

# JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

My Dear Brothers,

'Tis the season to be jolly! 'Tis the season to be thankful, respectful and helpful. Many are thankful the year 2020 is over. I for one am hopeful. I am hopeful for a new year with a new beginning and the promise of a brighter future for all. W.: Jack Dowling once said to me, regarding the pandemic, "Tony, you are a Worshipful Master leading Jephtha Lodge through uncharted waters!" Well, I've captained a number ships in my life, but none with the name Jephtha on them. I will remain watchful and steer clear of shallow waters. The North Star will guide me toward that beacon of light shining from the lighthouse which leads us safely into port. My first mate and crew are the best they come! We cannot have a successful journey without them. Onwards my fellow seafaring men!



One item has been brought to light at the year's end - we have our very own members of Jephtha lodge who are in distress. The pandemic has taken such a heavy toll on our lives and well-being. We are taking action to bring relief to those brothers in need. There are times when charity begins very close to home.

On Monday December 14th, we held a Stated Communication on Zoom with 31 members present. It is not that often I find myself pledging allegiance to the flag of our country on my Chromebook! One order of business discussed for January is to bring more Masonic light to our new 3rd degree Master Masons. In compliance with Grand Lodge pandemic rules, W.: Robert Previto will be presenting a 3rd degree lecture at Jephtha Lodge on two nights, Tuesday, January 12th and Thursday, January 14th. Our newest, sixteen Master Masons will be split into two groups of eight. Maximum occupancy in the lodge room is currently ten. Our planned schedule for first degree rehearsals will remain intact through January. We will be ready once we are allowed to meet in a group of at least 30 or more at Jephtha to hold the degree. February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the original planned date and will be rescheduled if we cannot build our magnificent Temple by then. The District Deputy Grand Master was also scheduled to visit Jephtha in February. He has cancelled all district deputy visits due to pandemic restrictions but will let us know when he plans to come and inspect. We have made preparations to welcome R.:W.: Kevin McCauley.

We had our Masonic moments. First, Brother Per Dobler presented the rise and fall of membership in Freemasonry, with graphs, to show Jephtha's membership over the past decade. Brother JW Michael Crispino also gave a wonderful presentation demonstrating Santa's Masonic credentials, how his morals and actions are similar to those of a Mason. He shared with us some of the history of St. Nicholas who brought light to those who revere him.

As reported by our Benevolence Committee, the year has wrapped up quite nicely with well over 100 new toys donated to Toys for Tots and a copious number of coats donated for our coat drive. Impressive! For

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the next quarter, we will turn our charitable efforts toward Veterans in need.

I wish to thank the brothers who have made such generous donations to assist in the purchase of a new Bible to adorn our Altar sometime in the new year.

W.: Ron Seifried's Craftsmen online presentation of his book *Images of America, Long Island Freemasons* was quite a treat. He took us on a journey through the book which contains countless images of freemasons and their lodges, beginning with Br. George Washington of Alexandria Lodge #22 in Virginia. He has toured numerous locations on Long Island. Also, I find great appeal in the symbolic nature of items found in lodge rooms which W.: Ron took some time to explain. A particular item stuck with me. At Alcyone Lodge there are small columns that reside at the Wardens' stations next to the gavels. When the lodge was called from labor to refreshment, the Junior Warden's column would be stood upright while the Senior Warden's column would be laid down. When the lodge was called back to labor, the Junior Warden's column would be laid down while the Senior Warden's would be stood up. This ritual dates back to 1760. W.: Ron expressed the importance of all lodges taking the time to preserve their precious artifacts. As an historian, he takes great pride in this endeavor. In my opinion, every lodge should be blessed with a brother whose mission is to preserve that lodge's past, a pleasant contrast to the Worshipful Master, whose mission is to preserve that lodge's future!

I wish all the brothers of Jephtha Lodge and their families a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

Cordially and Fraternally,  
Brother Anthony Colonna

### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

We made it! 2021 is officially here and we look forward to making this year a better experience than 2020. Recovery is our focus as we strive to be there for our brethren more than ever! I encourage my brothers to communicate if you are distressed. Normalcy may be some time away, but we can come together to stabilize a brother in need. Reach out! Masons never look down on one another unless it's to pick each other up.

