



Hamilton Thompson No. 37

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

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Dinner at 6:30p, Lodge at 7:30p**

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From the East

Hello Brethren,

To begin, welcome to Brother Aaron Kielhorn, our newest Entered Apprentice. He was initiated on June 6th with Bro. Jon Herman serving in the East. It was a memorable experience and I hope to see as many of you at our next degree. The frequent outings, degrees, and meetings help to build the bonds that make this fraternity great.

On June 3rd, we had our most recent social event at Harvest Gap Brewery. Thank you WB Joshua Goff for organizing the event. It was an enjoyable time for all who were able to make it.

July 8th will be the District 2 Cannons Baseball Game at 7pm at Fireman's Field in Purcellville. Bring a canned good for the canned food drive

Our next stated is this Thursday, June 15th. The program will be the Fellowcraft Return of Bro. Greg Marot. We will also talk about and vote on the investigation committee guidelines. I have also been promised by the company who will be making our polo shirts and jackets that I will have 2 samples to present.

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)

Investigation Committee Guidelines

I have received some extremely supportive feedback on the Investigation Committee Guidelines and we will be voting on adopting them at this month's stated communication.

There has been one point that has been brought up about the investigation committee being affirmed that the petition signers have done so after getting to know the candidate and providing background information before the investigation committee meets. For this reason, the following point will be voted on in regards to adding it to pre-interview tasks.

"The Investigation Committee Chair will meet with both petition signers and ascertain what ties they have with the candidate, why they feel the petitioner should be a Mason, and verify that due diligence in learning about the candidate was performed before signing their petition. This information is to be shared with the investigation committee before the interview. If there are any irregularities, they are to be presented to the Worshipful Master before the interview."

Degree Practice

We will be having another Master Mason raising in the near future and will need people to step in and learn parts. This is not only for the benefit of this upcoming degree but also for the good of the lodge moving forward. For that reason, I am planning Master Mason Degree Practice at 7:00 in lodge on:

June 29th

July 6th

July 13th

Additional emails will come out about these practices.

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

-Bill Craig, WM

"virtus junxit mors non separabit"

From the West

[Nothing from the West]

From the South

Greetings from the south,

We have a couple of events coming up in the month of July.

The first one is the 4 th of July parade in Purcellville. The parade starts at 11 AM and the theme for this year's parade is united we stand. We will meet in front of Hamilton Thompson to set up the float and pick up materials. We will proceed to Blue Ridge middle school to stage and complete the float decorating. As always, we are looking for volunteers to ride the float and hand out candy. I look forward to seeing everyone.

The second event will be a Masonic night at the Cannon's baseball game. July 8 at Fireman's field. We will be collecting items for the Tree of life food pantry in Purcellville. Tickets for the game are five dollars and the game starts at 7:30 PM. The address is 250 S. Nursery Ave. in Purcellville, Virginia. Here is the link to the tree of life for an updated list of requested items for the food pantry. Tolministries.org

I hope everyone is having a happy and healthy summer.

Joshua Goff

Junior Warden

Loudoun Master Masons Ball 2023



Announcements & Upcoming Events

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
6	JUL, THU	● 7 – 9pm	Lodge Practice Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 320 W Main Street, Purcellville, VA 20132, United States
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 20132, United States
11	JUL, TUE	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 43881 Waxpool RoadAshburn VA 20147-6917United States
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A MASONIC INCIDENT

THE CRAFTSMAN - 1866

A little incident, containing some mystical interest, transpired in Wayne county, South Carolina, during the late war. It is as follows:-

It was late at night, the husband was absent, and the wife, alone with her children, had retired. Three or four soldiers rudely knocked at the door of the house, and demanded entrance and something to eat. The good lady told them that it was too late, that she had nothing cooked, but fearing they would break the door, she got out of bed, and opened it to expostulate with them.

They insisted that she should cook something for them, and while she was getting ready, and they were roaming about the house, one of the party, who seemed to be the leader, happened to find a copy of Mackey's "Masonic Jurisprudence." Turning over he found the name of the poor, frightened woman's husband written on the fly-leaf.

"Is this your husband's?" he inquired of the lady. "Yes sir," was the timid reply.

"Is he a Mason?"

"Yes Sir."

"Come, boys, right about-march!" and immediately the house was cleared and quickly closed.