

JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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GREETINGS FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



Greetings Brethren,

There is no slowing the hands of time, my good Brothers. It is already May and fast approaching mid-spring, a sure sign the end of the official Masonic year is beginning to draw near. On paper, we go "dark" by the end of June but in the hearts of many of the brothers of Jephtha Lodge and all good Masons around the world, we still carry on with acts of charity, bringing relief to those in need. As our year-end draws near, our trustees focus their efforts on the never-ending quest of maintaining our beloved 115 year old building. For our shepherds of the Craft, they continue to mentor the newly Entered Apprentices to ready them for the Fellowcraft Degree in September. For the elected members of Jephtha, there is often some form of business to attend to or preparation to make for the ensuing year. So why has the year gone by so quickly? Perhaps it is because we have remained so busy over this year. While ALL lodges have struggled with simply keeping their heads above water during this global pandemic (including Jephtha), the members of Jephtha managed to maintain the lodge with new membership growth. Our charitable contributions this year are beyond our projected expectations set prior to COVID-19. We have continued Masonic education. We continued outreach in our local communities, and for our events we simply conducted them on Zoom or took them outside in order to comply with the Grand Lodge pandemic rules. In the midst of a year filled with hardships and the loss of loved ones, on a Masonic level, we still have a lot to celebrate.

Looking back on April, you can see the work of our productive lodge. Three days after Easter, the Past Masters and elected members of Jephtha met to discuss the Senior Warden's proposed officers' slate for the ensuing year. I congratulate Brother Jeremiah Campbell for a terrific job creating that slate, a first step to ensure the continued success and future of Jephtha Lodge. On Saturday of that same week, officers and members of the Benevolence Committee, in coordination with the Knights of Columbus, purchased dinners, desserts and drinks for the veterans in need at the new Beacon House located on the property of the Northport Veterans Hospital. On April 12th, our stated communication was bustling with activity. It started with a wonderful dinner presented by our Junior Warden, Brother Michael Crispino Jr. Dinner was served on plates, not buffet style to comply with pandemic rules. With white linen tablecloths, it was like going to a restaurant! Once the gavel banged, the business of the lodge included petitions read, balloting, annual committee reports, reading of the 2021-22 officers' slate and Masonic education. We had to proceed quickly in order to close the lodge on time! On April 14th and 21st, in coordination with R.:W.: Matt Dinizio, more light was brought to Master Masons with a Masonic Development Course presented at Jephtha lodge. On April 24th brother Bill Fenty III hosted a "virtual cocktail hour" in an effort to continue our charitable efforts, this time to help children with cancer. I thank Brother Bill and all those who contributed to the event. Unless you were a part of it, you would not have known how much fun it was! Finally, on April 26th, for our special communication, we held an Entered Apprentice Degree for three worthy and well qualified candidates. I congratulate Brothers Richard Arthur, Patrick Tomasino and Syed Asad on their journey into Freemasonry and becoming members of Jephtha Lodge!

What is in Jephtha's future? Great things are still to come! Now is not the time to ease back on the Masonic "gas pedal," my Brothers. We will have Masonic education for our new group of Entered Apprentices on Monday, May 3rd presented by W.: Robert Previto. On Monday, May 10th, our annual summoned communication will be held. On May 8th at 4 PM Benevolence Committee members will once again feed the veterans in need at the Beacon House in Northport. On Saturday May 15th at 10 AM, we will again contribute to our local community with a cleanup of the Old Burial Ground Cemetery in Huntington Village. This effort is coordinated with Huntington town historian, Robert Hughes. Finally, on May 24th we will be having a special communication that evening. I am challenging our line of officers with "Step Up Night" at Jephtha Lodge. They will take on their officers' roles for the ensuing year to open and close the lodge. The agenda will remain light, (I promise) to allow the brothers to congregate afterwards to share their experiences, socially distanced of course! Don't miss it! Our Junior Warden will have a culinary treat prepared for you. In the words of W.: Richard Harris, "Offer them food and they will come!"

