## JEPHTHALODGE 494

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# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PATRON SAINT OF FREEMASONRY FEAST DAY - JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>

The Premier Grand Lodge of England, originally called the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster, was founded on June 24, 1717, the feast day of Saint John the Baptist. Soon it became known as the Grand Lodge of England since it was the first Masonic Grand Lodge to be created. On December 27, 1813, the feast day of St. John the Evangelist, it united with the Ancient Grand Lodge of England to create the United Grand Lodge of England. Freemasons venerate both saints as their patrons.

St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24<sup>th</sup>, marks the summer solstice, when nature attains the zenith of light and life and joy. St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27<sup>th</sup>, symbolizes the turn of the sun's farthest journey, which is symbolic of the attainment of wisdom, the rewards of a well-spent life, and goodwill toward men... The day of St. John the Baptist is truly symbolic of a day of beginnings, while the day of the Evangelist is symbolic of endings.

St. John the Baptist was a man of character and integrity, and someone we would all do well to emulate... He was simply a man who lived in one particular, historical moment. Yet, his message of repentance, humility, devotion and love of God transcend time and culture. It is a message that is just as urgent and just as true today as it was 2,000 years ago. It is a message that was illustrated by John's daily life. Moreover, it is a message that underscores so many of the values that Freemasons today exalt as ideals for the living of a moral life.

John's ministry and life ended when he admonished Herod and his wife, Herodias, for their sinful behavior. John was imprisoned and was eventually beheaded... (Salome is remembered as the immediate agent in the beheading of John the Baptist through her seduction of Herod with her dance of the seven veils. After she had danced Herod promised to give her whatever she wanted; she asked for John the Baptist's head on a platter.) After he was murdered, John's disciples came and buried his body, and then went and told the Great Teacher all that had happened. The Carpenter responded to the news of John's death by saying, "John was a lamp that burned and gave Light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his Light."

The Festivals of the Saints John bear the names of Christian Saints, but ages ago, long before the Christian era, they bore other names. Freemasonry adopted these festivals and the Christian names, but has taken away Christian dogma, and made their observance universal for all men of all beliefs.

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Respectfully submitted, Br. Richard Gentile Jephtha Lodge 494

#### **GREETINGS FROM THE EAST**



Greetings Brethren,

The month of June is now upon us and with it, at least for Jephtha, a time for a changing of the guard, a passing of the baton, a new Brother at the helm or however you may refer to it, along with the realization this is my last newsletter submission from the East as Worshipful Master. There is always opportunity for any brother, active or not, to submit a newsletter entry to spark the interest of our readers. Perhaps our esteemed editor, Br. Richard Gentile is right, this could be my "swan song."

We now have a newly elected line of officers: Master Elect Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Senior Warden Br. Michael Crispino and Junior Warden Br. Bill Fenty III. Brothers Tim TenClay and Robert Gaudioso have been re-elected to serve another term as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Our Trustees W∴ Br. Ron Seifried and Br. Walter Willems have been re-elected to serve another three years. Our appointed positions include Br. Harry Burger as Assistant Secretary, Br. John A. Lentinello as Senior Deacon, Br. Anthony Kalabacus as Junior Deacon, Br. Luke Loporto as Senior Master of Ceremonies, Br. Bill Friedman as Junior Master of Ceremonies, Br. Frank Como as Senior Steward, Br. Frankel Junio as Junior Steward. Our remaining line of Stewards are Brothers Gino Caba, Christopher Tomasino, Matthew Tomasino and Robert Williamson. Br. Drew MacCallum will be our Marshal and Br. Bill Fenty, Jr. Assistant Marshal. Our Tiler will be Br. Gary Osarczuk and Br. Randy Ivans will continue enriching our Lodge with music as Organist. I graciously accept serving for the ensuing year as Chaplain. The remaining Trustees are Br. Steve Schenker, W∴ Br. Dan Bernzweig and Br. John Hurioglo. To serve as Junior Trustees, Br. John Muller and yours truly, W∴ Anthony Colonna. To round it all out in due form, W∴ Br. Rich Harris will serve as Jephtha's Ritual Director. I congratulate our new line of officers and hope for the ensuing year to be as successful as one could wish for.