Although the current times are uncertain, we are planning to have degrees, fundraisers and communications when permissible. In order to be successful, we must rely on one another. Please make every effort to join us via Zoom or in lodge to help accomplish our goals. Jephtha still contributed to our charities in a pandemic with higher numbers than previous years. We will not waiver, cower, or be stagnant. We will battle, defeat, and conquer whatever obstacles are in our way. Masonry never stops! We are just getting started!



I look forward to seeing my brothers in the new year. Wherever you are in the world, you are my brother, and the brethren cares for you in this life and the next - health, wellness and prosperity, my brothers.

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
Jeremiah Campbell  
Senior Warden

## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Happy New Year everyone! Let's forgo promises and resolutions in this new year, and exchange them for goals, pursuits or individual adventures. Let us promise ourselves to try something new, be it a new music genre, a different type of novel, a local vacation - but most importantly, starting a new tradition.

If an obstacle impedes you, either remove it, go around it or work with it. 2020 proved obstacles don't necessarily mean failure and it makes success more treasured.

Although we live during a time that may cancel traditional vacations, there is no reason those can't change to a different type of adventure. Aruba, Disney, a cruise, can be replaced by taking your child to the first home you grew up in, talking about your childhood, sharing memories you have forgotten, such as "kick the can", tag and scary ghost stories, putting you back into the innocent mind you once had. If it's not your child, take your significant other to his or her childhood home and share some of his or her forgotten memories. It can also be as simple as going away for a day trip to Montauk, spending the day on the beach, taking pictures of your footprints in the sand, going to the light house at the end of the day and taking family photos. Start a weekly different food tradition where you cook a meal you never had before which you may never eat again or may become a family favorite. If these current travel restrictions are still in effect, there is no need to worry.

Situated in the South I am not fully West or East but in the exact mid-point. I get to see the light shine in all its glory and keep it glowing after it has set for the day ensuring the wisdom and morality of our lodge prevails.

I look forward to bringing new candidates to our altar in February and bringing them to true Masonic Light. To me, second to charity, this is the great glory of being a Mason – the ritual, and the results of hard practice bringing the best that Jephtha has to offer, which is also the best we can do as a Mason. I may fumble as anyone else may, but what is most important is no matter how small or big our part is, they are all equally important. And if we fumble we are doing so in front of loving brothers who will pick us up, dust us off and ensure us they are holding our hand in all our efforts.

For our past December's communication, I presented a fable which I would like to share with all of you in the hope it will be a guide for us all in 2021:

*A king had a great highway built for the people who lived in his kingdom. After it was completed, but before it was opened to the public, the king decided to have a contest.*

*He invited as many of his subjects as desired to participate. The challenge was to see who could travel the highway the best, and the winner was to receive a box of gold.*

*On the day of the contest, many people came. Some of them had fine chariots, some had fine clothing and fancy food to make the trip a luxurious journey. Some wore their sturdiest shoes and ran along the highway to show their skills and endurance.*

*All day they traveled the highway, and each one, when he arrived at the end, complained to the king about a large pile of rocks and debris that had been left almost blocking the road which got in their way and hindered their travel.*



*At the end of the day, a lone traveler crossed the finish line wearily, and walked over to the king. He was tired and dirty, but he addressed the king with great respect and handed him a small chest of gold.*

*He said, "I stopped along the way to clear a pile of rocks and debris that was blocking the road. This chest of gold was under it all. Please have it returned to its rightful owner."*

*The king replied, "You are the rightful owner."*

*"Oh no", said the traveler. "This is not mine. I've never known such wealth."*

*"Oh yes," said the king. "You've earned this gold, for you won my contest. He who travels the road best, is he who makes the road better for those who will follow."*

Brothers, let us remember those words of wisdom as we travel the road of life, especially in the coming new year. Treat the year as the road. If we had left the pile of rocks and debris of the previous year on the road, what would that have left us not only as Masons but as tenants of this world? Together we brothers can move any pile of rocks making the symbolic travelled road the best one we've ever passed through.