My Brothers, please remember that Mother's Day is coming! Take some time (if possible) to spend with your Mom. Plan something special! She will be most appreciative of the time you give her. Happy Mother's Day!

Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the military, and we, as Masons, should take time to consider its importance. While we enjoy the nice weather that rolls in while we're opening our pools, barbecues and such, take a moment to reflect on its true meaning.

I remain honored to have served Jephtha Lodge since becoming a Freemason in 2012. I thank all my brothers for their continued support. I pray for those families who experienced the loss of loved ones. God bless us all.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
Brother Anthony Colonna
Worshipful Master
Jephtha Lodge 494

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



My Brothers, I hope all is well with you and your families. After 13 months Jephtha was able to host a dinner. We sat six feet apart with all food served to brothers individually, following the Grand Lodge edict. Although this was not the norm, seeing my brothers in the flesh brought me so much joy.

Looking into the eyes of my brothers I can see the pain they've endured over the past year. The resilience of our craft still produces a smile. All brothers knowing that we will endure, we will fight and go on. Our bond will not be broken!

This turmoil ongoing in our world brings us closer together. We are continuously looking for ways to connect and help our distressed brothers. You are not alone. We will reach the finish line together!

To my Brothers that we haven't seen in a while, we understand your caution. There is no rush to return until you are comfortable doing so. We still think about you and we love you. My Brothers, that feeling will not change. Be well and stay safe.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Jeremiah Campbell
Senior Warden

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Let's welcome May by first thanking our Mothers, for without them any of the steps to become a Mason would not be possible. As worshipful Rich Harris said to his Mom during his installation as Master, "Mom, without you, I don't breathe."

Let's also recognize all Mothers - our Stepmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, Sisters and Daughters. May your Mother's Day be blessed, and may you all be treated like the Queens you are.

A tradition in my family is to plant on Mother's Day, bringing life to our home and garden. I urge my brothers to plant a new plant, start a vegetable garden or even learn something new about gardening.

Let's also remember all the brave men and women who have fallen in battle and recognize the true significance of Memorial Day. It's not about barbeques and a long weekend but their Ultimate Sacrifice that preserves our freedoms for which they died.

Soon, with the hot weather, we will be hearing the splashing of pools and long nights. Let's all take pause and thank God for all He has provided. Let's reflect on all the goals we have reached as Masons as we raise the bar higher.

The best part about knowledge and experience is sharing it, especially among the Craft. Knowledge in Masonry can be obtained in every aspect, from the first day Entered Apprentice to the Brother with 60 years' experience. Sharing what I have learned during my 8 years is uplifting, and the responsibilities from the previous offices I've held is an important part in guiding other brothers in their Masonic journeys East. It is analogous to the building of King Solomon's Temple where the officers have the responsibility of supervising various brethren in the lodge who are doing the physical work.

Masonry also provides us with the brothers who like to remain quiet and do their work, which in most cases are the hardest jobs the lodge requires, such as assisting me in cleaning the kitchen when I was able to cook, the publication of this newsletter, and donating their time and material to making the key chains which were sold to contribute to Sunrise Walks. These are the true workers of the Craft, the true builders of the symbolic King Solomon's Temple, the temple built with our hearts.

Some of them are: Brother Geoff Cohen, master chef, who from day one has always been a big help to the lodge; the Brothers Tomasino, including the newly raised Brother Pat, who assisted me in cleaning the kitchen and cooked for W. Dowling's DSA Award; Brother William Friedman who provided the metal to make the key chains for the Sunrise Walks fundraising; Brother Mitch Goodkin, a new affiliate member interested in Jephtha because we are an active lodge and holds in high regard the educational aspects we encourage; Brother Richard Gentile for his editing, research, typing and layout of our monthly newsletter, and members of the many committees who accomplish so much... this list can go on and on. These brothers prove true work is not achieved alone by the officers of Jephtha Lodge.