The month of May was busy at Jephtha lodge. On Saturday, May 8th we brought a bounty of dinners and deserts to Beacon House located on the Veterans Hospital property in Northport to feed the homeless veterans who need such care. Also in May, Jephtha's new Education Committee met for the purpose of defining its function as well as tackling its first major order of business, to finalize the resolution and rules of the Jephtha Scholarship Fund. The proposed terms were read in lodge during the Annual Summoned Communication held on the second Monday of May. We discussed the terms and voted. They were approved. I congratulate the members of the Education Committee on their success and hope to see, in the near future, eligible candidates being awarded financial support toward their higher education.

On Saturday May 15th, we contributed to our local community. Brothers, sisters, and family members met on the property of the Old Burial Ground Cemetery in Huntington to conduct a voluntary clean-up. We showed up with work gloves on, garden tools in hand, further cut back the overgrowth where needed, and cleaned up the property. I would like to give special thanks to the youth group members who assisted in the clean-up: Tristan, a member of Knights of Antiquity DeMolay; Dillon, a DeMolay Squire; Alana from Truth Triangle, and Cady who is a Triangle Rosebud. You represent our future, and your actions and efforts are just as meaningful and important as any Worshipful Master, or any group leader seeking to do something for the greater good, could wish for. Keep up the good work!

I called a Special Communication for the fourth Monday of May. It was for the purpose of having an "Officers Step Up Night" which gives the Master Elect and the new line of officers a chance to open and close the lodge with a "light order" of business to discuss future charity efforts proposed for Jephtha lodge. I thank W.: Brother Rich Harris in his role as Ritual Director for his assistance in preparing the Brothers for their new officers' roles.

I would like to give thanks to all the members of Jephtha lodge. The energy level of the Brethren did not diminish in spite of the COVID global pandemic that has affected every single soul of Jephtha Lodge, of the district, of the state, and of the world. While many have suffered loss of family members and friends, the comradery of our brothers has stayed strong. The spirit and energy of our younger brothers and the wisdom and guidance of our elder brothers are alive and well. I am satisfied with my term as Worshipful Master during this strange and challenging pandemic year. Yes, I do wish we could have had our annual in lodge events such as St. Patrick's Day, Diwali, and Winter Holiday celebrations just to name a few. But we still exceeded the goals we set for our fundraising efforts for charity. Yes, I do miss being able to visit other lodges and storm the one with the Travelling Gavel. But those days are coming back right now as I write this newsletter entry. It does not matter what your apron or your name tag says on it, we are all on the level when we meet or visit. I have surely missed breaking bread with my Brothers during the dinners we had to forego for much of the year. But they are back now, and it feels good. I feel our line of elected and appointed officers are ready as ever for the ensuing year. They are bustling with ideas and strategies they want to propose. We have our committee teams that are ready to get to work. We've kept our finances in order, kept our beloved lodge building in shape, kept our ritual strong, kept growing our membership, and contributed to the longevity of Freemasonry. I feel I can soon step down from my role as Worshipful Master and rest assured of Jephthas' future. But first...

June is upon us now. The sun is rising in the East and setting in the West as it always has, its arc approaching its most northerly path. The days are long. There is a bit of irony in the notion the end of June is the month that our lodges eventually go "dark", right around the time our days are longest. Perhaps our Great Architect planned it that way. I have always had an appeal for contrast, balance and symmetry, the way our ancient craftsmen designed their buildings. It somehow all ties in together.

Alas, there is still a bit of work to do. On Thursdays our shepherding program continues in effort to ensure our fledgling brother Entered Apprentices will make suitable proficiency for becoming Fellowcrafts in September. Officers and brothers who are participating in the degree, put it on your calendars! The rehearsal dates are August 16<sup>th</sup>, and September 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. June 7<sup>th</sup> is our rehearsal for the Public Installation, and Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> is our Public Installation. Officers' and Trustees' year end meeting on the June 21<sup>st</sup>, and finally, Brother Bring a Friend on June 28<sup>th</sup>. When our Grand Master M∴W∴ Bill Sardone said, "Masonry never stops," he meant it!

