

# JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Happy New Year my Brothers! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday with your friends and family.

R. W. Gary L. Heinmiller, Grand Historian, has officially announced Jephtha's own W. Ron Seifried, DSA as the Area 1 Historian for the Nassau & Suffolk Masonic Districts, which covers 26 lodges. Br. Seifried is humbled by this honor and hopes his work with the Grand Historian, our local lodges and the other area historians in New York will be an educational experience for all New York Masons. Congratulations to Br. Seifried on this huge accomplishment.

I attended my first DeMolay installation where Tristan Schulbaum, son of Br. Brian Schulbaum, was installed Master Councilor of The Knights of Antiquity Chapter No. 33150 Order of DeMolay at Riverhead Lodge on December 5, 2021. Congratulations to the Schulbaum family on this impressive achievement!

2022 will bring more wonderful Masonic memories I cannot wait to share with you. Our second meeting of the year will be the District Deputy visit **on January 24, 2022, at 7 PM**. This is a very important meeting and I encourage all brothers to attend. You will meet the officers who oversee the Suffolk Masonic District and enjoy a night of Brotherly Love.

**February 19, 2022**, will be the Jephtha Lodge Mardi Gras event. This night is open to friends and families of Masons. It will feature New Orleans cuisine that I'm sure all will enjoy.

**March 13, 2022**, is the St. Patrick's Day event at Jephtha Lodge. This event is open to all. Ticket price and time will be available soon. Please save these February and March dates.

I encourage all of you to come to Jephtha Lodge whenever you can. Travel the district and see other lodges as well. Please always follow safety guidelines and procedures while doing so. Until we meet again, health and wellness my Brothers.

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours,  
W. Jeremiah Campbell

## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

My Dear Brothers,

In November, I spoke to you of Fortitude in remembrance of Veterans Day. This January's choice is Temperance, which is the virtue of moderation while being forgiving and patient. To me, with day-to-day stress, continual testing of our patience, increased road rage, and daily life elevated with uncertainty, Temperance is the perfect virtue to demonstrate self-control. It is perfect to add to any 2022 New Year's resolutions since it can help us maintain balance in our lives and moderate bad habits.



Years ago, after working at Ground Zero, I decided to quit smoking, replacing my smoking habit with peppermint balls. In 2021 I found out my replacement was causing my sugar to rise, so I immediately gave them up, which was easier than giving up smoking cold turkey, and to me a perfect steppingstone to do so.

Temperance doesn't always mean abruptly stopping a bad habit but recognizing it, substituting it for something less damaging, and eventually moderating it. Temperance gives us the free will to do so. It also means keeping stability in our lives since it doesn't involve removing all pleasures but balancing them.

Temperance shouldn't consume our lives, but help keeping everything in check.

Let's remember our resolutions - eating less, making more money, paying off bills, being kinder or more charitable, but always remember what led us to making these resolutions. If we are worried about bills, in most cases it's because we have a roof over our heads, paying for a child's college or a car loan. If we resolve to lose weight, it's because we have food on our tables. Making a resolution to be more charitable, means we recognize what we have, and understand there are those who have less, or have bad luck in life. We all will experience difficult times or situations, but we, as Masons, have each other's Brotherly Love and guidance to elevate us to a more spiritual level.

As Senior Warden, I experience Masonic wealth traveling to other lodges, which I have done in the past, but more so now as I move toward Master. I'm meeting new bothers while becoming even closer to ones I have known for years. It was an honor to visit our Prince Hall Bothers of African 459 Lodge #63 in Brooklyn, witnessing their installation and seeing the differences in how we do rituals. Recently, I observed de Molay installations, something I had never seen before, and it was a distinct honor. I was also present at the Truth Triangle officers' installation, another glorious night. These young men and women are our future. Gathering with my bothers at the Past Masons' Dinner was a beautiful night. The Gala was impressive, the speeches on how Masonry has touched all our hearts was amazing, and the fact that Santa arrived was even better. Nothing sticks out in my mind more than hearing W.: Rich Harris yell in utter excitement, "SANTA!!!" when he arrived.

I'd like to share an anecdote I recently read: *One day a very wealthy father took his son on a trip to the country for the sole purpose of showing his son how it was to be poor. They spent a few days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.*

*After their return from the trip, the father asked his son how he liked the trip. "It was great, Dad," the son replied. "Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked. "Oh Yeah," said the son.*

*"So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father. The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.*

*"We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others."*

*"We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them." The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "It showed me just how poor we really are." (Author unknown, translated from the original Chinese.)*

Too many times we forget what we have and concentrate on what we don't have. What is one person's worthless object is another's prized possession. It is all based on one's outlook. Sometimes it takes the

perspective of a child to remind us of what is important.