These brothers remind me of a story about the completed temple and the feast King Solomon was hosting. He had invited all the chief architects, head artificers, and the men working in silver, gold, wood, ivory and stone - all the craftsmen who supplied and ensured the materials were prepared to their finest.

As the feast was being enjoyed by all, a man entered rather aggressively and stated, "I came in rudely because of a servant who obliged me to do so." All the Craftsmen who did not recognize him asked, "Isn't this feast just for the chief workman?" The guards, with drawn swords, were ready to subdue him.

King Solomon then asked the intruder, "Why should I not order you to be taken by the beard and stoned to death?" When the intruder, a son of the forge, heard this he replied, "Although I am not a worker as the ones who are here before you now, I am their superior for I am the blacksmith, the one who makes the tools of their trade, enabling them to create all these beautiful things for the King." "True," King Solomon said, and decreed he sit to the right of his throne, a place of great honor.

My Brothers, enjoy a safe, healthy and joyous May. Thank you to all the Mothers and those in our military who made the Ultimate Sacrifice. And always remember, the most important gift Masonry gives its brethren is Masonry itself.



KING SOLOMON AND THE IRON WORKER

by Christian Schussele (1824, Guebwiller, France -1879, Merchantville, NJ) Painted in 1863.
Hanging in the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Brother Michael S. Crispino, Jr.
Junior Warden

GREETINGS FROM THE CORNER DESK

I worked several jobs in high school; one of them was as a bagger at Southtown grocery store – creatively named to reflect that it was on the southside of our little town. I actually applied to be a checker, but back then girls were checkers and boys were baggers, and there was no arguing the point. In those days, the first question a bagger always asked was, "Paper or plastic?"



You may have noticed at Jephtha, we are doing our best to move from paper to plastic as much as possible. As you hopefully know, we are very intentional about our financial policies at Jephtha. We are transparent; we are available for questions; we seek to be responsible, and we do our best to limit any potential for fraud or misuse. Plastic helps. It makes bookkeeping easier; it limits the possibility for fraud, and it provides an extra level of safety for your officers (by ensuring that they do not have to carry large sums of cash around).

You are welcome (indeed, encouraged) to pay with your credit or debit card for everything at the lodge – even donations for collation or the bar. Just find me before (or after) any regular communication. We understand it is still convenient to throw a few bills in the box at the bar and that some people will always prefer cash or checks. That's not a problem. We just wanted you to know that if you're wondering whether we prefer "paper or plastic," the answer is always plastic.

Grace and peace,
Tim TenClay, Secretary

MAY CALENDAR

Monday	May 3, 2021	7:00 PM	Entered Apprentice Education
Thursday	May 6, 2021	7:30 PM	Jephtha Lodge Shepherding
Monday	May 10, 2021	7:30 PM	Annual Summoned Communication
Thursday	May 13, 2021	7:30 PM	Jephtha Lodge Shepherding
Wednesday	May 19, 2021	7:30 PM	Benevolence Committee Meeting
Thursday	May 20, 2021	7:30 PM	Jephtha Lodge Shepherding
Thursday	May 27, 2021	7:30 PM	Jephtha Lodge Shepherding

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Martin T. Foy	Eric P. Bencivenga
Gunnar G. Herbert	James E. Beyer
Frank J. Libert	Harry R. Burger
Luke J. Loporto	Jeremiah Campbell
Drew MacCallum	Edward Carlson
Bob D. Marini	Craig M. Cohen
Matthew A. Pantoja	Geoffrey M. Cohen
Robert P. Previto	Anthony P. Colonna
Jeffrey A. Russo	Michael S. Crispino, Jr.
Kenneth J. Siesener	John T. Dowling
Percy C. Tatem, III	Thomas Ferentinos
James M. Visali	Thomas M. Fisk
Tomas E. Wainwright	Michael T. Forester
Rudolph H. Weber	Michael Fufidio, Jr.
	Andrew W. Gettis
	Jonathan Z. Ginzberg
	Kamal K. Gupta
	William R. Habermass
	Richard A. Harris