This year, Father's Day falls on the last day of spring, June 20th. I would like to wish all Dads a happy Father's Day! Sons and daughters, spend time with Dad and let him know you love and care for him. Dads, I hope you can let go of the responsibilities of life for a while and just enjoy your day!

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

#### **GREETINGS FROM THE WEST**



My brothers, I hope this message finds you and your families in excellent health. I'm proud to say we've made it through one of the toughest Masonic years in modern day history. Together, we were able to accomplish goals others would consider impossible due to COVID restrictions - fundraising virtually, adjusting degree ritual, meeting safely in lodge, and feeding our Veterans despite a pandemic. Thank you all for your contributions.

As we approach a new Masonic year, the possibilities are endless. Still, we

must practice patience as we recover. I urge all my brothers to stay up to date with health and safety guidelines. We must be cognizant we are not out of the woods yet. If you are not comfortable coming to in lodge events, you will not be forced to do so. Your health and wellness are of the utmost importance to the brethren.

Restrictions will continue to be lifted and there will be more activities available in the summer. All lodge events will adhere to health and safety guidelines. If you are up to it, we would love to see you. Until we meet again, be well my brothers.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Jeremiah Campbell Senior Warden Jephtha Lodge 494

#### **GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH**

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Dear Brothers,

As this is my last communication from the South, I wish to thank all my Brethren and their families for another successful year. Although the obstacles were high, we overcame them and became stronger and wiser. We safely completed a Third Degree and held a DSA Award when the COVID pandemic was at its peak, and all was done safely. We also held several charity events which were very successful.

I had the honor of being Acting Worshipful Master for two Entered Apprentice Initiations and being able to provide refreshmens from March until June. Thanks to our Chef, Geoff Cohen and our Senior Steward, William Friedman, along with

Stewards Luke Luporto, Drew MacCallum, Gary Oscarczuk, and Robert Wedderburn, our dinners were a success.

I want to thank you for electing me to serve as your next Senior Warden. I also want to thank W∴ Anthony Colonna for not only a very successful year, but for providing a way for us to have a Masonic year by creating a playbook on how to deal with a worldwide pandemic and succeeding. I wish our incoming Worshipful Master Jeremiah Campbell much luck and God's blessings; it will be an honor serving as your Senior Warden. To all the officers of our beautiful Lodge, I send you Brotherly love and good luck for the ensuing year.

On the last time I bang the gavel in the South, let us welcome our new Junior Warden, Brother Bill Fenty, III who will now call you from labor to refreshment. The Junior Warden's station represents beauty, which to me is Masonry as a whole - the beauty of how we join together as many, uniting as one, the beauty of Jephtha Lodge, and our eternal Brotherhood.

Let's totally enjoy our well-deserved Father's Day. I wish you all a very happy, family-filled day and an enjoyable summer.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Brother Michael S. Crispino, Jr. Junior Warden Jephtha Lodge 494

#### A NOTE FROM THE CORNER DESK



There are two numbers, that we hear every time we gather, that catch my imagination every time I read them.

The first changes at every Communication. At our May 10th Communication it was 2977. Jephtha Lodge No. 494 has had 2977 Communications. We are just 23 meetings away from having met three thousand times - each of those meetings with a unique gathering of brothers and a unique combination of business, charity, education, and brotherly love. Every time we gather, we "add one" to this long and honorable tradition; we add our little part to the grand mosaic that is Jephtha Lodge – responding to what was, reflecting what is, and preparing for what will be.

The second number is 6021; specifically, our minutes reference "Anno Lucis 6021." Anno Lucis is Latin for the "Year of Light" and is conveniently reckoned by adding 4000 to the common calendar. Most countries in the world today use the Gregorian Calendar (introduced in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII) which, like the Julian Calendar (introduced in 45 BCE by Julius Caesar) is based on a very Christian understanding of time and existence.

