

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