

JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Greetings my Brothers,

I hope you have been well and are excited to get back to Masonry! Congratulations to W. Robert Previto on earning the Dedicated Service Award, the most prestigious award in Free Masonry. W. Previto will officially receive his award in open lodge before the end of this Masonic year. Brothers who receive the DSA have shown exceptional dedication to our craft and exceed customary expectations. W. Previto has been indispensable in Jephtha's ritual and has coordinated numerous degree lectures and post degree educational lectures. Jephtha has benefited greatly in growth from his dedication.

I'm looking forward to seeing you and your families on St. Patrick's Day, March 13, 2022. Toward the end of last year, we had to make tough decisions in canceling events. I'm hoping we will be able to retain this year's planned activities.

Please do your best to stay warm and healthy. Reach out anytime to a brother; we are here if you need us. Happy Black History Month, Happy Valentine's Day, Happy Mardi Gras, and blessings to you and your loved ones.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
W. Jeremiah Campbell

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



My dear Brothers,

The ability to apply Prudence in our daily lives is the beginning of our road to wisdom since wisdom utilizes the lessons learned from our daily experiences, and it enables us to better govern and discipline ourselves. As Masons, we should apply Prudence to make the world a safer and better place. As we do this, we should take inspiration from King Solomon's Temple, its magnificence so big and eloquent without any flaws, the home of God on earth. What an honor it was to be

a builder of King Solomon's Temple!

As speculative Masons ours is an internal temple, not of stone, marble or requiring physical builders, but of family, friends, and, most importantly, the great, Grand Master of our own building, ourselves. This building is our heart, God's true home on earth. Within our hearts and actions, let us try to build another level in our individual temples by improving and learning about ourselves, creating a better world around us, and remembering to give back to society. And if a difficult situation should ever occur, be able to ask for help when needed.

Freemasonry always asks us to ensure God's home on earth is the best home we can provide Him. He lets us know this when we are happy because our hearts are joyous, and when we are sad, lonely and our hearts hurt, God is holding up our individual temples with His love. Although King Solomon's temple is long gone, always bear in mind our own symbolic building of King Solomon's temple is never completed, it just becomes more beautiful.

I'd like to leave you with a quote from Harvey Mackay, an American businessman, author and syndicated columnist: "Time is free, but it's priceless, you can't own it but you can use it, you can't keep it, but you can spend it, and once it's lost, you can never give it back." Let us always consider time and love the most valuable commodities in life, and if we allow Prudence to guide us correctly and wisely, we will be the richest people in the world.

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

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Brothers, I greet you in this second month of the new year and bring you warm fraternal greetings during these cold winter days.

As I reflect on February, we are reminded this is Black History Month, and I wish to share with you thoughts of a recent visit to African Lodge #459 number 63 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York with W.: John B. Lentinello DSA, Br. John A. Lentenello, Br. Michael Crispino, Br. Bill Fenty Jr. and myself.

Our visit was one of the most meaningful experiences I have had as a Mason. We were warmly greeted by men we had never met as we were welcomed to their District Deputy visit that very evening. We were also impressed with their degree of precision and dedication to ritual, their fellowship as brothers and the degree to which they uphold the very meaning of being a Mason. The one lesson I would like to share with my brethren is that we are more united in what we have in common than what our differences may be. I am delighted to be able to call these fine gentleman brothers and look forward to more opportunities in sharing our Masonic experiences by working together as Masons.

I would like to thank the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of African Lodge #459 number 63 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York for their hospitality and for sharing with me what it is to be a worthy Mason. If you are given the opportunity to attend a Most Worshipful Prince Hall lodge, I highly recommend you take advantage of that opportunity.

For those not acquainted with the Prince Hall Masons, it is a branch of Masonry in North America that developed in parallel with the Blue Lodge to which we belong. It is recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York, and we are in amity with these brothers.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge traces its lineage back to the first lodge of African Americans who had petitioned the Grand Lodge of England for a charter after the British military lodge in Boston, to which they belonged, was recalled to England after the American Revolutionary War. That first lodge was granted its charter under African Lodge #459 in 1784. A more thorough history can be found at <https://www.princehall.org/african-lodge-459/>.

As I look to the work of the South for February, we will be preparing collation on February 14th, St. Valentine's Day. My stewards and I look forward to preparing another delicious meal for our brothers and

sisters who will be in attendance.