Anno Lucis (like Anno Mundi – the Jewish Calendar), on the other hand, is intended to reflect the date of creation (i.e. when the Great Architect first uttered the words "let there be light" in Genesis 1:3), and therefore, theoretically speaking, encompasses all of existence. While few theologians, of any background, continue to hold to a literal interpretation of the world's age based on biblical chronologies, the use of the term Anno Lucis has, in my opinion, at least three broad benefits: (1) it reflects that Masonry is a non-sectarian fraternity, (2) it elicits all the beautiful symbolism and metaphor of "Masonic Light," and (3) like the number of Communications I talked about above, it reminds us that Masonry is bigger than we are – as individuals and even as a lodge. We are a small (albeit important) part of something greater – responding to what was, reflecting what is, and preparing for what will be.

Grace and Peace, Tim TenClay Secretary Jephtha Lodge 494

#### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

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#### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

#### **JUNE RAISINGS**

Kevin N. Barrett	William F. Hren	Kevin N. Barrett	William P. Fenty, Jr.
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Harry R. Burger	Vladimir A. Nelson	Frank G. Como	Cory H. Morris
Frank G. Como	Steven J. Pagano, Jr.	Frank Corso	John D. Muller, Jr.
Jacques P. David	Arthur Perri, Jr.	Charles B. Di Pietro, II	Brian E. O'Donoghue
William P. Fenty, Jr.	Michael J. Sienkwicz	Charles B. Di Pietro, III	Jake N. Schmigelski
Andre W. Gettis	Brian M. Travers	Michael Eckstein	Richard H. Schultz
Norbert Heuser			

#### **JUNE 2021 CALENDAR**

Tuesday	June 1	7:30 PM	Officers' Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	June 2	8:30 PM	Education Committee Meeting via Zoom
Sunday	June 6	4:00-6:00 PM	Stewards Meeting and Kitchen Cleanup
Monday	June 7	7:00-9:00 PM	Rehearsal for Installation
Monday	June 14	7:30-10:00 PM	Installation of New Officers
Wednesday	June 16	7:30-8:30 PM	Benevolence Committee Meeting
Monday	June 28	7:00-10:00 PM	Hawaiian Shirt Night / Brother Bring a Friend and
			Years of Service Awards

#### **TRUTH TRIANGLE #31**



Many of us may not be familiar with Truth Triangle, which was formed in 1925 as a Masonic youth organization for girls by Mrs. Rose E. Scherer, then the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. Her vison was to create a youth organization to build "A Finer American Womanhood." Our lodge is home to Truth Triangle #31, the third oldest Triangle in New York, chartered in September 1927.

Many of the girls involved today are the daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of Masons. Membership is open to all young women of good character who believe in a Supreme Being and are between the ages of 10 and 21. Triangle #31 is fortunate to have a more significant percentage of Masonically-linked members than most other Triangles, including the daughters of our own Br. Tim Tenclay, the daughter of a Past Master of Alcyone, and the granddaughter of a Masonic member of Smithtown among their current membership.



The adult advisors to Triangle #31 are dedicated individuals who are Past Triangle girls, members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Amaranth, and Master Masons. Our own Jen Wainwright and Deborah Schulbaum are two such dedicated women who grew up in the Triangles and are now acting as advisors to the Triangle as well as to the Suffolk County chapters. There are also current Master Masons who are adult advisors including Bro. Tim Tenclay and W∴ Izzy Ruiz of Alcyone lodge.

I had the distinct privilege of attending the Public Installation of Officers for Truth Triangle #31 on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Similar in many aspects to our public installation of officers, the retiring Beloved Queen, Ms. Ariyana Nesbitt, stepped down from her duties after leading her Triangle through the tough challenges of this pandemic. In the fashion of a true leader, she managed to

have fun virtual meetings, raise funds for her charities, and grow her membership. Our brothers should be proud to have such outstanding Triangle meetings within our lodge walls.

