



# Hamilton Thompson No. 37

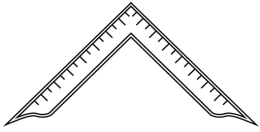
## Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

Stated Communication - Third Thursday

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

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March 2024



### From the East

Brothers,

I hope this message finds you well. At our February 15th stated Communication, we discussed the proposed increase of the Grand Lodge assessment starting in 2025. The Grand Lodge of Virginia intends to increase the assessment from \$55 to \$65 starting in 2025. In order to maintain a healthy fund balance at the lodge, we will be increasing our dues from \$205 to \$225 beginning in January 2025. We will be discussing and voting on this increase at our next stated meeting on March 21st. We will also be discussing an annual 2.5% cost-of-living increase to the dues to take effect every year moving forward. If you would like to be part of this discussion, please attend the meeting.

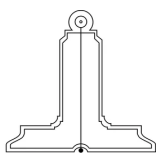
It was nice to see all the brothers who attended our first friends and family gathering of the year. We had a great turnout with about 35 people in attendance. Our next gathering will be on May 11, 2024, to celebrate Mother's Day at the Williams Gap Winery.

I would like to thank all the brothers who assisted in the Fellowcraft degree for Brother Aaron Kielhorn on Thursday, February 29th. I appreciate all of your help and dedication to our lodge and to the craft. I would like to personally thank Brother John Herman for all the work he put into preparing to confer this degree.

I also have a reminder to pass along to the brothers from our DIW, RW Chris Thompson. Please add the Ken Shelton School to your calendars. Saturday, September 14th at Ashburn-Sterling No. 288 starting at 8 AM.

Joshua Goff  
Worshipful Master

## From the West



Masonry and community,

Freemasonry and community are intertwined in a symbiotic relationship, each enriching the other in profound ways. Masonic lodges often serve as pillars of support within their communities, engaging in charitable endeavors, educational initiatives, and civic activities. The principles of Freemasonry, such as brotherhood, charity, and integrity, extend beyond the lodge, influencing Masons to contribute positively to the wider community. Through philanthropic efforts and volunteerism, Masons seek to uplift and improve the lives of those around them. Additionally, Masonic teachings inspire a sense of responsibility toward societal well-being, encouraging members to be active participants in creating a more just, compassionate, and harmonious community. In essence, Freemasonry becomes a catalyst for positive change, fostering a spirit of service and camaraderie that extends far beyond the confines of the lodge.

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## From the South

From labor to refreshment, thank you to everyone who has signed up for dinners.

Worshipful Larry Brissing is planning a fantastic pot of Irish Stew for dinner before the stated communication.

Join us for our lodge of refreshment at American Legion Post 293 after Lodge to share some additional fellowship in a relaxed setting.

Jon Herman  
Junior Warden

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

12	MAR, TUE	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 43881 Waxpool RoadAshburn VA 2
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Metropolitan Lodge 161 14 Liberty St SW, Leesburg, Virginia 20175
18	MAR, MON	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Herndon Lodge 264 820 Elden Street in Herndon, Virginia
21	MAR, THU	● 6:30 – 9:30pm	Hamilton Thompson Stated 320 W Main St, Purcellville, VA 20132
1	APR, MON	● 7 – 10pm	Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch 114 108 Cornwall St NE, Leesburg, VA 20176, USA
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<b>Junior Steward</b>	Greg Marut	
<b>Chaplain</b>	Kirk Balthazar	
<b>Marshal</b>	Richard Wilson	
<b>Tiler</b>	George Haas	
<b>LIW</b>	Chris Thompson	
<b>LEO</b>	Jeff Gould	

<b>Living Past Masters</b>	
William Rodgers (81)	Joe Ray (12)
Fred Meyer (84,85)	Don Young (15)
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Paul Bock (05)	Mike Cox (17)
Bob Gardner (06)	Jason Wolfe (18)
Jim Cromer (07)	Ed Ziemba (19,20)
Greg Jay (08)	Larry Brissing (21)
Jamie George (10)	Joshua Goff (22)
Jeff Gould (11,09)	Bill Craig (23)
Chris Thompson (03,04)(13,14)	