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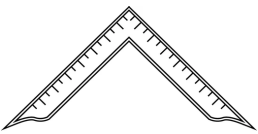
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

Stated Communication - Third Thursday

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

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July 2024



From the East

Greetings, Brothers,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are keeping cool on these scorching summer days.

I have a few reminders to pass along. The first is the 4th of July parade on **Thursday, July 4th**, starting at 11:00 AM. We will meet in front of the lodge at **9:00 AM** and carpool over to Blue Ridge Middle School. We have plenty of candy to hand out, and I am looking forward to seeing you there. Worshipful Brother Larry Brissing will be working with brothers in front of Norbo Dental, handing out hot dogs and popsicles.

We will be attending the Purcellville Cannons game on **Friday, July 19 at 7 PM** with other lodges in the district. We are hosting a food drive at the game, so please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Tree of Life. See <https://purcellvillecannons.com> for details.

On **July 31st**, we will be making a fraternal visit to the brothers of Freedom Lodge in Lovettsville for a Master Masons degree. Our brother Greg Marut will be giving the Master Masons lecture. If you are available, please consider joining us. Dinner at **7 pm**, lodge meeting at 8.

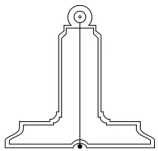
We have two EA degrees scheduled for **August 1st**. The degree will start at **7:00 PM**. If you are available, please come out and support our two new candidates.

The Grand Master will be making his official visit to District 2 on **August 17th** at Franklin Park starting at **12:00 PM**.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Master Masons degree for Aaron Kielhorn. I appreciate all your help and hard work in preparing for the degree. I would also like to recognize Brother Greg Marut for all his hard work and the outstanding presentation of the Master Masons lecture.

The Fourth of July, marking the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, is a day of immense national significance in the United States. This celebration of liberty and the birth of a nation is deeply intertwined with the Freemasons. Our fraternal organization played a crucial role in American history. Many key figures in the American Revolution, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and John Hancock, were Freemasons. The values championed by our brothers—liberty, equality, and fraternity—echo the ideals upon which the United States was founded. As such, the Fourth of July is not only a day of national pride but also a reflection of the Masonic principles that helped shape the nation. Join me in commemorating this day, honoring our members' contributions to the country's independence and development.

Joshua Goff
Worshipful Master

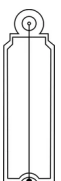


From the West

Brethren,

My apologies for being away this past stated. My family and I made the trip to Disney World in Orlando. We had a great time. Now back at work, it gave me an appreciation for the time away. Thank you to all those who participated in Bro. Aaron Kielhorn master's degree. Everyone worked very hard to put it together. It was a good one. Congratulations are in order for Bro. Marut on his first presentation of the MM lecture. It was impressive. AttaBoy!! There are more upcoming events and opportunities for you to join in the fun. We have our Independence Day celebration and hotdog handouts coming up very quickly. And some Entered apprentice degrees scheduled. Please come out to the lodge and lend a hand when you can.

Larry Brissing
Senior Warden



From the South

From labor to refreshment,

Although it was HOT, we had a wonderful turnout at our called communication to raise Brother Aaron Kielhorn. Thank you to everyone who participated, especially our Stewards who prepared the Lodge, provided dinner, and played significant parts in the degree!

Thank you, RW Chris Thompson, for the fantastic chicken biscuits and fixings at our stated. Speaking of fantastic meals, Worshipful Bill Craig is going to treat us to a cookout-style meal of hamburgers and hotdogs this month.

As always, I want to extend the offer to join our Lodge of Refreshment after our stated communication at American Legion Post 293 in Purcellville. Last month, we had the opportunity to spend some time with visitors, catch up with Brothers, and enjoy some tots and fries. If work or life prevents you from making it to Lodge for one reason, your schedule might allow you to meet us after Lodge to connect.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let me perform my duty and remind everyone to practice self-restraint and caution. I hope to see everyone at our next stated with all their fingers intact.

Jon Herman
Junior Warden



Masonic Birthdays

Please congratulate the following brothers on their Masonic birthdays for this month:

Larry Brissing

Tommy Chapman

Mike Cox

Glenn Harwood

Fred "Sonny" Hoeltzel

Greg Levine

Fred Meyer

Thomas Reedy

James Smith

Announcements & Upcoming Events

4	JUL, THU	● 7 – 9pm	Lodge Practice Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 320 W Main Street, Purcellville, VA
5	JUL, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	Fraternal Visit to Freedom Lodge 118 Freedom Lodge 118, Lovettsville, VA
9	JUL, TUE	● 7:30 – 9:30pm ● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 43881 Waxpool RoadAshburn VA 2 Fraternal Visit to Metropolitan Lodge 161 14 Liberty St SW, Leesburg, Virginia 20175
15	JUL, MON	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Herndon Lodge 264 820 Elden Street in Herndon, Virginia
18	JUL, THU	● 6:30 – 9:30pm	Hamilton Thompson Stated 320 W Main St, Purcellville, VA 20132
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LEO	Jeff Gould	

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William Rodgers (81)	Joe Ray (12)
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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)	