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**Hamilton-Thompson
Lodge No. 37
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Message from the East

Greetings Brethren,



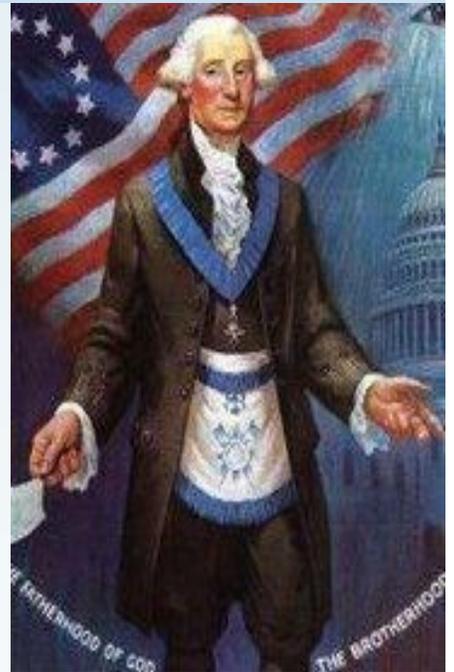
It is hard to believe that March is already upon us. This year is really flying by. At this time, we only have one candidate in the pipeline. If any of you know a good man who you think might want to become a mason and might make a good contribution to our lodge, mention a few things about masonry in general and ask if he has ever considered becoming a mason. Remember, one must seek membership of his on free will and accord, but we can implant the thought in his head and then leave the decision up to him.

On another note, I attended the Ashburn Potomac Royal Arch Table Chapter Meeting on Monday February 26th. I must say, the event was a lot of fun and very interesting. The steak dinner was excellent. We had a nice attendance from HT-37, some of whom are Royal Arch members. I learned several new things and plan to attend the next one of these events if I am able. I realized or was reminded that any mason always has something new to learn and/or improve upon no matter how long they have been a mason.

Lastly, if you have not seen a particular brother in lodge for some time and are wondering how he is doing, feel free to reach out to him and invite him to the next Stated. There are many brothers who have not been to lodge in a while and may just need that little reminder that he is missed. One of the many parts of masonry I really enjoy is the fellowship and dinner we all share before lodge. Good conversations are had during that time.

Take care and see you at the next Stated and/or upcoming events.

Worshipful Master Jason Wolfe, HT-37



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Message from the West



Brethren,

For me, Masonry can sometimes be like buying a new car. You all have experienced this. You get a new car, brand new or used, it doesn't matter. It is new to you. Let's say you are a Mopar Maniac, yes there are some of those out there, otherwise, Dodge would have been long gone before now. I digress, anyway, you buy a Dodge Charger and all of a sudden you see them everywhere you go. Now it is not like they magically appear. They have always been there. You just didn't notice them until you had a personal experience with one. That applies to me and Masonry. I've read most of the "Book of Constitutions", most being a relative term. I've read some of the several booklets/manuals on the officers' duties more than once. Reading about it and trying to absorb it is a bit of a challenge to me. Sitting in the chair and doing the job is where I learn the most, and that is mostly from the mistakes I make. An example would be my use of "At my right" instead of the correct "On my right" at our last stated concerning the location of the Junior Deacon. I cannot count how many times I have heard and said "...PAY THE CRAFT THEIR WAGES..." and have never thought that it is an actual duty to perform and not just some traditionally symbolic phrase. Only until recently have I discovered what the Blue Lodge Wages for a Master Mason are. Royal Arch has a list of them as well but as I am not and Archer, I know not what they are. In the Blue Lodge, there are three types of wages I am to pay out. One type of wage is APPRECIATION. How do I pay out the wages of appreciation? I imagine it can be done by "Thanking Bill Craig for the wonderful meal he provided at our Stated", or by "Acknowledging the work done by Worshipful Mike Cox on the program", or by recognizing the unselfish efforts of Mike Orsinger, who although inflicted with a sore throat still read the program provided for the Stated, or is it the other way around. I lost my book that had my notes on the meeting so I could have that backwards. I am supposed to make payment to Chris Thompson for something but I just cannot remember what it is. There may be others also and once I find my book I will rectify this. Like I said, I learn more from my mistakes. I'm just glad they don't charge tuition, though actually they do, but the payment is seldom monetary. As for the other two types of wages.....well, lets' just say I now have the April and May Trestle Board subject covered. Oh, if anybody sees a plastic covered 2017-2018 day-timer about the size of a checkbook with a black and silver Masonic pen attached, please let me know. It just might be mine.

With my Best from the West ,

Brother Ed Ziemba, Senior Warden, HT-37

Message from the South



Brethren,

On February 26, I attended the first Table Chapter of the Royal Arch, Potomac #88, at the Hamilton Hall. This event was organized to gather brothers together and to raise money to combat the effects of Alzheimer and further research in hopes of a cure.

The Table Chapter was an unbelievable event shared with brethren from both the Royal Arch and various Blue Lodges throughout the area. The night began with welcoming remarks from the High Priest, our very own RW Jim Cromer from Hamilton Thompson #37. It was followed with toasting instructions from various officers of Potomac #88 with a couple dry runs with full cannons. Since you can't stop a good thing, it moved full steam ahead to the sharing of various toasts. After a couple/four toasts we enjoyed a feast fit for a king. You really can't go wrong with steaks the size of Texas cooked to perfection, baked potatoes, salad, and dessert. Following our ginormous meal came what??? You guessed it, more toasts! We were then introduced to the Past High Priest Jason Matchett who presented us a program on Alzheimer's. The District Deputy High Priest Marty Juul also presented a toast and shared some comments on the work that the Royal Arch is doing to end Alzheimer's. We completed the evening with yes, a few more toasts and more comradery amongst the brothers who gathered there that evening.