And always remember, dear brothers, there are no perfect Masons, just perfect brothers.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Michael S. Crispino,  
Junior Warden

### GREETINGS FROM THE CORNER DESK

This month's note is particularly aimed for our newest Master Masons, but I hope it serves as a useful reminder to others as well. It's a little long, so thank you for your patience. Over the past few months, you may have heard a variety of terms that seem odd or confusing. Masonry comes with a whole new vocabulary!

First, the word "**demit**." To demit is to resign or leave. In Masonry, any Master Mason *in good standing* (i.e., with fully paid dues and not under any form of discipline) can demit – resign from his membership in a particular lodge (or Masonry as a whole)! There's nothing shameful in demitting (though we certainly don't want to see anyone go). You can demit (but don't have to) one lodge in order to join another. You can demit when you find yourself in a season of life where Masonry doesn't seem to meet your needs. Demitting simply means you've left in good standing. Thus, it also means that it's easy to join another lodge or come back to Masonry after a time away.

Secondly, the word "**affiliate**." In any lodge, there are members who were Raised in that particular lodge, and those who "affiliated." There is no practical difference between the two. A Master Mason is a Master Mason whether he was Raised in a particular lodge or became a member of it by affiliation. Indeed, it is possible to affiliate with several lodges. For example, I affiliated with Jephtha without demitting from my "Mother Lodge" (the lodge I was Raised in) because they are a tiny lodge and I wish to continue paying my dues to them as it will be a helpful support even though I cannot attend their Communications (regular meetings).



**“NPD”** – stands for “Non-Payment of Dues.” To “NPD” someone, is to un-affiliate them because they have, consistently, failed to pay their dues. At Jephtha we do our best to avoid this, but it happens occasionally – it is always our last resort. Unlike a demit, an NPD is a result of not being “in good standing.” Thus, it is more difficult to return to Masonry later or to affiliate with another lodge. If you move or want to put your Masonic journey on pause for a while, please request a demit rather than just stopping your dues payments – it is easier (for you and the lodge) and leaves you more options for the future.

Finally, you may have heard of **MORI** (or M2). MORI is the Grand Lodge database (M2 is its most recent version). All dues payments, addresses, statuses, etc. are recorded in MORI (and on paper). We send all our summons (formal calls to meeting) through MORI, and all records of offices held, trainings, etc. are recorded in your MORI file. The OLP phone app (“Our Lodge Page”) is directly connected to MORI, so any updates you make (to your address, email, etc.) on OLP should be directly updated on MORI. Still, if you have an address, email, or phone number change *please* let me know so that I can ensure we have accurate information on file for you. (Incidentally, OLP sends out a lot of event reminders. You may receive updates on events that you’ve signed up for that look like they’re coming from me. They’re not! I promise, I am not hounding you. They have my email on them because I’m the secretary.)

Don’t forget, if you haven’t paid your 2021 dues (\$160 plus suggested donations of \$5 for the Grand Lodge Masonic Brotherhood Fund and \$5 for the Jephtha Benevolence Fund), you can send them directly to the Lodge (Jephtha Lodge No. 494, PO Box 20243, Huntington Station, NY 11746) or pay online at: [www.jephtha.com/dues/](http://www.jephtha.com/dues/).

Grace and peace,  
Tim TenClay, secretary

### CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2021

Monday	January 4	7:00 PM	Officers meeting on Zoom
Monday	January 11	7:30 PM	Stated Communication
Tuesday	January 12	7:30 PM	Third Degree class lecture
Thursday	January 14	7:30 PM	Third Degree class lecture
Monday	January 18	7:30 PM	First Degree Rehearsal
Wednesday	January 20	7:30 PM	Benevolence Committee Meeting
Monday	January 25	7:30 PM	Special Communication: Years of Service, Black History Month

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Charles B. Di Pietro III  
Thomas Ferentinos  
Neil H. Fisk  
William Kenneth Friedman  
Paul F. Giraldi  
Richard J. Hajek  
John A. Lentinello  
Peter D. Mcparland