Enjoy a happy and safe new year, and always remember to treat every new day as you do on New Year's Day, resolving to be a better person and a better you.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Br. Michael S. Crispino, Jr, Senior Warden

### GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



A happy and healthy New Year to my Brothers of Jephtha Lodge! As we head into 2022, my thoughts are darkened with concern as we see COVID cases climb, and we will again be forced into limiting groups and wearing face coverings. Who knows what 2022 will hold for us? I am reminded of the foundations of this great institution - Faith, Hope and Charity.

**Faith**, that whatever is instore for us in 2022 we have faith the Great Architect of the Universe has a plan. We may not fully understand it, but it is there, and we have our Brothers for the support we need to carry whatever load might be needed.

**Hope**, that the year will be a better, brighter year for us all. One filled with putting this dreaded plague behind us. That we might safely return to all our usual activities without fear.

**Charity**, remembering in 2022 we should make the world a little better than the one we found at the close of 2021. That we be that light that casts out the darkness of the world. That we touch someone's life, remind our community why Masonry exists, and give reason as to why we do the things we do.

My Brothers, on top of the usual greetings of Happiness and Good Health in the New Year, I also bring you greetings of Faith, Hope and Charity to herald in the new year!

January will be a busy month in the South. The Stewards and I will be busy preparing our collation for January 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we have the District Deputy Grand Master's visit on the 24<sup>th</sup> and we will be making sure we put Jephtha's best food forward that evening. We are always looking for new Brothers to lend a hand, so if part of your New Year's resolution is helping more around the lodge, or even learning about cooking... We can be of assistance!

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Br. Bill Fenty III, Junior Warden

### A NOTE FROM THE CORNER DESK



Dear Brothers,

I have been moving books from home to my office. (At home, they pile up and annoy my wife; at the office, they pile up and nobody has any say in the matter!) One of them was my copy of *Meditations* by Marcus Aurelius. This morning, it popped open to this: *Waste no more time arguing what a good man should be. Just be one! (10.16)*

I appreciate a good discussion, of course, but there's something to be said for simply following Nike's advice: Just Do It!

In my line of work, I often talk with people who lament the fact they aren't the kind of people they think they

"ought" to be or the kind of people they *want* to be. The former is less important to me (I have limited patience for all the "What I should have done..." ), but the latter matters to me greatly. This is true especially within our Brotherhood – we exist to become better men and make the world a better place.

Without those two things, Masonry has no *raison d'être* – no reason to exist.

As we embark on another calendar year, let us be reminded our Brotherhood is here to help each one of us become "all that we can be."

Grace and peace,  
Br. Tim TenClay, Secretary

## GREETINGS FROM THE HISTORIAN

### FAYETTE GOULD

March 1821, Huntington, New York - December 31, 1906, Flushing, New York

Photographer, Inventor, Firefighter, Postmaster... Jephtha Past Master



Over a thousand visiting firemen descended on Huntington's Main Street, joined by over 7,000 residents, on a seasonably pleasant day in September 1898. Many of the firemen would participate in the annual tournament of the Suffolk County Firemen's Association with some traveling from as far as Montauk.

Visiting companies from Cold Spring Harbor and Northport arrived in wagons, with their engines, hook and ladder trucks and hose carriages being pulled by horses. Firemen from Hicksville arrived by train and their engines came on an entirely different mode of transportation, horse-drawn wagons. The steamer "Park City" carried the Port Jefferson Fire Department, while the Oyster Bay Fire Department arrived on the steamer "Portchester." Dozens of other Suffolk and Nassau Fire Department's travelled on the main line of the Long Island Railroad. When all had arrived, an impressive line of firemen formed on Nassau Avenue between the train station and Huntington village.



*Fayette Gould in the mid  
19<sup>th</sup> century*

A bearded, bespectacled older gentleman looked across the long procession of brave men, gazing admirably at how local towns were able to organize fire departments across the rural, pre-suburbia Long Island terrain. The distinguished gentleman was very familiar with the challenges of organizing a fire department. He was Fayette Gould, organizer of the Huntington Fire Department and their First Foreman.

He was also a local Freemason for 34 years and three-time Past Master of Jephtha Lodge No. 494. But Fire Department Foreman and Freemason are a fraction of the complete biography of Fayette Gould. Born in Huntington in March 1824, the son of Edward E. Gould, he was an especially gifted person. By his early 20's, Gould was a local jeweler, watchmaker, and western Suffolk's first photographer. The photo studio, Gould & Fancher, was located atop a staircase adjoining the Suffolk Hotel parlor on the southwest corner of Main Street and New York Avenue. A talented musician, Gould was the choir master of the Central Presbyterian Church in Huntington, and constructed pipe organs for many of the local churches.



