



Hamilton Thompson No. 37

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

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From the East

Hello Brethren,

I hope that you all have had a great summer and are ready for the transition to fall next month. We are now in that time when vacations start to wrap up and kids are headed back to school. For me as Master, I have begun to look at this year. I have less than 4 months left in the East and I wanted to think about all of the good things our lodge has accomplished this year. We have had multiple social events that have been organized by multiple Brothers. One of which I want to call attention to is Worshipful Brother Goff who has organized more than one of these events. Thank you for taking up the charge I gave the lodge in December and working to provide these amazing opportunities for the craft.

As many of you know, we have been working diligently to make needed repairs to the building. As of last week, Brother Shotton secured us a grant from the Loudoun Preservation Society to make needed repairs to “the envelope” of the building. Thank you for all of your hard work securing these funds.

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)
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(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)

I have been told that the window is soon to be completed in the vestibule as well. Thank you Brother Orsinger for all of your hard work on that.

I could continue on but the reality is, this would go for a while and additionally, we're not done with this year yet. So let's look at what we have in front of us.

I am reaching out to people who have been in casts before for a Master Mason's Degree on the 7th of September. If you have not been contacted yet by me and would like to be a part of it, please reach out and let me know. We also have a "Worship Brother Larry Brissing Underwear Drive" going on right now. We are asking that Brothers donate new underwear for us to give to the Tree of Life. As Wor. Bro. Goff communicated at our last stated, many times underwear is overlooked in clothing drives.

Next month, September, will be our Lodge of Low Vale and Past Master's Night. There will be more information provided at the stated communication this Thursday and sent out via email as we approach.

Remember to keep our ill and distressed in your prayers.

-Bill Craig, WM

"virtus junxit mors non separabit"

From the West

Good Timber

by Douglas Malloch

The tree that never had to fight
For sun and sky and air and light,
But stood out in the open plain
And always got its share of rain,
Never became a forest king
But lived and died a scrubby thing.

The man who never had to toil
To gain and farm his patch of soil,
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky and light and air,
Never became a manly man
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow with ease,
The stronger wind, the stronger trees,
The further sky, the greater length,
The more the storm, the more the strength.
By sun and cold, by rain and snow,
In trees and men good timbers grow.

Where thickest lies the forest growth
We find the patriarchs of both.
And they hold counsel with the stars
Whose broken branches show the scars
Of many winds and much of strife.
This is the common law of life.

From the South

Greetings from the south,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I have a couple of quick announcements. We are collecting New T-shirts, underwear, and socks for the tree of Life Ministry. Please bring your donations to the lodge and put them in the bin located in the vestibule. Our lodge of low vail and Past master's night will be our September 21st stated Meeting. Please mark your calendars. Dinner will start at 6:00 PM and our meeting will start at 7:30. Please RSVP by September 18th so we can order the steaks. The cost for dinner will be \$20.

I look forward to seeing you all at our August 17th meeting.

Joshua Goff

Junior Warden

Calendar of Events

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