MAY RAISINGS

Zash Hossain	Scott L. Myers
Charles F. Hudak	Frank L. Nantista
John Hurioglo	Steven J. Pagano
Anthony S. Kalabacas	Christopher Palmer
Stephen S. Kalogris	Arthur Perri, Jr.
Arthur M. Landman	Michael Perri
Paul J. Levy	Thomas G. Piper
John N. Lowe	Matthew P. Romanoff
Drew MacCallum	John J. Sammartino
Cooper J. Macco	Christopher Schenker
Robert J. MacKenzie	Herbert F. Schumann
Frank P. Marinaro, III	Kenneth J. Siesener
Xavier F. Marinaro	James P. Stork
Frederick J. Meuser	Marlo A. Suzao
David Minassian	Percy C. Tatem, III
Sauman Mohammadi	James R. Thompson
Thomas M. Montefusco	Paul A. Vermylen, III
Jarred Muraco	Robert P. Walther
William Muskof	Charles J. Williams

KEEPING IN TOUCH



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HELPING HAND RESCUE MISSION

Huntington Station Resident Named "Woman of Distinction"

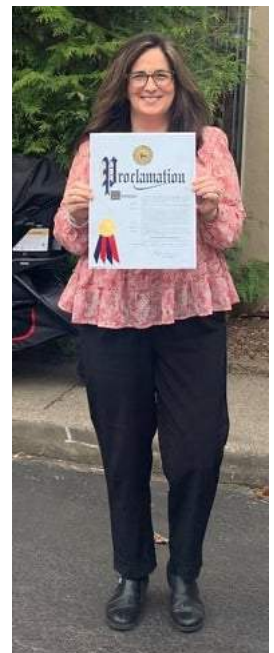
Reverend Kim Gambino, president of Helping Hand Rescue Mission,
represents Suffolk's 18th Legislative District

HUNTINGTON STATION, NY - Reverend Kim Gambino of Huntington Station, was named the "Woman of Distinction" in the Suffolk County 18th Legislative District, according to a news release from Legislator William Spencer's office.

Gambino is the president and pastor of Helping Hand Rescue Mission. Each year during Woman's History Month, the Suffolk County Legislature honors noteworthy women throughout the county. Spencer recently visited Gambino to thank her for the work she does throughout the Town of Huntington.

"No undertaking is ever too much for Reverend Kim," Spencer said in a news release. "She is a dynamo who fills her time valuably, as well as humbly. She is very unassuming and does all of this without any fanfare. For all of these reasons, I have chosen Reverend Kim Gambino as the 2021 "Woman of Distinction" for the 18th Legislative District." Gambino has dedicated her life to serving families who are struggling to make ends meet through her work with Helping Hand Rescue Mission - Long Island's first Mission, which was founded by her parents and grandmother in 1965. Hundreds of local families are supported through the programs coordinated by Gambino and her volunteers each year. Goods, clothing, household items and support are a few things that Gambino offers with unconditional love, friendship and spiritual guidance, according to Spencer.

Gambino also organizes holiday outreaches, fundraisers and programs for babies and at-risk youth to try and help them achieve a better life and a better chance at living. She answers any needs she sees. When the coronavirus pandemic caused nationwide shutdowns in March 2020, Gambino led her organization to meet the intensified hardship within the community. Helping Hand Rescue Mission regularly helps three times as many families as it served in 2019, according to Spencer. In 2020 alone, the Mission distributed more than 11,000 parcels of non-perishables - equal to more than 245 tons of food - and 4,000 USDA boxes that provided milk, eggs, cheese, meat, fresh fruit and vegetables. This does not include the hot meals the Mission provided four days a week during the



height of the pandemic. For the holidays, the Mission provided 1,000 families with turkeys and holiday food, distributed toys to 850 children and also gave new toys to 13 other Long island agencies which in turn gifted toys to 2,150- more children. Through the Baby Blessings program, more than 45,000 diapers were distributed to families with babies in the Huntington community last year.