I would also like to thank the Trustees of Jephtha Lodge, and in particular Br. John Hurioglu, for fabricating the mountings and installing our new kitchen rack which will be a great space saver. I would also like to thank Br. Paul Leavy for suggesting we obtain the rack from a closing restaurant.

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



GREETINGS FROM THE CORNER DESK



Greetings Brothers!

It's hard to imagine, but by the time you read this 2022 will already be a month old. With Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and Black History Month (not to mention the anniversary of my own wedding engagement) just ahead of us, nothing is going to be slowing down during the deep, dark days of February.

Other than a quick reminder to send in your 2022 dues, I don't have a lot of "secretary" business to draw your attention to this month. So instead, I'd like to take a few moments and share my favorite, little-known Masonic symbol. Some call it the "Masonic Knot;" others prefer the "Love Knot;" still others refer to it as the "Infinity Knot" or simply the "Figure Eight Knot."

I haven't done much traveling in our jurisdiction, but in my (limited) experience it isn't a symbol used very often in New York Blue Lodges. In my previous lodge, however, the entire lodge room was encircled with an actual rope upon which were tied these knots – a dozen of them. It was the "Tessellated Border" within which we gathered.

Knotting, of course, is an ancient art – both as a useful skill and as an esoteric practice. Hints of it can be easily recognized in many modern contexts (from Catholic weddings to ribbon cuttings). For our purposes, it's worth noting that the knot represents (at the very least) our fraternal connection that provides strength and grows tighter when pulled – just as our struggles can bring us closer. If made correctly, no amount of pulling can untie it. It is a thing of beauty and durability, a nod toward our cable-tow, a reminder of our bonds and our bounds.



Image from bricksmasons.com

Over my handful of years in the craft, I have found different symbols to speak to me in different ways at different times, but this simple, elegant knot has remained in my mind since the very first time I saw it. I hope it provides you with some thought-fodder as well.

Grace and peace,
Tim TenClay, Secretary

GREETINGS FROM THE HISTORIAN

Order of the DeMolay Degree of Chevalier Artifact Donations

At the January 10, 2022, Stated Communication, Brother Senior Warden Michael Crispino Jr., donated an



impressive collection of DeMolay artifacts to the Jephtha Lodge Masonic Museum. Originally owned by Brother Crispino's aunt's father, Paul B. Hartman, who was born and raised in Indiana, these items are very rarely awarded to DeMolay brothers.

The collection includes a 1939 card recognizing Hartman obtaining the Degree of Chevalier, the highest honor an Active DeMolay can receive. The Degree is a citation for outstanding and marked DeMolay Activity and Labor. The Nominee must be a minimum of 16 years of age, with Executive Officer approval, and have been a member in good standing for at least two years.

In the early 1930's DeMolay founder Frank S. Land had been thinking of an honor he could bestow on DeMolays and Senior DeMolays for outstanding service to the Order. The first investiture was held June 2, 1937, making these artifacts one of the earliest to be awarded in the Degree's history. Only one percent of all members of the Order receive the Degree of Chevalier. Today, the rolls of the Chevalier Degree number approximately 27,000.



The collection includes a medallion with a portrait of Jacques DeMolay in gold enamel with a red enamel border attached to a 76" gold tassel rope. Jacques DeMolay was one of the original Knights Templar and served as its Grand Master. A Degree of Chevalier booklet is also included.

The largest item is a 3' x 2' banner with an early rendering of the DeMolay logo, probably dating to the late 1930's. Part of the banner around the stitched items is faded probably due to exposure to light for a number of years.

The final item is a 1997 lapel pin honoring "Indiana Masons Support Youth" including Jobs Daughters, the Rainbow Girls and the Order of the DeMolay.

The lodge is grateful by this generous donation, and it will be a part of the permanent collection of the Jephtha Masonic Museum in a new, future Masonic Youth Section.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
W.: Br. Ron Seifried, DSA, Jephtha Lodge Historian



IN MEMORIAM

R.: W.: Frank Lee Nantista, DSA

On November 12, 2021, Jephtha Lodge lost one of its most dedicated and influential brothers in its storied history. Frank Lee Nantista, Jr. laid down his working tools and journeyed to that house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens, at the age of 89. Born on April 8, 1932, in New York, our esteemed Brother worked in the quarries for over 55 years, dedicating his free time to improve the lives of countless people in our Masonic fraternity.

After serving with the U.S Navy, Frank was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 9, 1966.