The Triangle then installed their new Beloved Queen, Ms. Lilyonna Morales. Her challenges have just begun, but if the grace, confidence, and courage she displayed in installation is any indication, she will surely rise to meet those challenges. Ms. Morales is a third-generation Truth member, and a second-generation Beloved Queen. Her mother and grandmother both graced Truth's membership in their youth. In her grandmother's time, Truth had over 70 active members. Today there are 11 Triangles in NY, a far cry of the over 150 that once existed. 4 of these 11 are on Long Island.

For the Jephtha Brethren to become more familiar with this outstanding organization, below is the current slate of officers for Truth Triangle #31, Huntington, New York:

Beloved Queen Ms. Lilyonna Morales
Senior Lady in Waiting Ms. Ariyana Nesbitt
Guardian Ms. Sophia Marlowe
Marshall Ms. Natalia Morales
Assistant Marshall Ms. Alana Ruiz

Recording Secretary
Standard Bearer
Ms. Jocelyn Brinkmann
Ms. Petra TenClay
Ms. Sophia TenClay
Guides
Ms. Kaitlynn Marlowe
Ms. Erica Hauck

The Beloved Queen has chosen as her Charity – **Hope for Youth.** Hope for Youth's Runaway and Homeless Shelter Program provides a safe, inclusive, supportive, and secure environment for Suffolk County youth under the age of 18 who find themselves in crisis and in need of a haven. The program offers services to help affected youth by providing temporary housing, life skill training, workshops, tutoring and medical screening and treatment. We will be raising funds and bringing awareness to this cause through charity work, community outreach, and other events. For more information, please visit: www.hfyny.org/youth-shelter-program.

The Beloved Queen's trestle board is also set to support the Brothers of Jephtha Lodge by joining us on May 15<sup>th</sup> for the Cemetery Cleanup and the Sunrise Walk on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Brothers, this truly is a great organization, and in many ways an underrecognized organization that teaches confidence, leadership, grace, and courage to young women. If we truly want to make the world a better place, as we Masons strive to do daily, then we should all support Truth Triangle #31.

Respectfully submitted, Br. Bill Fenty, III Jephtha Lodge 494

#### **MASONIC MOMENT**

#### **TRANQUILITY LODGE # 2000**

#### **Texas Freemasonry on the Moon**



Tranquility Lodge 2000 was Chartered by The Grand Lodge of Texas for the purpose of promoting, encouraging, conducting and fostering the principles of Freemasonry, and to assist in promoting the health, welfare, education and patriotism of children worldwide.

The Grand Lodge of Texas is the first Grand Lodge to have a Member step onto the Moon, Brother Buzz Aldrin, in 1969. Through this event, The Grand Lodge of Texas has Chartered Tranquility Lodge 2000 for the purpose providing Fraternal Assistance to Masonic Organizations and other worthy organizations who help make life better for all living on Earth.

Tranquility Lodge 2000 is based in Texas under auspices of The Grand Lodge of Texas until such time as the Lodge may hold its meetings on the Moon. Our meetings are held quarterly at various cities in Texas, with the annual meeting being held in Waco each July.

Providing support and assistance to Masonic Organizations and to other worthy organizations who help make life better for all living on the Earth requires the support of all worthy Freemasons around the World. Your Membership in Tranquility Lodge 2000 helps in providing that assistance while offering Fraternal Brotherhood with Good Men of like mind (http://tl2k.org/tranq\_app.pdf).

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Buzz Aldrin, born Edwin Eugene Aldrin, Jr. on January 20, 1930, in Glen Ridge, NJ, was the lunar module pilot of the Apollo 11 mission along with mission commander, Neil Armstrong, who landed on the moon on Monday, July 21, 1969. As a Presbyterian elder, Aldrin was the first and only person to hold a religious ceremony on the Moon. Using a kit given to him by his pastor, he privately took communion. He later commented, "It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the Moon, and the first food eaten there, were communion elements." Because of the possibility of a lawsuit reading from the New Testament, he privately read form John 15:5 when he took communion, "I am the vine. You are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me." On reentry he read aloud from Psalm 8: 3 & 4 which appeared to be more universal in meaning, "When I considered the heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained, what is man that Thou are mindful of him?"

