



# Hamilton Thompson No. 37

## Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

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**Stated Communication - Third Thursday**  
**Dinner at 6:30p, Lodge at 7:30p**

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### **2023 Officers**

#### **Worshipful Master**

William Craig

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#### **Senior Warden**

Larry Brissing

#### **Junior Warden**

Joshua Goff

#### **Treasurer**

Greg Levine

#### **Secretary**

Jim Cromer

#### **Senior Deacon**

Jon Herman

#### **Junior Deacon**

Tommy Chapman

#### **Senior Steward**

Michael Heufelder

#### **Junior Steward**

Chris Barnes

#### **Chaplain**

Robert Kline

#### **Marshal**

Richard Wilson

#### **Tiler**

George Haas

**LIW** Chris Thompson

**LEO** Jeffrey Gould

## **From the East**

Brethren, I would like to begin by apologizing to you for my delinquency in providing you updated trestleboards and adequate communication. If you have missed any event in the lodge or in the district due to the way I was sending the information out, I am truly sorry. I have made it a priority to improve my communication with you.

### **Polos/Jackets**

We are now taking orders for Hamilton-Thompson Lodge polos and jackets. I am waiting on a sample to be provided so that it can be in the lodge for you all to see but to explain them, there will be the square and compass on the left side with, "Hamilton-Thompson" on the first line below and "Lodge #37" below it. If you choose to have your name put on it (+\$7.00/piece), it will be on the right breast. All threading will be in gold. The order form with pictures can be found at:

<https://forms.gle/2CBWVjSPzsJVVuKZ7>. All orders are due by June 30th, payment goes to the treasurer. You do not need to pay until they come in.

### **Investigation Committee Guideline**

We are in the process of drafting guidelines for the investigation committee to follow when interviewing candidates. The guidelines are

### **Living Past Masters**

William Rodgers (81)  
Fred Meyer (84,85)  
Herb Goodfellow (01,02)  
Paul Bock (05)  
Bob Gardner (06)  
Jim Cromer (07)  
Greg Jay (08)  
Jamie George (10)  
Jeff Gould (11,09)  
Chris Thompson (03,04)  
(13,14)  
Joe Ray (12)  
Don Young (15)  
David Marsh (16)  
Mike Cox (17)  
Jason Wolfe (18)  
Ed Ziemba (19,20)  
Larry Brissing (21)  
Joshua Goff (22)

braced on the Grand Lodge's guidelines and ones from other lodges in our district. The intent is to make sure there is no ambiguity in how the interviews are to be conducted, the proper information is obtained, and to make sure that after any interview (no matter if the candidate is qualified or not), that they are left with a stronger desire to be a Mason than before. Please visit: [https://shorturl.at/HT37\\_IC\\_V1](https://shorturl.at/HT37_IC_V1) and read the document. All comments (in favor of parts or opposed) should be emailed to [wmht37@gmail.com](mailto:wmht37@gmail.com) by June 14th. This will allow us to revisit the guidelines at our next stated communications.

### **Lodge Repairs and Refurbishing**

I would like to extend a personal thank you to all of the brothers who have either led, are leading, or have been a part of the lodge repairs and refurbishing. This year we have replaced the carpet, replaced the hot water heater, repainted the vestibule, and are in the process of repairing the window in the vestibule and replacing the ovens. There are other projects that the Buildings and Grounds committee have earmarked as funds are available.

### **Grant Research**

Brother Shotton is researching grants to fund the repairs and replacements needed for the lodge. If you would like to assist him, please reach out to him directly. [cshotton@gmail.com](mailto:cshotton@gmail.com)

### **Challenge Coins**

Brother Chris Barnes is putting together a challenge coin fundraiser. More information on that to come as things become solidified.

Please remember to keep all of our ill and distressed Brothers and the families in your hearts and prayers.

-Bill Craig, WM

## **From the West**

[Nothing from the West.]

## **From the South**

May 24 - Masters and Wardens Meeting  
7pm at Olive Branch Lodge, Leesburg

June 3 - Lodge Social Event  
1 PM to 4 PM Harvest Gap brewing.  
Bring the family and maybe a friend

June 6 - EA Degree  
6:30 PM meal, 7PM Degree

June 10 - Master Mason's Ball  
7pm at the River Creek country club in Leesburg.  
This evening is hosted by the Brothers of Metropolitan 161  
Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/595429203777>

June 30 - July 1 - Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership  
More information coming

July 8 - District 2 Cannons Baseball Game  
7pm Bring a canned good for the canned food drive. Fireman's  
Field, 250 S Nursery Ave., Purcellville

September 9 - Ken Shelton School

Greg Levine, is putting together an order for Hamilton-Thompson yeti  
mugs. Reach out if you would like one.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

24	MAY, WED	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Master and Wardens Meeting Olive Branch Lodge No 114 108 Cornwall St NE, Leesburg, VA ...
1	JUN, THU	● 7 – 9pm	Lodge Practice Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 320 W Main Street, Purcellville, VA 20132...
2	JUN, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	Fraternal Visit to Freedom Lodge 118 Freedom Lodge 118, Lovettsville, VA
3	JUN, SAT	● 1 – 4pm	Harvest Gap Brewery Social Harvest Gap Brewery 15485 Purcellville Rd, Purcellville, VA 201...
5	JUN, MON	● 7 – 10pm	Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch 114 108 Cornwall St NE, Leesburg, VA 20176, USA
6	JUN, TUE	● 6:30 – 9pm	Entered Apprentice Degree at Hamilton-Thompson Lodge 37 320 W Main St, Purcellville, VA...
10	JUN, SAT	● 6:30 – 10pm	Master Masons Ball River Creek Club, 43800 Olympic Boulevard, Leesburg, VA 20176
13	JUN, TUE	● 7:30 – 9:30pm ● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 43881 Waxpool RoadAshburn VA 20147-... Fraternal Visit to Metropolitan Lodge 161 14 Liberty St SW, Leesburg, Virginia 20175
15	JUN, THU	● 6:30 – 9:30pm	Hamilton Thompson Stated 320 W Main St, Purcellville, VA 20132
19	JUN, MON	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Herndon Lodge 264 820 Elden Street in Herndon, Virginia
3	JUL, MON	● 7 – 10pm	Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch 114 108 Cornwall St NE, Leesburg, VA 20176, USA
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7	JUL, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	Fraternal Visit to Freedom Lodge 118 Freedom Lodge 118, Lovettsville, VA
8	JUL, SAT	● 5 – 9pm	Cannons Baseball with Olive Branch Fireman's Field 250 S Nursery Ave, Purcellville, VA 2013...
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## **"Masonic Poetry Unveiled"**

– a poem by ChatGPT

Within secret realms, a brotherhood thrives,  
With symbols mystic, its essence derives.  
Wisdom's tapestry, truths intertwined,  
Freemasonry's light, eternally shines.

Bound as kin, virtues their guide,  
Compass and square, character's pride.  
United in service, charity's call,  
Freemasons uplift, inspiring all.

Seeking knowledge, wisdom they pursue,  
Ancient rituals, revealing life anew.  
A bond of brothers, purpose combined,  
Freemasonry's legacy, forever enshrined.