His father and Masonic Brother, Frank Nantista, Sr., proudly had announcements printed by the Quadrant Masonic Club, a Brooklyn-based Fellowcraft Club. First appointed as Chaplain of Jephtha Lodge in 1966, Brother Frank sat in most officers' chairs until he was invested as Worshipful Master of Jephtha Lodge in 1973.

His early days as a brother gave the brothers a small preview of what was to come during his illustrious Masonic career. In only his second year in the craft, he was part of a delegation of seven Jephtha Brothers who traveled to Prairie City, Iowa, to present a 50-year certificate to Brother Cloyd Baldwin, father of Jephtha Brother John Baldwin.

His Masonic résumé is an impressive list of accomplishments:

- Certificate of Appreciation for Meritorious Service, Blue Circle Association, 1973
- First Jephtha recipient of the Dedicated Service Award, 1975, and one of the first in New York State. (The DSA was initiated in 1975.)
- New York Masonic Youth Committee, 1982-1999
- Chairman of the Suffolk Masonic District Youth Committee, 1976-1978
- First recipient of the Meritorious Service Award, Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, 1977
- Achievement Award, Masonic Brotherhood Fund, 1977-1978
- Certificate of Outstanding Service, Truth Triangle No. 31, 1976-1977
- District Deputy Grand Master of the Suffolk Masonic District, 1979-1980
- DeMolay Legion of Honor Award, 1989
- Honorary Life Member of the Long Island Past Masters Association, 1991
- Certificate of Appreciation, Jephtha Lodge, 2003

As Chairman of the Suffolk Masonic District Youth Committee, Brother Frank organized and led three successful Walk-A-Thons, raising \$16,000 (over \$61,000 in 2022) for the Masonic Medical Research Facility.

Brother Frank joined several Masonic concordant bodies, including Knights Templar of the Huntington Commandry (1973); Noble Mystic Shrine, Kismet Temple (1975) and 32° Scottish Rite, Valley of Rockville Centre (1975).

As Jephtha Trustee, he researched and built the original wall of Past Master portraits and wrote and designed a "History of Jephtha Plaque," now on display in the Jephtha Masonic Museum. During his term as DDGM, the Suffolk Masonic District was one of the highest participation and fundraising districts in New York. Frank also participated in the Huntington Founders Parade in April 1978 as one of the Masonic motorcycle escorts.

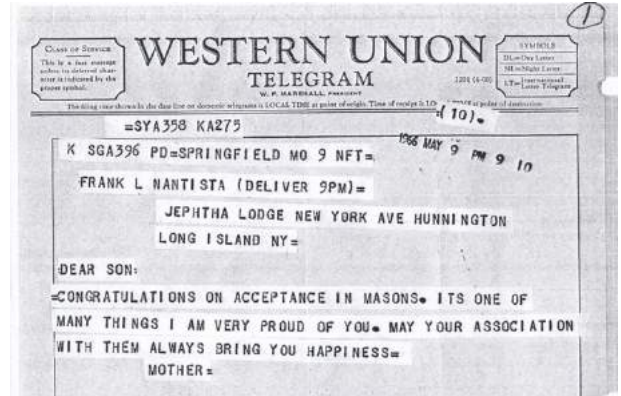
His loyalty to Jephtha Lodge did not end after his move to Port St. Lucie, Florida over 20 years ago. When W.: John V. Forster was awarded the Dedicated Service Award in 2008, it was R.: W.: Frank Nantista, Jr. who offered his inscribed DSA apron awarded to him 33 years earlier as a gift to Brother John. This DSA apron, the only one used for two Brothers with two separate inscriptions, is now on display outside the Jephtha Lodge room

Brother John Forster passed away in 2010, but any of the "older" Jephtha brothers will remember how John's eyes welled up with pride when speaking reverently about Brother Frank, lowering his voice as if Frank were in the next room. It is a testimony to the legacy of Frank Nantista, Jr. that his aura is still felt at Jephtha Lodge, decades after he left New York. Jephtha Lodge No. 494 F. & A. M. would not be as strong today if it weren't for Frank Nantista's quiet influence.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of over 60 years, children, Robert and Lori, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jephtha Lodge offers its condolences and sympathy to his family, friends and brothers.

The one who has given such study to the Mysteries, Teaching, and Symbolism of Freemasonry as to make me worthy of the high honors bestowed upon me, I cannot help but realize that I am an atom in an infinite universe.

I am humbled by the realization of my own shortcomings and inferiority when my small accomplishments are compared with those of Infinite Power which control our destiny.