*Fayette Gould, 1898*



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**GOULD'S IMPROVED LOCK.**

**THE LATEST IN PHOTOGRAPHY—PHOTOGRAPHIC ENGRAVING.**

Mr. Fox Talbot, the inventor of the well known "paper process" of photography, and who, with a liberality seldom found, relinquished his patent (being a wealthy man), and threw his improvements open to the world, has just been inventing a new process of engraving by light on plates of copper, steel, or zinc. Taking a perfectly clean plate, he covers it with a solution of a quarter of an ounce of gelatine dissolved in eight or ten ounces of water, mixed with one ounce of a saturated solution of bi-chloride of potash in water. The engraving process should be carried on in a darkened room, and is performed as follows:—

A little of this prepared gelatine is poured on the plate to be engraved, which is then held vertical, and the superfluous fluid allowed to drain off at one corner of the plate. The plate is dried over a spirit lamp, and the gelatine left in a thin film, evenly spread over it. The object to be engraved is laid on this, and screwed down upon it in a photographic copying frame. This frame is then placed in the sunshine for one or more minutes. When the frame is taken from the light, and the object removed from the plate, a faint image is seen upon it—the yellow color of the gelatine having turned brown wherever the light has acted. Powdered gum copal is now spread thinly over the plate and melted into a thin coating, and the etching liquid applied. This liquid is the perchloride of iron, of which water dissolves an extraordinary quantity. This, of a certain strength (to be found by experience, five or six parts of the saturated solution to one or two of water being an average strength), is applied with a camel's hair brush, and the etching quickly commences, to be continued as long as the operator thinks fit. The liquid is then wiped off with cotton wool, the plate cleaned with water and whiting, and a perfect etching is obtained, the liquid acting only on those parts of the gelatine which have been left uncolored by light. This liquid may be conveniently used for common etching, as it is, in every way, superior to aquafortis, and its preparation is simple, being merely a mixture of persulfate of iron in hydrochloric acid, evaporated nearly to dryness, and dissolved in water. It dissolves no wax while "biting in," and does no injury to the hands or clothes of the operator. There are, of course, many points of difficulty in the process, which patience and experience on the part of the operator will easily overcome.

The venerable Alexander von Humboldt is suffering from an attack of influenza, rather a dangerous complaint for a person of his age, ninety.

Fayette Gould, of Huntington, L. I., has invented and patented Aug. 17, 1858, the lock which forms the subject of our illustrations, and which is intended, as it is, to be applicable, as two sets of tumblers are employed, and their relation may be so changed as to require different keys to open them.

Fig. 1 is a back view, Fig. 2 a section, and Fig. 3 and 4 are the keys.

A represents a plate which forms the outer or front part of the lock case, if a complete case is required. B is a knob, the arbor of which passes through the plate, A, and is attached to a circular plate or boss, C, which is fitted and allowed to turn freely within an annular ledge, a, secured to the inner side of plate, A. In the plate or boss, C, a radial chamber or recess, b, is made, this chamber or recess being formed, or cut into the plate from its periphery. On the outer face of the plate, C, a sliding plate, D, is secured by screw, e, which pass through an oblong slot, f, in the slide, D. A pin, F, passes through this sliding plate, D, and also through the plate, C, into the recess, b, in the plate, C. A projection, g, is also attached to plate, D, this projection, g, extending into the recess, b, as shown clearly in Fig. 2. To the sliding plate, D, a spring, f, is attached, which bears on the pin, F, and has a tendency to keep it thrust into B. The notch of the sliding plate, D, is beveled or cut obliquely as shown clearly at p, in Fig. 1, and the annular ledge, a, two pins, A', are attached.

F represents the bolt of the lock, which is fitted in guides just above the annular ledge, a, and moved back and forth by a bit, i, which is attached to the arbor, j, of a knob, G. Between the bolt, F, and the plate, A, a series of sliding tumblers, A, are placed side by side. Each tumbler, A, has a notch, i, made in it, the notches being made at varying points in the tumblers. To the inner side of the bolt, F, a bar, m, is attached at right angles, the bar extending to the plate, A, and when the bolt is turned forward and the lock

in a locked state, the bar is in front of the tumblers, A. One of the tumblers, which is designated by k' extends upward further than the others, and a piece, n, rests or bears upon it. A pin, o, projects from the side of the tumbler, k', said pin extending over the upper ends of the other tumblers, A, as shown clearly in Fig. 2.

