

Hamilton Thompson No. 37

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2023 Officers

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From the East

Brethren, this year we are looking at a very calendar filled time together. This year, our year, we will be focusing on the bonds that connect us together. At the installation in December, I sent out a challenge to the lodge to increase social engagements in both larger and smaller events. To date, we have enjoyed time together at the Christmas party at Trungo's and ax throwing at Elysium. Next month WB Goff has arranged for us to go to Williams Gap Winery. These social engagements will only strengthen us as a lodge and I look forward to hearing from the next Brother who wants to arrange something. Remember, it can be a large event or even as small as inviting people out for drinks and a usable grill. It is my hope that we fill the calendar with something at least every other month.

The past stated, Hamilton-Thompson was honored to receive Right Worshipful Raymon Baccus who presented the Most Worshipful's introduction for the year and made it truly an enjoyable evening. I look forward to his next visit.

Finally, I am enclosing some upcoming dates. This is not a complete list but just February dates that may be of interest to you.

If there is anything I can do for you, please reach out.

William Craig (Bill) Worshipful Master "virtus junxit mors non separabit"

February Dates of Importance:

2/2 - EA Degree

2/10 - Division Leadership Conference (DLC) at Kena Shriners in Manassas

2/11 - Division Leadership Conference (DLC) at The Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple

2/16 - Stated Communication - Hamilton-Thompson #37

2/18 - Wine at Williams Gap Winery

2/20 - Re-enactment of Cornerstone Laying at George Washington Masonic National Memorial

2/22 - Masonic District No. 2 Ritual School and Masters and Wardens Meeting

From the West

Larry Brissing Senior Warden

Nothing from the West

Living Past Masters

William Rodgers Chris Thompson Fred Meyer Herb Goodfellow Bob Gardner Greg Jay Jim Cromer Paul Bock, Jeff Gould Jamie George Joe Ray Don Young David Marsh Mike Cox Jason Wolfe Ed Ziemba Larry Brissing Joshua Goff

From The South

Joshua Goff Junior Warden

Greetings from the south. I hope everyone is having a great start to the year. I'm looking forward to serving as your senior warden for this upcoming Masonic year.

Just a couple of quick updates.

It is time to pay lodge dues. There's a new option for payment this year through PayPal. There's a link posted on the website HT37.org

We're looking for a few more brothers to donate a meal for one of our stated meetings. Check the sign up sheet at the lodge.

Finally, we have a lodge gathering February 18 from 1 to 3 at Williams gap winery. We look forward to seeing you and your significant other for an afternoon at the winery.