In the life of the conscientious Mason must be found the battle between pride and humility and for that Mason on whom is bestowed honor, humility will be the victor. That Mason will best exemplify the teaching of our Ancient and Honorable Order. R.: W.: Frank Lee Nantista, DSA, Testimonial Speech, April 18, 1980

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Michael Carey	Charles F. Fisher	Xavier H. Marinaro	Derek B. Rhodes
Adrian Ciocci	Richard B. Gentile	Cory H. Morris	Christopher Sikes
Frank Corso	Michael S. Goodkin	Scott L. Myers	James R. Thompson
Per U. Dobler	John N. Lowe	John J. Prodromakis	

FEBRUARY RAISINGS

Daniel Bernzweig	Eric M. Freedman	Michael J. Rittenhouse
Michael R. Denkovich	Timothy L. Mason	Martin H. White IV

KEEPING IN TOUCH



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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jephtha_Masonic_Lodge_No._494



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FEBRUARY 2022

February 4	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle
February 7	Monday	7:00 PM	Officers' and Trustees' Meeting
February 14	Monday	7:00 PM	Stated Communication and Collation; Wives and Women of Masons are invited to Collation. St. Patrick's Day Budget; Masonic Education: W.: Robert Previto, <i>Masonry and Tarot</i>
February 18	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle
February 19	Saturday		Mardi Gras Party CANCELLED
February 28	Monday	7:00 PM	Special Communication with collation. Possible initiation of Entered Apprentices, TBD

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, 7:30 PM at Jephtha Lodge #494:

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:

March 13, 2022: **St. Patrick's Day Celebration** (Fundraiser), 12 PM – 8 PM

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.

April 30, 2022: **Third Degree Dinner**, Location and price 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

Founder Of Christian Science Helped By Freemasons

Mary Baker (1821-1910) joined her oldest brother in Charleston, South Carolina. In December 1843, she married George Washington Glover, a close friend of her brother. Brother Glover was an honorary member of the staff of the Governor and was called "Major Glover." A few months after the marriage Brother Glover

contracted yellow fever and died; he was given a Masonic funeral. Before he died, he requested members of the lodge help his young bride return to the parental home in New Hampshire.

How well they kept their promise was told by the widow, who wrote in her autobiography, *Retrospection and Introspection* (1892), "My husband was a freemason, being a member in Saint Andrew's Lodge, Number 10, and of Union Chapter, Number 3, of Royal Arch Masons. He was highly esteemed and sincerely lamented by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, whose kindness and sympathy helped to support me in this terrible bereavement. A month later I returned to New Hampshire, where, at the end of four months, my babe was born. Colonel Glover's tender devotion to his young bride was remarked by all observers. With his parting breath he gave pathetic directions to his brother masons about accompanying her on her sad journey to the North. Here it is but justice to record they performed their obligation most faithfully." Sometime after arriving at her parental home, she gave birth to her only child, George. Later she married Mr. Eddy; there is no record that he was a Mason. Excerpted from mastermason.com with addenda from the marybakereddylibrary.org

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"...when I was looking through Masonic publications for essays about prayer, I found that someone years ago had excerpted for Masonic readers part of the first chapter of Mary Baker Eddy's Christian Science text *Science and Health*... I think that Mary Baker Eddy's *Science and Health*... gives us new, unexpected directions to explore and areas in which to grow, as people and especially Masons." Excerpted from *The Empire State Mason Magazine*, spring 2020. Article written by Br. Rabbi Eli Mallon.

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"What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds. To keep the commandments of our Master and follow his example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has done. Outward worship is not of itself sufficient to express loyal and heartfelt gratitude, since he has said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

The habitual struggle to be always good is unceasing prayer. Its motives are made manifest in the blessings they bring, — blessings which, even if not acknowledged in audible words, attest our worthiness to be partakers of Love.

Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in His likeness." Excerpted from Chapter 1, *Science and Health*, www.christianscience.com

Respectfully submitted,
Br. Richard Gentile

FAMOUS FEBRUARY MASON

Charles Augustus Lindberg

February 4, 1902, Detroit, Michigan – August 26, 1974, Kipahulu, Hawaii

Life is a culmination of the past, an awareness of the present, an indication of a future beyond knowledge, the quality that gives a touch of divinity to matter.