To the upper part and at the inner side of the plate, A, a series of horizontal tumblers, s', are placed. These tumblers are fitted in a box, v', and a spring, p, bears against the back edge of each tumbler, s'. The tumblers, s', are each slotted at varying points q.

From the above description of parts it will be seen that if the bolt, F, be in a locked state, that is thrown out from the plate, A, that the tumblers, A, must be moved in order that the notches, i, may be brought in line with each other and the upper tumblers, s', must also be so adjusted that their notches or recesses, u, will be brought in line to receive the upper end of the tumbler, k', in order to permit of the adjustment of the tumblers, A. The movement of the tumblers and unlocking of the lock is effected as follows:—Two keys, Fig. 3 and 4, are employed, each key being provided with bits of varying lengths corresponding respectively to the distance between the notches or recesses, u, in the tumblers, A. The knob, B, is first turned until the recess or chamber, b, is brought in line with a hole, a, in the plate, A, and the key, Fig. 3, is then pressed with the finger into said recess or chamber, the shorter bit, being first entered and the knob, B, slightly turned so that the spring, f, cannot force the key out from the chamber or recess. The key, Fig. 4, is then applied, its bits forced through apertures in the plate, and against the upper tumblers, s'. By this means the notches or recesses, u, are brought in line to receive the upper end of tumbler, k'. The key, Fig. 4, is held in the case, A, with one hand, and the knob, B, is turned by the other by the arrow, in the direction indicated by arrow 1, and

when the key, A', is in the recess or chamber, b, is brought below the tumblers, A, the sliding plate, D, will be actuated by the pin, A', and the projection, g, of plate, D, in the recess or chamber, b, will force the key, Fig. 3, upward, and the tumbler, k', will be raised, in consequence of the upper ends of tumblers, A, striking the pin, o, and the tumblers, k', will pass into the notches or recesses, u, in the tumblers, s', while the notches or recesses, u, will be brought in line, so that by turning the knob, G, the bolt will be thrown back, the bar of the bolt passing into the notches or recesses, i, of A. The lock is locked by merely turning the knob, G, so as to throw the bolt, F, forward, and then turning the knob, B, in a reverse direction to its former movement (see arrow 2), and the pin, A, will then actuate the sliding plate, D, and when Fig. 3 comes in line with the hole or opening, o, the spring, f, will cause the pin B, to force the key, from the plate C, and the spring will force the tumblers down so as to throw the notches or recesses, u, out of line with each other. The springs effect the same result for the tumblers, s'. The tumblers, s', it will be seen, serve as a check or guard to the tumblers, A; they are important, but might be dispensed with in certain cases, where very great security is not requisite. It will be seen that the bits in the keys may be changed in position and the position of the tumblers may also be changed by having access to the back of the lock. The lock, therefore, may at any time be changed so as to require different keys, that is, a different arrangement of the bits in order to open it.

It will be seen that when the key-chamber is opposite the key-hole there can be no communication with the tumblers, except by rotating the box containing the key-chamber.

When that is done the key hole is closed by the solid bar passing over it, consequently it is impracticable, there being no possibility of access to the tumblers by a pick.

The lock is also proof-proof, as the key-chamber is cut in the solid metal. The lock can be made still more simple for ordinary use by doing away with the check or guard tumblers.

Any further information can be obtained by addressing Ketchum, Brother & Co., Nos. 4 and 5 Library place, near Maiden-lane, New York.

**Patenting by Failure.**

M. De Cuir, an Italian chemist, is said to have experimentally demonstrated that the cause of poisoning by remaining in newly-painted rooms are not due, as has hitherto been supposed, to the white lead, but to the vapors of the oil of turpentine. According to his statement, the effects will be the same whether the paint employed is lead, zinc, or other pigment, so long as the oil of turpentine, or any of its analogues, is employed as the medium. The treatment he proposes for such cases is, the energetic use of stimulants. We have before noticed this fact, but think by again calling attention to it, some of our inventive readers may suggest a preventive, which is less than such a cure.

**New Gas Jar.**—Dr. Grassl, of Paris, has suggested to the club of the Scientific Press, of that city, the addition of a small piece of platinum wire, fixed in the jar at a very short distance above the surface where the gas evolves. This thin wire, situated in the center of the flame, increases to a surprising degree its illuminating power.

In 1848, Gould started plans to create a new, unincorporated Fire Protection Company with limited resources of equipment, including ladders and leather buckets. Later known as the Father of the Fire Department, Gould expanded the organization in 1858 by securing the approval from the Town Board. His inspiration to form the Fire Department was to avoid jury duty. After serving on a jury in Riverhead for a week, preventing him to operate his store and costing him income, Gould realized that volunteer firefighters were exempt from jury duty. Their public service was invaluable to residents, and their time would be limited to a fraction of the time serving on a jury.

