



# 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

Hello Brethren,

Happy Thanksgiving and the beginning of the holiday season. I hope this trestleboard finds you and your loved ones in good health and good spirits. Let us begin with congratulating Right Worshipful Jason Wolfe as he begins his year of service to District 2 as our District Deputy Grand Master. Jason has devoted a lot of time into his preparations and I fully believe that he is embarking on a successful year. Congratulations RW Jason, we are here for you as you will be here for us. An additional congratulations to RW Gregg Schwarz from Ashburn-Sterling #288 who was installed as Associate Grand Marshall at the Grand Communication.

This month, I have an exciting agenda planned for the stated communication. We will have two presentations for your enjoyment. These include a DDGM Homecoming presentation by RW Ray Bacchus for RW Jason Wolfe, and a presentation about King Solomon's Temple by Bro. George Haas. We will also be conducting our vote for the 2025 DDGM for District 2. Please let this serve as the third notification of this vote. We will also be conducting our annual Officer Move-up night. So, you will be able to enjoy the early leadership of next year's officers. Please come out and support them. Thursday is also our Thanksgiving fellowship meal. I hope many of you are available to share in each other's company.

Please also note that the **December stated**, officer election, and installation is on **December 7th, the first Thursday of the month.**

-Bill Craig, WM

*"virtus junxit mors non separabit"*

### **Living Past Masters**

William Rodgers (80, 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)

## **From the West**

Clear in the west.

## **From the South**

Greetings from the south,

Brothers,

As we approach the holiday seasons, I hope you and yours are healthy and happy. Unfortunately there are those in our communities who are struggling to get by and need assistance. Please consider donating and assisting those who are in need. With that being said, we are closing out our underwear drive this Thursday the 16th. Please bring your donations to the lodge before Friday the 17th. We will deliver our donations to the Tree of life ministry Friday afternoon.

We are having our annual Thanksgiving meal at this Thursday stated meeting. If within the length of your cable tow, please join us.

We will also be collecting canned goods for the Tree of life food bank. We will be collecting them at our November 16 and our December 7 stated meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 16th.

Joshua Goff

Junior Warden

## **Am I A Builder?**

*Unknown*

I watched them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town.

With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell,  
They swung a beam and the sides fell.

I asked the foreman, Are these men skilled  
And the kind you would hire, if you had to build?

And he gave me a laugh and said, No indeed,  
Just common labor is all I need.

I can easily wreck in a day or two  
What other builders have taken a year to do.

And I thought to myself as I went my way,  
Which of these roles have I tried to play?

Am I a builder that works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square.

Am I shaping my deeds to a well made plan,  
Patiently doing the best I can?

Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,  
Content with the labor of tearing down.

# Calendar of Events

14	NOV, TUE	● 7:30 – 9:30pm ● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 43881 Waxpool RoadAshburn \
			Fraternal Visit to Metropolitan Lodge 161 14 Liberty St SW, Leesburg, Virginia 201
16	NOV, THU	● 6:30 – 9:30pm	Hamilton Thompson Stated 320 W Main St, Purcellville, VA 20132
20	NOV, MON	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Herndon Lodge 264 820 Elden Street in Herndon, Virginia
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