It was a fantastic evening filled with fellowship, food, and drinks to raise funds for Alzheimer's. Those who missed this awesome event, still have an opportunity to support the Royal Arch in their efforts to raise money to end Alzheimer's through the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on September 23, 2018 at 1:30 in the afternoon. Please go to <http://alz.org/goto/masons> for more details on how you can support the Royal Arch in this endeavor.

Special thanks to RW Bacchus for planning this event for us to enjoy and the pit boss who cooked those huge steaks!! I wish I had all the names that I could send a shout out to and thank them all for their hard work in putting this event on. Brothers, if you have another opportunity to attend one of these Table Chapters in the future, GO! You will not be disappointed!

Brother Jeff Ebersole, Junior Warden, HT-37

Moments in History

I would like to follow on from the previous Trestle Board with Moments in History, but with historical events that have taken place in the masonic world in the months of February and March. I found a website on the internet that has significant masonic events listed by date and year. The list for February and March is as follows:

- February 7, 1981 - The Grand Lodge of Alaska was founded.
- February 9, 1909 - President Harry S. Truman was initiated and Entered Apprentice in Belton Lodge No. 450 in Missouri.
- February 11, 1988 - A group of masonic leaders met with President Ronald Reagan, and the Grand Master of D.C. presented him with a certificate, and the Scottish Rite and Shrine made him an honorary member of those bodies.
- February 18, 1909 - President William Howard Taft was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Kilwinning Lodge No. 356 in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- February 19, 1811 - The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was founded.
- February 23, 1887 - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.
- February 24, 1853 - The Grand Lodge of Minnesota was founded.
- March 3, 1753 - George Washington was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia.
- March 5, 1792 - The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was founded.
- March 6, 1775 - Several black men, one by the name of Prince Hall, were initiated into freemasonry in Boston, which led to the beginning of what became Prince Hall Masonry, which has historically been composed of African Americans.
- March 9, 1822 - A national Masonic Congress was held in Washington D.C., in the U.S. Capitol building.
- March 17, 1856 - The Grand Lodge of Kansas was founded.
- March 17, 1848 - The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington D.C. was founded.
- March 18, 1902 - The Tall Cedars of Lebanon was incorporated in Trenton, New Jersey.
- March 23, 1887 - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was raised a master mason.
- March 25, 1882 - The Grand Lodge of Arizona was organized.
- March 25, 1902 - Sir Winston Churchill was raised a master mason in Studholme Lodge No. 1591 in London

Lodge Announcements and Monthly Events

- 3/1 Monthly Workshop at Hamilton-Thompson 37, Purcellville at 7:00pm
3/2 Fraternal Visit to Freedom Lodge 118, Lovettsville at 8:00pm
3/3 Ken Shelton School at Olive Branch, Leesburg at 8:00am
3/5 Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch 114, Leesburg at 7:00 pm
3/9 DLC in Warrenton at “Our Savior Lutheran” on Route 29 just north of Warrenton, 6:30pm registration, 7:00pm conference
3/10 DLC in Alexandria
3/13 Fraternal Visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge 288, Ashburn at 7:30pm
3/15 Stated at Hamilton-Thompson Lodge 37, Purcellville at 7:30pm
3/19 Stated at Herndon Masonic Lodge 264, Herndon at 7:30pm
3/28 Monthly District Masters & Wardens Meeting, Olive Branch 118, Leesburg at 7:00pm
4/8 Alexandria Scottish Rite Friends and Family Charity Dinner at Fairview Park Marriot Hotel, Falls Church, 3:30pm— 7:30pm, charity is Scottish Rite’s Rite Care Childhood Language Disorders Program

HT37 Breakfast Workshops are held every Sunday 8:30-10am and Practices on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7pm



HT37 Officers

- 2018 Worshipful Master —
Jason Wolfe
- Senior Warden — Ed Ziemba
- Junior Warden — Jeff Ebersole
- Senior Deacon — Larry Brissing, Jr.
- Junior Deacon — Justin Bradd
- Secretary and District Blood Coordinator — RW Jim Cromer
- Treasurer — Greg Levine
- Senior Steward — Joshua Goff
- Junior Steward — Bill Craig
- Chaplain — Tommy Chapman
- Tiler — George Haas
- Marshal — Kurt Struder
- Lodge Education Officer — LEO
RW Christopher Thompson
- Lodge Instructor of Work — LIW
RW Jeffrey Gould
- Lodge VACHIP Coordinator —
Greg Levine
- Mentor / Coaching Program —
Bro. Larry Brissing, Jr. and
Bro SW Ed Ziemba
- Lodge MHOVA Representative —
Bro. Justin Bradd
- Lodge Widow’s Program —
Bro Tommy Chapman and
Bro. Joshua Goff
- Board of Trustees —
RW Gary Williams
WB David Jacobini
Bro Eric Reffett
- District Deputy Grand Master —
RW Alan “Odie” Case
- District Instructor of Work —
RW Christopher Thompson

Our Lodge Updates

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February Masonic Birthdays

Jeffrey R. Gould
Scott R. Lambert
Jason T. Wolfe
Ed Ziemba
Robert R. Sowers

2018 Grand Master

Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor



Our 2018 Grand Master of Virginia is Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor who is the 173rd Grand Master of Masons. The GM's official visit will take place during the District Picnic in Manassas on July 21st, which is a combined visit with Districts 2 and 3.



Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37
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