His engineering skills contributed to his years as a local machinist. The holder of five U.S. Patents filed between 1858 and 1883, his creations included an improved door lock, new calipers, a steering apparatus upgrade for vessels, improvement in rowlocks and a final patent for a speaking-tube attachment.

Proclaimed "A Huntington Genius" by the local press in 1900, Gould repurposed an item from Masonic Brother and Jephtha

Past Master, Captain Hewlett J. Long. Discovered on a South Carolina battlefield near Charleston during the Civil War, Captain Long brought back pieces of a land mine and had them fitted into a clock, which kept good time for many years. After Brother Long's death in 1899, Gould purchased the clock at the estate sale and reconstructed the clock to include the day's date, day of the week, month, and year, each on separate dials.

Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason of Jephtha Lodge in 1864, W.: Gould was elected to three consecutive terms in the East, between 1881 and 1883. Gould passed away at the Flushing home of his son, Edward E. Gould, in 1906 and is interred in Huntington Rural Cemetery.

W.: Br. Ron Seifried, DSA  
Jephtha Lodge Historian

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## JANUARY 2022

January 7	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle
January 10	Monday	7:00 PM	Stated Communication: Mardi Gras budget, Masonic Education: W.: Dan Bernzweig; Wives and Women of Masons are invited to collation
January 17	Monday	7:00 PM	Officers' Meeting Fellowcraft Degree Rehearsal
January 21	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle
January 24	Monday	7:00 PM	Special Communication: Official visitation of District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Jeffrey G. Santorello, and Grand Sword Bearer, R.:W.: Robert J. Licatta

*W. O. M.*

*Wives & Women of Masons*

Worshipful Master Jeremiah Campbell and Anita Campbell have invited Wives and Women of Masons to

join the Masons at their collations on the second Monday of the month, 7:00 PM at Jephtha Lodge #494:

January 10, 2022  
February 14, 2022

March 14, 2022  
April 11, 2022

May 9, 2022

Worshipful Master Jeremiah Campbell and Anita Campbell have also invited Wives and Women of Masons to attend the following events at Jephtha Lodge:

**February 19, 2022: *Mardi Gras Party*** (Fundraiser), Time TBD

Wear your Green, Gold and Purple best! Children welcome, tickets include all you can eat buffet and non-alcoholic drinks, beer and wine, cash bar available. (50/50 raffle) Ticket prices TBD

**March 13, 2022: *St. Patrick's Day Celebration*** (Fundraiser), Time TBD

Let's get GREEN!!! Party with Jephtha as we watch the Town of Huntington's St. Patrick's Day Parade from the street or from the windows of the lodge! Children encouraged to attend. Ticket prices include all you can eat food and non-alcoholic drinks, wine and beer, cash bar available. (50/50 raffle)

**April 23, 2022: *Cemetery Cleanup*** (Jephtha Outreach), 10 AM-12 PM

Fort Golgotha and the Old Burial Ground, 228 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743

Yard work/cleanup, dress accordingly, OK to bring your own gardening tools, children that can help are encouraged to attend and will receive signed volunteer hours. Let us know at least 3 days in advance so they can receive their certificates.

**May 7, 2022: *Third Degree Dinner***, Location TBD, prices TBD

Times and Ticket Prices to be determined (TBD) if not mentioned, and the location is at the lodge unless otherwise mentioned. **Please contact Anita Campbell if you have any questions, 516.805.6194.**

## MASONIC MOMENT

*Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football*  
A powerful accounting of courage and determination.

More than a century ago, a school was constructed in Fort Worth, Texas, for the purpose of housing and educating the orphans of Texas Freemasons. It was a humble project that for years existed quietly on a hillside east of town. Life at the Masonic Home was about to change, though, with the arrival of a lean, bespectacled coach by the name of Rusty Russell. Here was a man who could bring rain amid a drought. Here was a man who, in virtually no time at all, brought the orphans' story into the homes of millions of Americans.

In the 1930s and 1940s, there was nothing bigger in Texas high school football than the Masonic Home Mighty Mites--a group of orphans bound together by hardship and death. These youngsters, in spite of being outweighed by at least thirty pounds per man, were the toughest football team around. They began with nothing--not even a football--yet in a few years were playing for the state championship on the highest level of Texas football. This is a winning tribute to a courageous band of underdogs from a time when America desperately needed fresh hope and big dreams.

The Mighty Mites remain a notable moment in the long history of American sports. Just as significant is the depth of their inspirational message. This is a profound lesson in fighting back and clinging to faith. The real winners in Texas high school football were not the kids from the biggest schools, or the ones wearing the most expensive uniforms. They were the scrawny kids from a tiny orphanage who wore scarred helmets and faded jerseys that did not match, kids coached by a devoted man who lived on peanuts and drove them around in a smoke-belching old truck.