Thomas M. Montefusco  
William Muskopf  
Gary F. Osarczuk  
Peter M. Rolfe  
James P. Stork  
Timothy J. TenClay  
Robert J. Weinacht  
Lonnie A. Wilson

### JANUARY RAISING

Stuart Koenig  
January 26, 1970





## KEEPING IN TOUCH



BAND (Jephtha): <https://band.us/band/77740271>



FACEBOOK: Jephtha Lodge No. 494



INSTAGRAM: Jephtha 494



MASONS OF JEPHTHA #494: <https://www.jephtha.com>



OUR LODGE PAGE (Jephtha): <https://494-ny.ourlodgepage.com>



GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: [nymasons.org/site](http://nymasons.org/site)

## GREETINGS FROM THE LODGE HISTORIAN

### HAPPY 161<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY TO JEPHTHA'S CHARTER



#### *Early Huntington Freemasonry*

Masonic light first came to Huntington in 1793 as Huntington Lodge No. 26 of Oyster Bay A.Y.M. with the warrant dated March 22, 1793 thus making it the first Masonic lodge to be formed in what is today Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

#### *Masonic Certificate of David Harrison, Huntington Lodge No. 26 A.Y.M.*

Typically, eighteenth century lodge meetings were held in taverns, with food and spirits prepared for the brothers gathered around a long table. Dues were owed at each meeting, whether a brother was present or not. Huntington No. 26 had only 30 known members throughout its brief history, more than half of whom were charter members of Suffolk No. 60 in Port Jefferson and Morton No. 63 in Hempstead (now Wantagh-Morton No. 63), both still active to this

day. Because there was no central meeting place and travel was difficult, Huntington No. 26 sporadically met until 1806 before finally forfeiting its charter on March 4, 1818. Freemasonry was inactive in Huntington, New York for the next 42 years.

#### *A Brief History of Jephtha Lodge No. 494 F. & A.M.*

Huntington was Masonically dark until late 1859, when a meeting took place at the house of Francis Olmstead in Northport, New York between William H. King, Jesse Carll, David Carll, John H. Jarvis, Phineas E. Sills and C.A. Floyd for the purpose of taking into consideration the feasibility of establishing a lodge in the Village of Huntington. After some discussion, it was agreed that an application be made in due

form to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York for a dispensation to form a lodge, to be known as Jephtha Lodge, named after a person in the Old Testament who served as one of the judges in Israel for a period of six years (Judges 12:7) between the conquest of Canaan and the first king. Jephtha lived in Gilead and was a member of the Tribe of Manasseh.

**Having obtained the necessary dispensation by the Grand Lodge, Jephtha Lodge No. 494 was chartered on January 25, 1860.** Jephtha Lodge was convened for the first time on Saturday January 28, 1860, as a lodge under dispensation in a room over the store of "Candy John" Fleet at the corner of New and Main Streets, Huntington Village, where they met for 35 years. A committee was appointed to outfit the room properly for Masonic work and to procure the necessary jewels. Charter Oak Lodge No. 249 was gracious in donating the necessary regalia for the officers.

In the early years, the predominant professions of the brothers were seamen, yeoman, ships' carpenters, captains and sailmakers, for at the time Huntington was a busy seaport for ferries to New York and Connecticut, and for the shipping of produce. Many brothers raised in the new lodge, in later years, went on to form Glen Cove Lodge No. 580 in 1866, Alcyone Lodge No. 695 of Northport in 1869, Babylon Lodge No. 793 of Babylon in 1887, and Matinecock Lodge No. 806 of Oyster Bay in 1892.

A lodge seal was procured in September 1860 and at the end of the first year, membership totaled 53 brothers. Initiation fee was \$15 and dues \$3. In 1869, Jephtha Lodge purchased a plot of land for \$1000 on New York Avenue, just south of Main Street, for the construction of a temple in later years. In the interim the lodge leased the property for \$50 per year. In 1885, the lodge moved to a room over O. S. Sammis on the northwest corner of Main Street and New York Avenue in Huntington Village.