Pastor Dan Rivera from Huntington Assembly of God shared his thoughts on Reverend Kim receiving the honor. "Huntington Station has been hit hard by the coronavirus causing the basic needs of our neighbors to surge as the virus quickly spread," Rivera said via Spencer's office's news release. "Throughout the dark days, Kim Gambino has been a light in our community that reflects love, unity, hard work and commitment. She loves not only with her words, but with her actions. Kim has worked tirelessly to support hundreds of families and individuals in the community by providing for their nutritional needs as well as their emotional and spiritual needs. Our community can easily express the great things she does in public every single day, but the most powerful attribute about Kim is that even when no one is watching, she remains the same and simply loves. She is a reflection of a great love from above and we are blessed to have her in beautiful Huntington Station."

Gambino lives in Huntington Station with her husband, Andrew, and their blended family of five children. Her hobbies include writing, cooking and spending time with her family, including their Doodle, Einstein.

The 18th Legislative District encompasses the northern portion of Huntington Township and includes Cold Spring Harbor, Greenlawn, Lloyd Harbor, Huntington, Halesite, Huntington Bay, Centerport, Northport, Asharoken and Eaton's Neck. Its southern border includes a portion of Huntington Station, Elwood, and a small section of East Northport.

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April 8, 2021

NB In November 2020, Jephtha Lodge donated 40 bags of groceries and 15 large bags of winter coats to the Helping Hand Rescue Mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Br. Richard Gentile
Jephtha Lodge 494

A MASONIC PLOT AT MELVILLE CEMETERY



*Brothers John Hewlett Jarvis and
Thomas Jarvis, 1863*

Located on the very western border of Suffolk County on Sweet Hollow Road, in the Town of Huntington, is Melville Cemetery dating to the mid-19th century. Tucked away just north of Old Country Road and south of the Northern State Parkway, the grounds known for their serene setting is the final resting place for one of Jephtha Lodge's founding members.

The Jarvis family has a sizeable family plot in the local cemetery, which includes Thomas Jarvis, the 54th brother to join Jephtha Lodge during its first two nascent years. Unfortunately, Thomas' early death at the age of 23 on December 8, 1863 while stationed with the Union Army in Brooklyn, may have been the first funeral service Jephtha Lodge delivered for a brother. Thomas' headstone, although embedded in the ground, still survives and is the second known oldest marker on Long Island engraved with a Masonic Square and Compasses.

John Hewlett Jarvis (1837-1886), his brother, the first Junior Warden of Jephtha Lodge No. 494 and brother number 6, was a yeoman in Brooklyn whose duties delayed his first day as Junior Warden until the fourth stated communication. Jarvis later decided his responsibilities in Brooklyn prevented him from attending regular meetings in Huntington, forcing his decision to demit from Jephtha Lodge in 1871. The Jarvis brothers were the sons of Woodhull Jarvis (1811-1890) and Susanna Hewlett (1812-1884). Woodhull Jarvis' maternal grandfather was Joseph Ireland, a Minute Man in the American Revolution, serving as a Private in 5 Company, 1st Regiment of Minute Men, Huntington Militia, under Colonel Josiah Smith (1723-1786), great-grandson of Richard "Bull" Smith (ca. 1613-1691), founder of Smithtown. In 1775, Ireland signed to support Congress, and when the town was occupied by British troops, he was frequently called by them "the good-natured old rebel." Ireland was a millwright by profession, fathering 10 children with his wife Elizabeth Losee prior to the Revolution. Said to be "a most estimable and benevolent man," besides his own large family, he brought up and cared for numerous grandchildren and step-grandchildren. When he passed away in June 1793 at the age of 80, he left a will that included 200 acres of land in the West Hills section of Huntington, 2 loads of hay, 2 horses, 7 cows, 7 two-year-old cattle, 26 sheep, 5 swine, 40 acres of woodland, and one slave. Ireland is interred in Long Swamp Cemetery on Barkers Lane in Huntington Station.