In writing a story of unforgettable characters and great football, Jim Dent has come forward to reclaim his place as one of the top sports authors in America today. A remarkable and inspirational story of an orphanage and the man who created one of the greatest football teams Texas has ever known . . . this is their story--the original Friday Night Lights.

"This just might be the best sports book ever written. Jim Dent has crafted a story that will go down as one of the most artistic, one of the most unforgettable, and one of the most inspirational ever. *Twelve Mighty Orphans* will challenge *Hoosiers* as the feel-good sports story of our lifetime. Naturally, being from Texas, I am biased. Hooray for the Mighty Mites." Verne Lundquist, CBS Sports

"Coach Rusty Russell and the Mighty Mites will steal your heart as they overcome every obstacle imaginable to become a respected football team. Take an orphanage, the Depression, and mix it with Texas high school football, and Jim Dent has authored another winner, this one about the ultimate underdog." Brent Musburger, ABC Sports/ESPN

"No state has a roll call of legendary high school football stories like we do in Texas, and, admittedly, some of those stories have been 'expanded' over the years when it comes to the truth. But let Jim Dent tell you about the Mighty Mites of Masonic Home, the pride of Fort Worth in the dark days of the Depression. Read this book. You will think it's fiction. You will think it's a Hollywood script. But *Twelve Mighty Orphans* is the truth, and nothing but. It is powerful stuff. Some eighty years later, the Mighty Mites' story remains so sacred, not even a Texan would dare tamper with these facts. And Jim Dent tells it like it was." Randy Galloway, columnist, Fort-Worth Star Telegram

Excerpted from *Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football* by Jim Dent, published by Thomas Dunne Books, 2007

Respectfully submitted,  
Br. Richard Gentile

## FAMOUS JANUARY MASON

### SALMON PORTLAND CHASE

January 13, 1808, Cornish, New Hampshire - May 7, 1873, New York City, New York

#### *In God We Trust*

Salmon Chase was the son of Ithamar Chase and Janette Ralston Chase of English and Scottish ancestry. His father died when he was 9 years old, leaving his mother with 10 children and little money. From 1820 until 1824 he lived in Ohio with his uncle, Bishop Philander Chase, a leading figure in the Episcopal Church in the West. United States Senator Dudley Chase of Vermont was another uncle. He was educated in Windsor, Vermont, Worthington, Ohio, Cincinnati College and graduated from Dartmouth College with distinction in 1826. He then moved to Washington, DC where he studied law with US Attorney General William Wirt and was admitted to the bar in 1829.

His first wife, Katherine Garmiss, died shortly after their wedding (1834) in childbirth (1835) and caused him to have a spiritual reawakening by becoming more involved with the Episcopalian Church and the abolitionist movement by defending people who had escaped slavery and those who had assisted them. In 1839 he married Eliza Smith with whom he had 3 children. She died of tuberculosis in 1845. In 1846 he married Sarah Ludlow and she died in 1852. Chase outlived three wives and two of his three children.

In 1840 he became active politically when he joined the Cincinnati City Council, and in 1849 he was elected



senator from Ohio where he was an anti-slavery champion. In 1854 after the passage of the Kansas Nebraska Act, which created the territories of Kansas and Nebraska, the question of slavery in these territories was left unsettled. Chase left the Democratic party to form the Republican Party which was anti-slavery and opposed the expansion of slavery in new territories. (*The law of the Creator, which invests every human being with an inalienable title to freedom, cannot be repealed by any interior law which asserts that man is property.* Salmon Chase) In 1855 he was elected governor of Ohio where he supported women's rights, public education and prison reform. In 1860 he sought the Republican nomination for President, but it was Abraham Lincoln who won the nomination and Chase supported him. After Lincoln became president, Chase resigned his seat in the senate to become Secretary of the Treasury. A year later he was a participant in the 1861 Peace Conference in Washington DC where leading American politicians tried to resolve the succession crisis and to preserve the Union on the eve of the Civil War.

As Secretary of the Treasury (1861-1864) during the Civil War, Chase established a national banking system and the issue of paper currency. He was able to secure an immediate market for government bonds and provided a permanent, uniform and stable national currency. Chase ensured the Union could sell debt to pay for the war effort and did so by managing the sale of \$500 million in government war bonds.



The greenback demand note, printed in 1861-1862, was the first US federal currency during Chase's tenure as Secretary of the Treasury. Chase put his own face on the currency possibly to further his political career. During his term as Treasury Secretary, Chase exploited his position to build political support for another run at the presidency in 1864.