Buzz Aldrin is a graduate of the United States Military Academy (Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering, 1951) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Doctor of Science in astronautics, 1963), the first astronaut to have a doctorate. He served as a fighter jet pilot during the Korean War with 66 combat missions, and his first space flight was on Gemini 12 (1966). After leaving NASA, Aldrin became the commandant of the US Air Force Test Pilot School, retiring in 1972. He presently lives in California.

Aldrin received the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross Air Medal, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, and the NASA Exceptional Service Medal.

Respectfully submitted, Brs. Bill Fenty, III and Richard Gentile Jephtha Lodge 494

#### **FAMOUS JUNE MASON**

### DANIEL CARTER BEARD Founder of the Boy Scouts of America

June 21, 1850, Cincinnati, Ohio - June 11, 1941, Suffern, New York

We must depend upon the Boy Scout Movement to produce MEN of the future.



Daniel Carter Beard was the son of James Henry Beard, a famous artist, and Mary Caroline Carter. Beard began his career as an engineer and surveyor, later attended art school in New York City, and was a member of the Student Art League. He wrote articles for popular magazines and illustrated several books, including some for Mark Twain.

In the late 1800's Beard founded the Society of the Sons of Daniel Boone based on frontier traditions witnessed during his youth in Kentucky; in 1905 it became The Boy

Pioneers. In 1910 the Boy Scout program came to America (founded by Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Great Britain) and Beard merged his organization with it to become the Boy Scouts of America. Beard became the first National Commissioner of the Boy Scouts and served it for 30 years; he worked tirelessly to create the Scouting program as it exists today, including elements of the Scouting Badge and uniform. With his sister, he also helped found the Scout's corresponding organization, Camp Fire Girls. He was the editor of *Boys' Life* magazine, the official Boy Scouts of America publication, in which he also wrote a monthly column. In recognition of Beard's devotion to Scouting, he was awarded the only Gold Eagle Badge in 1922 at 64 years of age. This badge later became the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (a gold eagle suspended from a red, white, and blue ribbon worn around the neck) and is only one of two Boy Scout of America awards given to adults.

Beard died shortly before his 91st birthday and is buried near his home at the Brick Church Cemetery in Spring Valley, New York. An estimated 2,000 peopled lined the streets along the funeral route and over 100 Boy Scouts formed his honor guard.

Beard's boyhood home in Covington, Kentucky is a National Historic Landmark, and several schools, bridges, Scout Camps in the United States and abroad, and campgrounds have been named in his honor. Mount Dan Beard, a 10,082 foot peak near Denali in the Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska, is named in his honor. *The American Boy's Handy Book* which Beard wrote in 1882 and still in print, is a handbook of activities appropriate for each season. Some of the activities mentioned are: kites, fishing, knots, telescopes, tents, soap bubbles, snowball warfare, puppets, kaleidoscopes, whirligigs, costumes, decoys, fireworks, and many topics related to animals including taxidermy and trapping.

Beard was made a Mason in Mariners Lodge No. 67 in New York City, and later affiliated with Cornucopia Lodge 562 in Flushing, NY. American Freemasons present the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award for Masons who are a Master Mason; currently a registered Scouter and active in a Scout unit, district, council or national affiliate; display outstanding dedication to the scouting program through developing Scouting units; assisting lodges in forming units; exemplifying the Scout Law and Masonic virtues; recruiting Scouting volunteers and strengthening the relationship between Freemasonry and Scouting. Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years of Scouting, are the criteria for the award.

Respectfully submitted, Br. Richard Gentile Jephtha Lodge 494

All brothers of Jephtha Lodge are encouraged to contribute articles for Masonic Moments and Famous Mason (the same birth month as the month's publication). 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.



#### **JEPHTHA LODGE 494**

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