Charles Augustus Lindberg was the son of Charles August Lindberg (born Carl Månsson in Stockholm, Sweden, who came to Melrose, Minnesota, as an infant) and Evangeline Lodge Land Lindberg. Lindberg

was born in Detroit but spent most of his childhood in Little Falls, Minnesota. His father was a US Congressman (1907-1917) who divorced his wife when Lindberg was 7 years old. His mother was a chemistry teacher at Little Falls High School.

Lindberg was always charmed by motorized transportation, including his family's Saxon Six automobile and later, his Excelsior motorbike. By the time he entered the College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1920, he was fascinated with flying even though he "had never been close enough to a plane to touch it." He left college in early 1922, enrolled in the Nebraska Aircraft Corporation's flying school in Lincoln, and took his first flight as a passenger in a two-seat, Lincoln Standard "Tourabout" biplane trainer. A few days later he had his first formal flying lesson. To gain more experience flying and to earn money to do so, he left Lincoln to work as a wing walker and parachutist barnstorming in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. He also worked briefly as an airplane mechanic at the Billings, Montana, municipal airport.

His first solo flight was in May 1923 in a World War I surplus Curtiss JN-4 (Jenny) biplane he purchased for \$500 at Souther Field in Americus, Georgia. He spent much of 1923 barnstorming, being known as "Daredevil Lindberg." Shortly afterwards he made his first night flight near Lake Village, Arkansas.

On March 19, 1924, Lindberg reported to Brooks Field to begin his military flight training with the United States Army Air Service, the forerunner of the United States Air Force. Only 18 of the original 104 cadets graduated (Lindberg first overall in his class, March 1925) when he earned his wings and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Service Reserve Cops. By October 1925 Lindberg became the chief pilot for the Robertson Aircraft Corporation providing mail service between St. Louis and Chicago. In February 1927 he left for San Diego to oversee the design and construction of the *Spirit of St. Louis*.

Lindberg did not achieve the first nonstop transatlantic flight which took place 8 years earlier by British aviators John Alcock and Whitten Brown between St. John's, Newfoundland and Ireland, arriving a day later (June 14, 1919). However, Lindberg was the first to cross the Atlantic between two major cities, New York to Paris, France, winning an award of \$25,000 (just over \$400,000 in 2022) financed by the French-born New York hotelier, Raymond Orteig.

The *Spirit of St. Louis* (today preserved at the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC) is a fabric-covered, single-seat, single-engine, high-wing monoplane manufactured by the Ryan Aircraft Company, San Diego, CA. After a series of test flights, Lindberg flew his plane to Roosevelt Field (originally called the Hempstead Plains Aerodrome, and sometimes called the Garden City Aerodrome), Garden City, Long Island, New York. The airport was used during World War I as a training field for the United States Army Air Service. In 1919 the airfield was named in honor of President Roosevelt's son Quentin who was killed in air combat during World War I.

Knowing six previous aviators had died in this attempt, Lindberg took off from Roosevelt field for Paris, France, on May 20, 1927. His monoplane had 450 gallons of fuel, repeatedly strained to avoid fuel line blockage, weighed 2.7 tons and was powered by a J-5V Wright Whirlwind, radial engine. The takeoff was hindered by a muddy field and gained speed slowly as it cleared the telephone pole lines at the end of the runway by just 20 feet. The total flight time to Paris was 33½ hours and it was not an easy flight. Lindberg had to skim over storm clouds at 10,000 feet and wave tops as low as 10 feet, keeping the plane from icing while flying through thick fog for several hours, all the while navigating by dead reckoning. (He was not proficient navigating by the sun and stars and refused radio navigation gear since it was too heavy, and he felt, unreliable.) Fortunately, the winds over the Atlantic were in his favor. The airfield in Paris was not marked on his map, and all he knew was that it was situated 9 miles northeast of the city. It was evening when he arrived in Paris, and as he almost missed the airfield at first since he thought it was a large



Lindberg with the *Spirit of St. Louis*
just before his flight to Paris, France.

industrial complex because thousands of spectators with their bright car lights had arrived at the airport to witness the landing. Lindberg landed at the A  rodrome Le Bourget on May 21, 1927, at 10:22 PM. A crowd estimated at 150,000 stormed the airfield, dragged him from the cockpit, and carried him above their heads for about half an hour. Some damage was done by souvenir hunters by taking fabric from the plane, but it was soon rescued by French military fliers, soldiers and police and was brought to safety in a hangar.

