



Hamilton Thompson No. 37

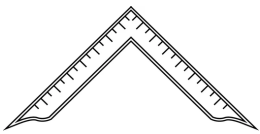
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

Stated Communication - Third Thursday

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

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November 2024



From the East

Greetings, Brothers,

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the brothers who attended last month's meeting. Your support and dedication to our lodge make a meaningful difference, and it is a true pleasure to see so many familiar faces continuing to strengthen our bond.

Our October meeting was an exciting occasion as we witnessed a preview of next year's line. I am proud to say that our lodge's future is in excellent hands, with a solid and capable group of brothers ready to lead and uphold our values. This team of men brings both strength and dedication, ensuring that Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 remains a pillar in our community.

Christopher Conway Thompson Outstanding Service Award

Presentation of the Christopher Conway Thompson Outstanding Service Award to Right Worshipful **James Ashby Cromer**

For those who may not have been present or may not recall, last year our Lodge took inspiration from other chapters and established an award to honor a truly exemplary brother. The Christopher Conway Thompson Outstanding Service Award was created to recognize a brother who, through dedicated service to our lodge, the district, and the broader community, embodies the values of Masonry and citizenship—qualities personified by Right Worshipful Christopher Thompson.

While other lodges honor distinguished members posthumously, we felt it fitting to celebrate these contributions while our honored brother could fully appreciate it. Right Worshipful Thompson was the inaugural recipient, setting a standard for this meaningful recognition.

This year, a committee was tasked with selecting the second recipient, and we are pleased to announce that Right Worshipful James Ashby Cromer has been chosen for this honor. Through his long-standing service and leadership, he has exemplified dedication to our lodge, Masonry, and the community. His many contributions include serving as Master of the Lodge, District Deputy Grand Master, a leader in the Royal Arch, Mahova Representative, Blood Coordinator, and Lodge Secretary for 15 years. Beyond his Masonic service, he has also had a distinguished career with the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Service, teaching vital First Aid and CPR courses to the community.

If you see Right Worshipful James Cromer, be sure to congratulate him.

Lafayette Lodge and Luray Caverns Visit

I would like to thank the brothers who attended our recent visit to Lafayette Lodge #137 in Luray, Virginia, for their 200-year anniversary celebration. The event at Luray Caverns was truly unforgettable. With well over one hundred brothers in attendance, the venue and atmosphere amplified the significance of this momentous milestone in Masonic history. It was wonderful to see familiar faces, such as Worshipful Brother Greg Marks and Brother Joe Schwartz from Olive Branch #114, joining together in fellowship to honor two centuries of Masonic dedication. The evening was a powerful reminder of our shared legacy and the enduring bond that unites us as brothers.

Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 Underwear Collection Drive

We are continuing our Underwear Collection Drive to support the Tree of Life Ministry. From **September 1st through November 1st**, we will be collecting new, unopened underwear for men, women, and children, including undershirts and socks.

This is a wonderful opportunity to provide much-needed support to those in our community. Your generous donations will make a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

Drop-Off Details:

- Location: Please drop off your donations in the vestibule of the lodge or bring them with you to our next stated meeting.
- Dates: September 1st - November 1st

Items Needed:

- Men's, women's, and children's underwear
- Undershirts
- Socks
- Condition: All items must be new and unopened.

Every contribution, big or small, will help us reach our goal. Let us come together to make a positive impact! For more information, **contact Joshua Goff at WMHT37@gmail.com**. Thank you for your support!

2024 Dues

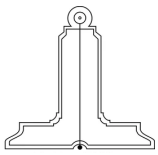
Brothers as we come to the end of the Masonic year, I cannot stress enough how important it is for us, as Masons, to pay our dues on time and meet our obligations to the lodge. These responsibilities are essential for ensuring that our lodge can continue to operate smoothly, support its activities, and contribute to the community. By staying current with our dues and commitments, we demonstrate our respect for the lodge and the values we all share, helping to keep our brotherhood strong and connected. If you have not paid your dues for the 2024 Masonic year, please reach out to our secretary.

Dues can also be paid online via PayPal or your credit card by visiting the lodge web site at <http://www.ht37.org>

November Stated

Finally at our **November 21st** stated meeting we will be holding lodge elections, and we will have our traditional Thanksgiving meal provided by the stationed officers. I look forward to seeing you all in November.

Sincerely & fraternally,
Joshua Goff
Worshipful Master



From the West

Pay the craft their wages.
Brethren,

Nothing in the West.

Larry Brissing
Senior Warden



From the South

From labor to refreshment,

Once again we've had a fulfilling year of brotherhood. This Lodge and all of the Brothers have become such a big part of my life. I came to the area from West Virginia looking for a new Lodge. I couldn't have found a more welcoming, earnest, and funny group of Brothers. I'm thankful for each and every one of you.

This month dinner will be provided by your 2024 Officers. A traditional turkey dinner with fixings is on the menu. We plan to provide Turkey, Stuffing, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, rolls, and deserts. If that is missing one of your favorites, please feel free to bring a side to share.

Please remember to **bring a \$10 donation** to support our Stewards fund. If you've forgotten other months, please feel free to true up the next time you're able to join us for dinner. The Stewards fund enables our Lodge to have drinks in the fridge, plates, contributes to our many events, and generally maintains a clean and welcoming Lodge. In this way, the Stewards are self-sufficient and do not draw on our other Lodge funds.

As always, join us after the stated for refreshments at American Legion Post #293.

Jon Herman
Junior Warden



Masonic Birthdays

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

Chris Barnes
Justin Bradd
Bill Craig
Robert "Bob" Gardner
Mike Heufelder
Andrew Kelley
Joseph Pozzo
William Rodgers

Announcements & Upcoming Events

18	NOV, MON	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Herndon Lodge 264 820 Elden Street in Herndon, Virginia
21	NOV, THU	● 6:30 – 9:30pm	Hamilton Thompson Stated 320 W Main St, Purcellville, VA 20132
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2024 Officers and Living Past Masters

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Worshipful Master	Joshua Goff	wmht37@gmail.com , joshuavgoff@gmail.com
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Junior Deacon	Michael Heufelder	
Senior Steward	Chris Barnes	
Junior Steward	Greg Marut	
Chaplain	Kirk Balthazar	
Marshal	Richard Wilson	
Tiler	George Haas	
LIW	Chris Thompson	
LEO	Jeff Gould	

Living Past Masters

William Rodgers (81)	Joe Ray (12)
Fred Meyer (84, 85)	Don Young (15)
Herb Goodfellow (01, 02)	David Marsh (16)
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, 24)
Jeff Gould (11,09)	Bill Craig (23)
Chris Thompson (03,04)(13,14)	