After 25 years, Jephtha Lodge had 67 Brothers, with initiation fees of \$25 and dues of \$4. On October 14, 1897, the original Suffolk District (consisting of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk) was designated as two separate Masonic Districts of Nassau and Suffolk by Grand Master W.:M.: W.A. Sutherland. In 1899 Grand Lodge honored Jephtha Lodge for the first time by appointing R.:W.: Brother Douglas Conklin District Deputy Grand Master of the Nassau and Suffolk District.

In the spring of 1904, W.: Edgar P. Bunce, Master of Jephtha, appointed a building committee naming E.B. Hawkins, A.E. Lowndes, A.B. Gildersleeve, A.S. Pettit and Edward Holms. The committee worked with trustees Thomas Aitken, Joseph Irwin and Douglas Conklin in securing plans and estimates, the giving out of contracts and procuring the necessary funds.



*Cornerstone laying ceremony  
for Jephtha Lodge*

On the afternoon of August 25, 1904, the cornerstone of the present building at 342-344 New York Ave was laid. By the direction of the Grand Master, R.:W.: William L. Swan of Oyster Bay officiated. Seventy-five members of Jephtha along with members of several lodges were present at this important occasion. The regular Masonic service ended with the pouring of corn, wine and oil on the precious stone.

Several Jephtha Brothers, including R.:W.: Douglass Conklin, attended the Masonic raising of Vice President Theodore Roosevelt on April 24, 1901 at Matinecock Lodge No. 806 in Oyster Bay, New York. R.:W.: Douglass Conklin was also part of a committee to examine Brother Roosevelt's proficiency before being passed to

the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 27, 1901. It was reported at the time that Roosevelt knew the material so well that he corrected those conducting the examination when they erred.

Jephtha Lodge No. 494 reached peak membership of 582 members in 1963.

### *The Lodge Building*

The first floor has two retail storefront spaces that have been consistently rented since the building opened in 1905. Rental clients included the Huntington Post Office (1905-1925). Between 1905 and the 1930's, the second floor was rented as office space. It has since been used as a private collation room for the membership. The third floor has remained relatively unchanged since 1905, including the lodge room and Masonic museum. Several fraternal organizations have used the third floor lodge room over the years, including the Organization of Triangles, Order of the Eastern Star, Knights Templar, Royal Arch, Knights of Columbus, Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose. Truth Triangle No. 31 has met in Jephtha Lodge since 1927, the year it was founded, and is one of the oldest active Triangle organizations in New York.

### *Historical Marker Dedication*



A New York State Historical Marker was dedicated in front of the building on August 16, 2018. The marker was unveiled by Huntington Town Historian Robert Hughes; W:. Richard Harris, Master; Huntington Town Supervisor Chad Lupinacci and W:. Ron Seifried, Trustees Chairman of Jephtha Lodge. The marker was originally conceived by the late W:. John V Forster, Past Master of Jephtha and Dedicated Service Award recipient, the highest honor awarded in Masonry. It was Brother Foster's passion and devotion to Jephtha Lodge that helped spark the current renaissance in Jephtha, where it stands today in its most prolific period in over 50 years.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
W:. Ronald J. Seifried, DSA,  
Jephtha Lodge Historian

## **MASONIC MOMENTS**

### *DON'T BURY ME WITHOUT MY APRON*

It is an ancient custom  
When a Brother Mason passes way,

That he no longer wears his Apron  
And his tools they quietly lay.

But I beg of you my Brothers  
Closest family and Loved ones to,

That I must wear my Apron  
For I have yet so much to do.

Though I may not have it on  
The day I meet my fate,

I'll be penniless and destitute  
As I pass that pearly gate.

For the Grand Master has sent me a summons  
On that very day,

And as in my obligations  
You know I must obey.



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That Grand Lodge will be called and opened  
For my final Degree,

So I must be properly clothed  
For the Grand Tyler to admit me.

Don't bury me without my Apron  
My tools must not lay rest,

For it's in that Grand Lodge above  
Where I must work my best.

