



Hamilton Thompson No. 37

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

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From the East

Thank you everyone who attended our April Stated meeting. Also thank you brother Brad Vaughn for providing dinner. I look forward to seeing you all at our May 19th Stated meeting.

First, I would like to thank everyone who attended our called communication on May 5th. I am grateful to all who helped put on our first EA degree in almost 3 years. Thank you, brothers.

We have a couple of big events coming up over the next two months. The first will be the official visit of the Grand Master, MW Golliday, to Hamilton-Thompson on June 16th.

Our second event is the 4th of July parade in Purcellville. We will have a float in the parade, and we will be giving away hot dogs. Please come out to help our lodge with this great community event and consider donating some candy for the float or lending a hand with supplies and sharing hot dogs with our neighbors.

The third, The Grand Master has requested a date change for his Official Visit to District 2. It will now be Saturday, August 13. Please mark your calendars.

We will continue to update everyone through email as details for all are set in stone.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Taylor Wilson, son of brother Richard Wilson on being the recipient of the lodge scholarship. Taylor is a hard-working young man who has three jobs to help put himself through school. It was an honor to present him with a check for \$1000 to help him reach his goals.



Thank you, brothers,

Joshua V Goff
Worshipful Master.

From the West

William Craig
Senior Warden

I want to begin with how excited I am that we are back to conferring degrees in Lodge. This past month we welcomed two new men, now Brothers. Both Kirk Balthazar and Brother Mark Ramey were both initiated on May 5, 2022. From my perspective in the West, the degrees went well, and both candidates were excited for the event. We still have one more candidate that we will be voting on soon. With that stated, this is a great time to learn a part of the degrees. If you are interested in sitting in a chair or just learning how the degrees are conferred, please reach out to an officer.

If you have not already seen our new website, please take a moment to visit www.ht37.org.

Thank you, Brother Chuck Shotton, on all the work you have done with the site.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia is launching the commonwealth's "Grand View System." If you missed information about this, come to the next stated communication and ask about it. The system is rolling out and not every Brother was active by the last stated communication. More may be active now.

Our next stated communication is on May 19th. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Remember to keep our ill and distressed brothers, and their families, in your prayers. If there is something that you need, please reach out to me.

-Bro. Craig, SW

Living Past Masters

William Rodgers
Chris Thompson
Fred Meyer
Herb Goodfellow
Bob Gardner
Greg Jay
Jim Cromer
Paul Bock,
Jeff Gould
Jamie George
Joe Ray
Don Young
David Marsh
Mike Cox
Jason Wolfe
Ed Ziemba
Larry Brissing

From The South

Larry Brissing
Junior Warden

District 2 Annual Bowling event

Where: "The Branch" 49
Catoctin Cir SE,
Leesburg, VA 20175

When: Saturday, May
21st, 4pm to 6pm

Cost: \$15.50 per person
covers shoes and bowling
(food can be purchased
there)

Who can come: Anyone -
- this is an open event.
Family and friends are
definitely invited. There
will be at least 2 lanes
set aside for kids/youth
groups. If you have any
children interested in
joining, all of the youth
groups will be there.

Competitions:

Winning lodge will be
determined by averaging
all of the scores from
their members (dropping
the lowest score) - the
Lodge with the highest
average wins the trophy

Other competitions:
Lodge with the most
members who show up,
Lodge with the most non-
members (i.e. family and
friends), most improved
bowler (we still have the
scores from the last
competition) who show
up

If you need any
additional information,
please let me know.

S&F

Larry Brissing PM