The world went mad with Lindberg's success: The French awarded him the L  gion d'honneur; he returned to the USA onboard the USS Memphis (June 17, 1927) escorted by a fleet of warships and military aircraft up the Patomac River to the Washington Navy Yard where President Coolidge awarded him the Distinguished Flying Cross, the first to receive this medal; the US Post Office issued a 10 cent airmail stamp depicting the *Spirit of St. Louis*; in New York he rode the Canyon of Heroes (lower Broadway) where he was met by Mayor Jimmy Walker, and a ticker-tape parade up Central Park Mall where

he was met by New York Governor Al Smith. Later that evening, with his mother, he was feted at Clarence MacKay's Long Island estate, Harbor Hill in Roslyn, with 500 guests. (The home was demolished in 1949. Today it is a housing development.) The following night he was honored with a grand banquet at the Hotel Commodore by the Mayor's Committee on Receptions where he was officially given his prize. On July 19, 1917, he was promoted to the rank of colonel in the Air Corps of the Officers Reserve Corps of the US Army; on December 14, 1927, by a special act of Congress, Lindberg was awarded the Medal of Honor which was usually awarded for heroism in combat, and *Time Magazine* honored him as "Man of the Year" on January 2, 1928, at 25 years of age, still remaining today the youngest "Man of the Year" ever.

Just about two months after his historical flight, Lindberg published his autobiography, *We*, to "share the spiritual partnership between himself and his airplane during the dark hours of the flight." It was quickly translated into many languages earning him more than \$250,000 (just over \$4,000,000 in 2022). Following the publication there were trips to 82 cities in the United States in the *Spirit of St. Louis*, and a good will tour of 16 Latin American countries. (When in Mexico he met his future wife, Anne Morrow, the daughter of the United States Ambassador to Mexico. They married in 1919 and had 6 children. He taught her how to fly and she often accompanied him in exploring and charting air routes. His father-in-law, Dwight Morrow, a partner in JP Morgan, acted as their financial advisor.)

Lindberg mania created a surge of letters sent by air mail, including many souvenir sheets from around the world. He worked with the head of Pan American World Airways, Juan Trippe, to create a circle air route across Alaska and Siberia to China and Japan.

The Lindberg family came under intense scrutiny because of their fame. Their son, Charles Lindberg, Jr. was kidnapped, and his remains were later found in the woods near their home. As a result, Congress passed the "Lindberg Law" which made kidnapping a federal offence. The family then escaped to Europe (1935) under false identity and settled in Wales, and afterward to Ile Illiec, a small island Lindberg bought off the Breton coast of France. In 1937 the family returned to the US and settled into a seaside estate in Lloyd Neck, Long Island, New York. During this time, he spent a brief four months on active military duty to prepare the air corps for eventual war, to evaluate new aircraft, recruitment procedures, and finding a site for new Air Force research and potential air bases. He contacted the Longines Watch Company (Compagnie des Montres Longines, headquartered in Saint-Imier, Switzerland), and together they created a watch to make navigation easier for pilots. Longines still produces this watch today.

With the attack on Pearl Harbor, Lindberg asked to be recommissioned in the United States Air Force, but his request was denied by the Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson. (He lived in West Hills, New York, a hamlet of Huntington. He died there in 1950. Stimson served under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt). Lindberg then worked as a consultant for various airplane companies as a technical advisor improving aircraft for war production. After World War II, Lindberg worked as a consultant to the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force and Pan American World Airways.

Lindberg spent the last years of his life on Maui, Hawaii, where he died on August 26, 1974. He is buried on the grounds of the Palapala Ho'omau Church, Kipahulu, Maui.

Charles Lindberg completed his Masonic degrees in 1926 at Keystone Lodge No. 243 in Missouri, just months before his famous flight to Paris. Little is known of his Masonic record, but he did wear a Square and Compasses pin during his flight to Paris, and it was reported the *Spirit of St. Louis* was adorned with a Masonic emblem although further research cannot confirm this.

Respectfully submitted,
Br. Richard Gentile

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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, Br. Michael Crispino, Br. Tom Ferrentino, Br. Mitch Goodkin, W.: Br. Rich Harris, Br. John A Lentinello, W.: Br. John B Lentinello DSA, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA, Br. Tim TenClay

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 Gaudioso, 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

***ALL BROTHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN AT LEAST ONE COMMITTEE
FOR THE SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT RUNNING OF JEPHTHA LODGE.
KINDLY MAKE YOUR REQUEST KNOWN TO***

**TIM TENCLAY, SECRETARY
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YOUR NAME WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE PROPER CHAIRMAN.



Happy St. Valentine's Day