To honor Chase for introducing the modern banknote system, he was depicted on the \$10,000 bill (1928-1946), the largest bill to publicly circulate. In 1969 the Federal Reserve began withdrawing this bill from circulation, and as of 2009, 336 of these bills had not been returned for destruction. (Other large denomination bills are: \$500 1918 Blue Seal with John Marshall, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, 1801-1835, and the 1928 and 1935 Green Seal with President William McKinley, who was assassinated; the \$1,000 1918 Blue Seal with Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, and the 1928 green seal with President Grover Cleveland; the \$5,000 1918 Green seal with Founding Father James Madison and 4th President; the \$10,000 1918, 1928, 1934 and 1924 A and B Green Seal with

Salmon Chase; and the \$100,000 1934 Gold Certificate with President Woodrow Wilson. This last bill was only for transactions between Federal Reserve Banks and was not circulated among the general public. It also cannot be held legally by currency note collectors as all the previously mentioned bills can. The last printing of these denominations was in 1945 and were discontinued in 1969. All are still legitimate, legal tender except the \$100,000 bill which was never allowed to be used by the general public.)

During the Civil War there was increased religious sentiment in the country and Chase was inundated with requests for God to be placed on American currency. Chase was instrumental in placing the phrase "In God We Trust" on United States coins by an Act of Congress in 1864. (Other contenders had been: "Our Country, Our God" and "God, Our Trust.") In 1956, with a joint resolution of the 84th Congress, "In God We Trust" became the United States national motto, and on October 1, 1957 "In God We Trust" began appearing on paper currency. It is now on all classes and denominations of currency.

Chase resigned as Secretary of the Treasury and Lincoln accepted his resignation since he no longer

needed him since the treasury was on solid ground. When the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court died in 1864, Lincoln nominated Chase to succeed him. He was confirmed on the same day of his nomination, December 6, 1864, was sworn in on December 15, 1864, and served until his death on May 7, 1873. The tradition of draping black, wool crêpe on the justice's chair, the front of the bench where he sat and over the front of the court's entrance began with Chase's death.

One of Chase's first acts as Chief Justice was to admit John Rock as the first African-American attorney to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

The Chase National Bank, a predecessor of Chase Manhattan Bank which is now JP Morgan Chase, was named in Chase's honor but he had no affiliation with it, financial or otherwise. He has also been remembered with several state counties named in his honor, several cities called "Chaseville," Chase Hall at the US Coast Guard Academy, the US Coast Guard cutter "Chase," Chase Hall at the Harvard Business School, Chase House at the Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College, and the Salmon P. Case College of Law at Northern Kentucky University.

Salmon Portland Chase was a Freemason and active in Midwestern lodges but as of this writing there is no further information about the name and number of his home lodge.

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*...one Nation under God...*

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag is a promise or oath of loyalty to the Republic of the United States of America. It was composed by Francis Bellamy in 1892 and formally adopted by Congress as the pledge in 1942. On June 14, 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law "under God" be added to "...one Nation, indivisible..." to separate us from godless, communist countries. Henceforth, it is written as "... one Nation under God..."

It should be noted "...one Nation under God..." is a complete phrase without comma, and when recited there should be no pause after "Nation."

Respectfully submitted,  
Br. Richard Gentile

## JEPHTHA LODGE 494

### OFFICERS

*June 2020 - June 2021*

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	W. : Br. Jeremiah Campbell	<b>Jr. Master of Ceremonies</b>	Br. Frank Como
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## ACTIVE JEPHTHA LODGE COMMITTEES AND FUNDS

### Ambassador Calling Committee

To attend to elderly Masons and their needs through frequent phone calls and appropriate action.

*Br. Michael Crispino Jr, Administrator*

### Apparel Committee

To maintain, clean and ready all Masonic apparel for immediate use.

*Br. Bill Fenty Jr, Chairman; Br. Chuck Brady, W.: Br. Anthony Colonna, Br. Bill Friedman, Br. Luke LoPorto*

### Artwork Committee

To design and produce distinctive artwork for Jephtha Lodge.

*Br. Chuck Brady, Br. John Hurioglu, Br. Luke Loporto, Br. John Muller, W.: Br. Robert Previto,  
W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

### Band App Committee

To keep the *Band* app informative and current.

*W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Administrator; W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Co-Administrator*

### Bar and Libations Committee

To order and stock all drinks and accoutrements and maintain the bar.

Committeemen prepare and serve drinks when appropriate.

*Br. Drew MacCallum, Br. Paul Levy, Br. Kenneth J. Siesener*

### Communications and Newsletter Committee

To ensure Jephtha Lodge communications are correct, timely and promptly disseminated.