The Square and Compasses on the headstone of Thomas Jarvis is the second oldest known Masonic marked grave on Long Island

Another one of Melville Cemetery's well known permanent residents is George "Specs" Toporcer, the first non-pitcher to wear eyeglasses during a major league game. Signed by the Syracuse Stars off the New York sandlots in 1921, "Specs" played eight years with the St. Louis Cardinals as a utility infielder. His first complete season in 1922 was his best, with a .324 average and 25 doubles in 116 games. Later a minor league manager and serving in front-office jobs for various minor-league and major-league clubs, Toporcer chronicled his career in the autobiography *Baseball from Backlots to Big League*. Going completely blind in 1952, "Specs" was elected to the Rochester Sports Hall of Fame in 1957. Toporcer's only known connection to Freemasonry was when he entertained the brothers of Glenn Falls Lodge No. 121 (Glen Falls, NY) in January 1934 on a special Father's and Son's Night, along with Rip Collins and umpire Roy Van, with anecdotes of their experiences in baseball.

Several other Masonic marked graves have been located in this small Melville Cemetery, each awaiting to be rediscovered.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
W.: Ronald J. Seifried, DSA
Jephtha Lodge 494



The Jarvis Family Plot in Melville Cemetery, Township of Huntington, New York 11743

MASONIC MOMENTS

TAPS

Dedicated to all Masons who gave their lives for our Glorious Republic.

The origins of “Taps,” the distinctive bugle melody played at U.S. military funerals and memorials and as a lights-out signal to soldiers at night, date back to the American Civil War.

In July 1862, U.S. General Daniel Butterfield and his brigade were camped at Harrison’s Landing, Virginia, recuperating after the Seven Days Battles near Richmond. Dissatisfied with the standard bugle call employed by the Army to indicate to troops it was time to go to sleep, and thinking the call should sound more melodious, Butterfield reworked an existing bugle call used to signal the end of the day. After he had his brigade bugler, Private Oliver Wilcox Norton, play it for the men, buglers from other units became interested in the 24-note tune and it quickly spread throughout the Army, and even caught on with the Confederates.

Not long after Butterfield created “Taps,” it was played for the first time at a military funeral for a Union cannoner killed in action. The man’s commanding officer, Captain John Tidball, decided the bugle call would be safer than the traditional firing of three rifle volleys over the soldier’s grave, a move that couldn’t be confused by the nearby enemy as an attack.

As for the name “Taps,” the most likely explanation is that it comes from the fact that prior to Butterfield’s bugle call, the lights-out call was followed by three drumbeats, dubbed the “Drum Taps,” as well as “The Taps” and then simply “Taps.” When Butterfield’s call replaced the drumbeats, soldiers referred to it as “Taps,” although this was an unofficial moniker, according to “Taps” historian and bugle expert Jari Villanueva. He notes that Butterfield’s bugle call was officially known as “Extinguish Lights” in American military manuals until 1891. Since that time, “Taps” also has been a formally recognized part of U.S. military funerals.

Today at Berkeley Plantation in Charles City, Virginia, the historic estate located at Harrison’s Landing, there’s a monument commemorating the origins of “Taps” at the site. Berkeley Plantation also happens to be the birthplace of Benjamin Harrison V (1726-1791), a signer of the Declaration of Independence and three times Governor of Virginia, William Henry Harrison (1773-1841), the nation’s ninth president, and ancestral home of his grandson, Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901), twenty-third president of the United States.

Reprinted (with addenda to the last paragraph) from: www.history.com/news/how-did-taps-originate

THE WORDS FOR TAPS

NB There are no "official" words to Taps but the most popular Taps Lyrics are below.

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake, from the skies.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep, may the soldier
or sailor, God keep.
On the land or the deep, Safe in sleep.

Love, good night, must thou go, when the day,
and the night need thee so?
All is well. Speedeth all To their rest.

Fades the light;
And afar Goeth day,
And the stars Shineth bright,
Fare thee well;
Day has gone, night is on.