Author Unknown

Respectfully Submitted,  
WM John B. Lentinello  
Jephtha Lodge #494

## SAVING THE CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME DE PARIS

A Nova presentation describes how today's craftsmen are duplicating the craftsmanship of the medieval stonemasons, medieval stained-glass artisans, and medieval carpenters (oak roof timbers) in the reconstruction and restoration of the 860-year-old, gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris after the disastrous fire of April 15, 2019: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/video/saving-notre-dame/>

## FAMOUS JANUARY MASON

*January 2021 begins a new feature highlighting a famous Mason born in the month of the Jephtha Newsletter's publication. All brothers are invited to submit articles regarding famous Masons true to their hearts. Kindly submit articles to the Communications Committee: Br. Bill Fenty III (wfenty@gmail.com) and Br. Richard Gentile (rg.jlnews@aol.com) by the 15th of the month for publication the following month. If you have any questions, kindly contact the two brothers above.*

### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

January 6, 1705, Boston, MA - April 17, 1790, Philadelphia, PA

*Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.*

*Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.*

Benjamin Franklin was Josiah Franklin's 15th child and 10th and final son. He attended the Boston Latin School but did not graduate, leaving at age 10 because his father could not afford the fees. He continued his education through voracious reading while he worked with his father (candlemaker), and at 12 he became an apprentice to his brother James, a printer. Franklin quickly became a newspaper reporter, writer and printer. Later in life, Franklin received honorary degrees from Harvard, Yale, and the College of William and Mary.

Franklin was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States as drafter and signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was a **writer** and **printer** (*Poor Richard's Almanack*, *The New-England Courant*, *Pennsylvania Gazette*), **political philosopher** (ethos of the values of thrift, hard work, and education. The 13 virtues which he lived by were published in his autobiography: temperance, silence, order, resolution, frugality, industry, sincerity, justice, moderation, cleanliness, tranquility, chastity and humility.), **politician** (Promoted community spirit, self-governing institutions, freedom of speech as a right, and opposed political and religious authoritarianism. He freed his slaves in the late 1750's and became an abolitionist; he promoted the education and integration of Afro-Americans into American Society.), **Freemason** (Grand

Master in 1734; edited and published the first Masonic book in the Americas, a reprint of James Anderson's *Constitution of the Free-Masons*; Secretary of St. John's Loge in Philadelphia, 1735-1738; Venerable Master of Les Neuf Soeurs, 1779-1781 during his stay in France. He remained a Mason for the rest of his life.), **postmaster** (first United States Postmaster General), **scientist** (discoveries and theories regarding electricity), **inventor** (lightening rod, bifocals, Franklin stove, improved version of the glass harmonica [Mozart, Beethoven, Donizetti, Saint-Saëns, and Richard Strauss composed for his glass harmonica.], flexible urinary catheter, a published chart of the Gulf Stream), **civic activist** (He founded the Library Company of Philadelphia, a significant collection of historically valuable manuscripts and printed materials still in existence, the Union Fire Company in Philadelphia, one of America's first volunteer firefighting companies, and Pennsylvania Hospital, the first hospital in the United States. He was the first president of the Academy and College of Philadelphia, which would become the University of Pennsylvania, and president of the American Philosophical Society where scientific men could discuss their discoveries and theories which remains the oldest learned society in the USA. He was a major influence on the emerging science of demography [population studies], and he wrote about the negative consequences of price controls, trade restrictions and subsidy of the poor.), **musician** (wrote a string quartet and played the violin, harp and guitar), first known **chess player** in the American colonies, **statesman** (first governor of Pennsylvania) and **diplomat** (first United States ambassador to France. Through his influence with the French, he was instrumental in securing shipments of crucial munitions from France during the American Revolution. He was also the American minister to Sweden although he never visited the country.)

Benjamin Franklin died at 84 and approximately 20,000 people attended his funeral. He is interred in Christ Church Burial Ground, Philadelphia.

Walter Isaacson (born 1952, analyst, author, historian, journalist and professor) said of Benjamin Franklin: "Franklin was the most accomplished American of his age and the most influential in inventing the type of society America would become."

Respectfully submitted,  
Br. Richard Gentile  
Jephtha Lodge #494



*Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, "It will be happier."*  
Alfred Lord Tennyson (British poet, 1809-1892)