To create and publish the monthly *Jephtha Lodge Newsletter*.

*Br. William Fenty III, Br. Richard Gentile, Br. Drew MacCallum, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

### DJ Entertainment Committee

To organize and provide entertainment at Jephtha Lodge functions.

*Br. Geoff Cohen*

### Education Committee

To hold education classes in the Masonic Degrees, prepare and deliver educational lectures and Masonic moments at stated communications, review and recommend academic scholarships, and provide reasonable assistance in Masonic education or research to the Lodge and its Brothers, or mandates under the Grand Lodge Constitution.

*W.: Br. Robert Previto, Chairman; W.: Br. Dan Bernzweig, W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, W.: Br. Anthony Colonna,  
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### Finance and Audit Committee

To verify all finances and audits are up-to-date, correct, and certified according to standard accounting procedures.

*W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Br. Robert Gaudio, W.: Br. Richard Harris, Br. Anthony S. Kalabacas,  
Br. John A Lentinello, W.: Br. John B. Lentinello DSA, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

**Historians and Archivists Committee:**

To research, verify, record and archive all Jephtha Lodge history.

*W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA, Br. Paul A. Vermeylen III, W.: Br. Robert C. Wuestefeld DSA*

**Home App and Nest App Committee**

To keep *Home* app and *Nest* app up to date and functioning properly.

*W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Administrator; W.: Br. Anthony Colonna, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

**Investigations Committee:**

To receive, record, and investigate submissions from prospective applicants, interview applicants, and report committee findings to the membership.

*Br. Frank Como, Br. William Fenty Jr, Br. William Fenty III, W.: Br. Richard Harris, W.: Br. John B. Lentinello DSA, Br. John Muller, W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Br. Mikel Nazarowitz, Br. Gary Osarczuk, Br. Charles J. Williams*

**InVid Elevate App and Security Cameras Committee**

To keep *InVid Elevate* app up-to-date and all security cameras at peak performance.

*Br. John Muller, Administrator; Br. Walter Willems*

**Jephtha Benevolence Fund**

To generate funds to support Jephtha Brothers in need.

*Br. Luke LoPorto, Chairman; W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, W.: Br. Anthony Colonna, Br. Bill Fenty III, Br. Bill Friedman, W.: Br. Rich Harris*

**Liaison to Widows Committee**

To communicate with deceased Brother's widows to ensure their continued well-being, and share any challenges with the Widows, Sickness and Relief Committee.

*Br. Tom Montefusco*

**Masonic Brotherhood Fund**

To raise funds in cooperation with the Grand Lodge of New York to support brothers in need.

*Br. Chaz Hudak*

**NorthStar and Shepherding Committee**

To prepare Jephtha Lodge Brothers for their degrees in conformance with the Grand Lodge of New York guidelines.

*W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Br. William Fenty III, Br. Anthony Kalabacus, Br. John A Lentinello, Br. Luke LoPorto, Br. Timothy TenClay, Br. Chris Tomasino*

**Our Lodge Page Committee**

To edit and supply *Our Lodge Page* content for completeness and timeliness.

*W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Administrator; W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Co-Administrator*

**Past Master Liaison Committee**

To assist the present Worshipful Master as needed.

*W.: Br. Anthony Colonna*

**Photography Committee**

To photograph Jephtha Lodge events.

*Br. Drew MacCallum*

**Ritual Committee**

To ensure all ritual is properly executed and performed in conformance with the Grand Lodge of New York guidelines.

*W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Br. Michael Crispino Jr., Br. William Fenty III, W.: Br. Rich Harris, Br. Anthony S. Kalabacas, Br. John A. Lentinello, Br. Luke LoPorto, Br. John Muller, W.: Br. Robert Previto*

**Travel Committee**

To arrange and oversee the safe execution of all Jephtha Lodge travel.

*W.: Br. Warren Melnick, W.: Br. Robert Previto*



**Truth Triangle Liaison Committee**

To coordinate Truth Triangle with Jephtha Lodge news and events.

*W.: Br. Anthony Colonna, W.: Br. Rich Harris*

**Veterans Affairs Liaison Committee**

To organize Veterans Affairs with Jephtha Lodge information and activities.

*W.: Br. John B Lentinello DSA*

**Website and Tech Support Committee**

To oversee the Jephtha Lodge website, provide tech support as needed, and keep the website up-to-date and running smoothly.

*W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Administrator; Br. Drew MacCallum, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

**Widows, Sickness and Relief Committee**

To remain mindful of and offer appropriate relief to Jephtha Lodge widows, Brothers and their families who are ill or in distress.

*Br. Michael Crispino Jr*

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