Thanks and praise, for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'Neath the stars, 'Neath the sky,
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

Reprinted from: www.usmemorialday.org/taps

PRINCE PHILIP: A TRUE ENGLISH GENTLEMAN



His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh
Photography: Getty Images

THE FREEMASONS ARE DEEPLY SADDENED TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF PRINCE PHILIP THIS MORNING AND WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND THE ROYAL FAMILY

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh started his life in Freemasonry in 1952, at the age of 31. He was initiated into Navy Lodge, No 2612, on 5 December. On 6 March 1953, HRH Prince Philip progressed to the Second Degree of Freemasonry, before advancing to the Third Degree on 4 May 1953. The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) issued his Grand Lodge Certificate on 7 May that same year and he has remained a member to this day.

The Duke of Edinburgh was born in Corfu on 10 June 1921, the only son of Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg. He therefore also held the title Prince of Greece and Denmark.

Prince Philip joined the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1939, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Prince Louis, who was Admiral of the Fleet and First Sea Lord. He had a long and successful career in the Navy and rose to the rank of Commander. Prince Philip was also a qualified pilot and was the first member of the Royal Family ever to fly out of Buckingham Palace in a helicopter.

The Duke of Edinburgh was known to drop into meetings at his Freemasons' Lodge almost unannounced. Navy Lodge has a storied past and an amazing roster of luminaries appear upon its membership roll. The Lodge prides itself on being the premier Naval Lodge in the world, with an unparalleled history that includes four monarchs as past members – King Edward VII, King Edward VIII, King George VI and King George II of the Hellenes.

The Duke of Edinburgh was patron or president of some 800 organizations, with special interests in scientific and technological research and development, the encouragement of sport, the welfare of young people, and conservation and the environment.

Freemasons can also count other members of the Royal Family among their number, including HRH the Duke of Kent, who is the longest-serving Grand Master of the UGLE.

As well as members of the Royal Family, Navy Lodge can proudly name three winners of the Victoria Cross among its past and present members; numerous Admirals, Generals, Vice-Admirals and Senior Officers; as well as other notables such as Sir Ernest Shackleton, Robert Scott - known as "Scott of the Antarctic" - and many more.

Elsewhere, there is also a Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No 1182, Liverpool, which was issued a warrant on 2 July 1867 and was consecrated on 1 August 1867. The Lodge was named after Prince Alfred Ernest

Albert, who was then Duke of Edinburgh. He was born on 6 August 1844, the second son of Queen Victoria.

In addition, there is a Duke of Edinburgh Lodge in London, No 1259, which was consecrated on 4 May 1869. The Lodge was also named after Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, who became Duke of Edinburgh in 1866.

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Submitted by R.:W.: Francis Dumaourier, 33°, MSA, KYCH - Grand Représentant de France

Respectfully submitted,
Br. Richard Gentile
Jephtha Lodge 494

FAMOUS MAY MASON

EDWARD ANTHONY JENNER, MD The Father of Immunology

May 17, 1749, Berkeley, England - January 26, 1823, Berkeley, England

I shall endeavour still further to prosecute this inquiry, an inquiry I trust not merely speculative, but of sufficient moment to inspire the pleasing hope of it becoming essentially beneficial to mankind.

Smallpox is a frightening, infectious disease caused by a virus producing death in about 30% of the population, with higher rates among infants. Those who survive have excessive skin scarring with some becoming blind. Evidence of smallpox was found in Egyptian mummies; in 18th century Europe 40 million died from the disease, 300 million in the 20th century, and about 500 million in the last 100 years of its existence because there was no reliable treatment. Through vaccination, smallpox is the only infectious, human disease eradicated worldwide, and was so proclaimed by the World Health Organization in 1980.

Edward Jenner was the eighth child of nine of the Reverend Stephen Jenner, rector of Rockhampton and vicar of Berkeley, and Sarah Head Jenner, and one of six to survive into adulthood. When Jenner was 5 years old his mother died in childbirth; his father died two months later. He became a ward of his older brother Stephen Jenner, who succeeded his father as rector of Rockhampton. After grammar school, Jenner apprenticed to Daniel Ludlow, surgeon of Sodbury and worked with him for the next 9 years. Afterward, he went to London to study anatomy and surgery. In 1773 Jenner returned to Berkeley, where he lived with his older brother, and began to practice medicine. He had enough leisure time to participate in local medical societies, make observations in natural history, play the flute and write poetry. (His best-known poems are *Address to a Robin* and *The Signs of Rain*.)

