



Hamilton Thompson No. 37

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

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From the East

Brethren, I hope you all are doing well and staying cool as we enter into the warmer part of the summer. July has been an enjoyable month so far. We have provided two acts of community charity which were also social events for the lodge. The 4th of July parade was an amazing success with brethren from not only our lodge but also Metropolitan Lodge 161 from Leesburg. Thank you everyone who was able to attend, the event was a success.

July also provided us the opportunity to do a food drive for the Tree of Life and attend a Purcellville Cannons game. By the end of the night all of the donation boxes were full. This event also had representation from almost every lodge in the district! If you get the chance, take a look at the Lodge's Facebook page. There is a photo there of not only all of the people but also a photo of 4 of the current Masters in District 2. Thank you to our Junior Warden WB Joshua Goff for organizing this event, it was a success in many parts.

On the horizon we have a Master Mason's degree that we are trying to schedule. We are in need of cast members. Please reach out to me if you are interested in being a part of what could be, a memory that our

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)

Brother will not forget. If you do not know the parts, we can teach you one. Please reach out to me at: wmht37@gmail.com.

Thank you Brother Chuck Shotton for applying for grant money to repair our lodge. If you can think of organizations that we may be able to receive money from, please reach out to Chuck or send the list to me and I will forward it along. We have been making some vital repairs to our lodge this year and with additional funding, we will be able to keep the repairs going.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge this Thursday (we are in summer attire), do not forget to frequently check on the elderly and people who may not have air conditioning during these warm days, and remember to keep our ill and distressed Brothers and their families in your hearts and prayers.

-Bill Craig, WM

“virtus junxit mors non separabit”

From the West

Pay the craft their wages if any be due and see that none go away dissatisfied.

Thank you everyone for the help and support during our Independence Day celebration in Purcellville. We had a great representation and an excellent time. We gave away 360 hot dogs to the community and had a presence with our float. If you haven't been in lodge lately there are a lot of wages owed to our brothers. Some excellent degree work and fantastic ritual returns. I'm looking forward to the second half of the year. We have new petitions being read, candidates advancing and Master Masons joining our fraternity. Chuck has been working hard on trying to secure grant money for lodge projects and we now have a standard of practice for our interview

process. As always please look for a way you can join in and lend a hand. See everyone Thursday.

LB

From the South

Thank you to all the Brothers who participated in the 4th of July parade and hotdog giveaway. Thank you to the Brothers of Metropolitan Lodge No. 161 for their support in the parade. It was a great time and I look forward to future events with the Brothers of Metropolitan Lodge.

I would like to propose a new community outreach program. The name of this program will be Worshipful Brother Larry Brissing's Underwear. If you were present at the October meeting in 2022 you will recall the story brother Larry Brissing told about his new underwear. I would like to collect new underwear for men, women, and children along with socks and T-shirts to donate to the Tree of Life. We will collect underwear starting July 20 through September 21. Please drop your donations off at the lodge.

I hope you're all having a happy and eventful summer. Stay cool.

Joshua Goff
Junior Warden

Purcellville 4th of July Parade



Cannons Baseball Game

The brothers from Hamilton-Thompson and Olive Branch attended the Purcellville Cannons baseball game on July 8th and sponsored a Tree of Life food drive for all attendees. It was a great game and the Cannons beat the Staunton Braves 10-0!



H-T #37 Views from Above

The lodge is in the process of submitting several non-profit grant requests to obtain funds to help offset the cost of our ongoing restoration, repair, and upgrade projects. As part of a recent grant proposal for the Loudoun Preservation Society, Chuck Shotton captured a few drone shots of the lodge from some angles you don't often get to see.



Announcements & Upcoming Events

17	JUL, MON	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Herndon Lodge 264 820 Elden Street in Herndon, Virginia
20	JUL, THU	● 6:30 – 9:30pm	Hamilton Thompson Stated 320 W Main St, Purcellville, VA 20132
3	AUG, THU	● 7 – 9pm	Lodge Practice Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 320 W Main Street, Purcellville, VA 20132, United States
4	AUG, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	Fraternal Visit to Freedom Lodge 118 Freedom Lodge 118, Lovettsville, VA
7	AUG, MON	● 7 – 10pm	Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch 114 108 Cornwall St NE, Leesburg, VA 20176, USA
8	AUG, TUE	● 7:30 – 9:30pm ● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 43881 Waxpool RoadAshburn VA 20147-6917United States Fraternal Visit to Metropolitan Lodge 161 14 Liberty St SW, Leesburg, Virginia 20175
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9	SEP, SAT	● 8 – 9am	Ken Shelton School Ashburn-sterling Lodge No. 288 43881 Waxpool Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147, United States
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