In 1788 he married Katherine Kingscote and moved to Chantry Cottage, a comfortable, 18th century Georgian country home in Berkeley where he lived until his death. (His home is located immediately beside St. Mary's churchyard and is now a museum about his life and work.) By 1792 Jenner earned his medical degree from the University of St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland, and he is credited with advancing the understanding of angina pectoris.

During his medical practice in Berkeley, he was often asked to inoculate against smallpox. The practice of the time was to take fluid from a smallpox pustule and inoculate the individual in the hopes he/she would have a mild case and thus be immune. However, this was dangerous since the case could be severe or fatal and tended to spread the disease among the population. Jenner had noticed that milkmen and milkmaids, who had contracted cowpox from working with cattle, rarely became sick with smallpox. His fellow physicians, however, did not believe that contracting cowpox prevented anyone from getting it.

After 16 years of research, on May 14, 1796 Jenner inoculated James Phipps, an eight-year-old boy and his gardener's son, with matter taken from the cowpox pustule of Sarah Nelmes, a milkmaid. On July 1, 1796 Jenner again inoculated James Phipps, this time with smallpox and there was no effect. He also noted that even though patients were immune from smallpox through this method, patients were not immune from cowpox itself.



Through Jenner's writings vaccination was rapidly adopted. He inoculated local people, free of charge, in a one-room hut in his garden, which he called the "Temple of Vaccinia." The hut is considered the birthplace of public health. Jenner found he could dry smallpox pustules for up to three months and still be effective. This was important for shipping the vaccine long distances and vaccinations became common in Continental Europe, eventually reaching the United States. President Thomas Jefferson vaccinated his family and neighbors at Monticello.

In grateful recognition for Jenner's contribution to improved public health, the British Parliament voted him a grant of £10,000 in 1802 (approximately \$620,000 in 2021), and an additional grant of £20,000 in 1806 (approximately \$1,240,000 in 2021). By 1808 there was a national vaccination program in the United Kingdom. In 1804 Napoleon had a medal struck to honor Jenner's discovery and by 1805 he required vaccination by all men in the French army. In 1813 the University of Oxford awarded him an honorary *medicinae doctor* (MD) degree.

I hope that someday the practice of producing cowpox in human beings will spread over the world - when that day comes, there will be no more smallpox.

Jenner also wrote several papers on his studies of natural history - the temperatures of hibernating animals, the breeding habits of the nested cuckoo, and bird migration to England for the purpose of reproduction.

Edward Jenner became a Master Mason on December 30, 1802 in the Lodge of Faith and Friendship 449 which continues today to meet in the Berkeley Arms Hotel, Berkeley, UK. He was Worshipful Master from 1812-1813.

Edward Jenner died of a severe stroke in 1823 and is buried in the family vault in St. Mary's, Berkeley, a 13th century church standing beside Berkeley Castle. (Phipps is also buried there.) He was survived by a son and daughter. His eldest son predeceased him having died of tuberculosis, the same disease that took his wife. A few days before his death, Jenner said, "I am not surprised that men are not grateful for me; but I wonder that they are not grateful to God for the good which He has made me the instrument of conveying to my fellow creatures." Rabbi Israel Lipschitz (a leading 19th century Ashkenazi rabbi in Dessau and later in Danzig, Germany) wrote that Jenner was one of the "righteous of the nations," deserving a lofty place in the World to Come, for having saved millions of people from smallpox.

The word vaccine is derived from the Latin word *vaccinus*, meaning "from cows." The use of the word "vaccine" for other diseases other than smallpox was broadened by the work of Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) who created vaccines for rabies, cholera and anthrax.

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