

JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Greetings my Brothers,

On April 30, 2022, Jephtha raised Brothers Syed Asad, Richard Gentile, Douglas Henningsen, Gunnar Herbert, Will Rivas and Brian Schulbaum as new Master Masons and celebrated afterwards with their families as only Masons can do. Now we show these newly made brothers the true meaning of what a Mason is. The raising of a brother is only the beginning. The toilsome journey of becoming a better man will rest upon the shoulders of our new brothers.

Free Masonry is the oldest fraternity in the world because of the Masonic meaning of the word "Brother." Faith, hope and charity encompass every Freemason that is willing to accept our obligation. Simply reciting our obligation means nothing without the action of living the words you spoke before your brethren when you received light in Masonry. Never forget where you were first prepared to be made a Mason.

My brothers we are here if you need us. Our light will shine forever if we act by our working tools. In this life and the next we are bonded through brotherly love. We are never alone. To our new Master Masons, congratulations! Health and wellness my brothers.

To our Muslim Brothers, a very happy Eid al-Fitr, to our Mothers, a very blessed Mother's Day, and we remember our fallen soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
W.∴ Jeremiah Campbell

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



My dear Brothers,

As we begin May, I would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers with a wonderful thank you, and take time to remember all the Veterans who lost their lives in war.

On a recent visit to Pennsylvania for my daughter's Soccer Tournament, we decided to stop in Philadelphia to visit Betsy Ross' home, the Liberty Bell, the Ben Franklin Museum, and Independence Hall, while also enjoying a Philadelphia cheese steak. During our visit, I was looking for any Masonic clues, which I had been told by numerous brothers are many. I found none, not that they were not there, but because I have horrible detective skills. Hopefully, one day, I'll go back to Philadelphia and take my time looking more closely for those clues.

On returning to my car, I unintentionally took special notice of my Masonic license plate. By displaying my Masonic light, I have met other Brothers. During a trip to Florida when I was an Entered Apprentice (2013), I was ending a cruise excursion when I saw a brother with a Masonic hat, and I engaged him in conversation. He was a Prince Hall Mason, and I informed him I had become an Entered Apprentice 2 months prior. He asked about my family and gave me advice on how to entertain my then 5 year old daughter. I remember most his thoughts about Masonry when he told me about King Solomon's Temple and all the workmen sleeping in their open tents beneath the desert's night sky filled with stars.

Displaying our Masonic light is a beautiful thing, but we also must be cautious. While I am driving, I must be extra courteous as the first thing that can be seen is my plate with the Square and Compasses. You want your Masonic light to always be positive since we are representatives of this Craft. Oftentimes, we are met with interesting encounters.

I invited a brother from Virginia to my home for a BBQ thanks to his Masonic license plate. Another time I was on my way home from an appointment in Harlem. I saw a brother wearing his Masonic hat and we began chatting. Instead of arriving home at 2 PM, it was 6 PM that evening! Displaying Masonic emblems is definitely a positive and for the right reasons. It is not a get out of jail free card, not a privilege or entitlement, but a way for other brothers to recognize you, or a needy brother reaching out to you, and a way to be invited to Masonic events and new learning experiences. Always wear your light humbly since you are always representing our Craft.

As the nice weather approaches, joined with longer days and hotter weather, please take time to enjoy nature, the waves at the beach, and the playful sounds of your children.

And always remember, a Mason doesn't have to outwardly display his light to manifest it.

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

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren, as we draw closer to the end of this Masonic year and we look forward to May, it is good to see that we have accomplished much this year. We have endured another year of COVID restrictions, hosted several large collations, special events for the Masonic Medical Research Institute, held lectures for educational purposes, and, of course, had a successful District Deputy visit. We also managed to raise funds for charity, donated clothing, toys and school supplies. In short, we have shown the world what it is to be Masons.

It has been a very rewarding experience being the Junior Warden of Jephtha Lodge and hope to continue to be of service next year. I would like to thank all the brothers and families who helped make this such a great year. To avoid leaving anyone out, the names of specific people will not be mentioned, only to say that you know who you are, and your help was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our five, newly initiated Brothers: Joseph Foresto, Patrick Lough, Matthew Trudden, Osmar Valdez and Jonathan Watson, and our six, newly raised Master Masons: Syed Asad, Richard Gentile, Douglas Henningsen, Gunnar Herbert, Will Rivas and Brian Schulbaum.

As we close the year, we anticipate a strong showing for Sunrise Walks, a great cleanup event for the Huntington Historical Society at the Old Burial Ground, and hosting another Brother Bring a Friend Night.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Br. Bill Fenty III

GREETINGS FROM THE CORNER DESK



Greetings my Brothers,

As I write this, an unusual number of observations come together on my calendar – I am, with my Christian friends, celebrating Easter, my Jewish friends are celebrating Passover, my Muslim friends are observing Ramadan, and I'm commemorating the 10th anniversary of being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Some might consider the first three unrelated to the fourth, but I do not. Masonry, obviously, is not a religion. It does not demand (or expect) allegiance to any specific doctrine or creed. However, the Craft does, unapologetically, expect each and every one of us to engage our religious beliefs with fervor and to live out our creeds and doctrines without hesitation or reservation.

The interesting thing about Masonry, however, is that isn't about just finding "common ground." We don't come to the lodge and interact merely on that tiny little sliver of religious (or social, or political, or gustatorial) overlap that we all have in common. We value and embrace the fullness of each of our traditions and commitments, even where they don't overlap. Perhaps even more amazingly, we encourage and support one another, even when we disagree.

There's a *lot* about my religious beliefs (or social, or political, etc.) that others in our lodge wouldn't agree with, and there's equally as much about other brothers' beliefs that I wouldn't agree with. When we took our obligations, however, we didn't just commit to be brothers only "on matters that we hold in common."

I've probably mentioned this to some of you before: I joined Masonry for many reasons, but the primary reason was that I wanted to make sure that if something happened to me, my family would know whom to call. Unfortunately, no other organization or group has ever lived up to that commitment. Masonry has – wherever in the world I've lived.

I will be going on pilgrimage in May and when I leave, my family will have a short list of phone numbers to call in the case of emergency – they will all be brothers that I see every other week on Monday night. I know that, if something were to happen to me, they could pick up the phone and one of you would step up to the plate – not just because we have a small sliver of common beliefs, but because we are brothers.

I know I "preach" on this often in my little secretary's articles, but I consider it a cornerstone of Masonry: Your Brothers are here for you.

We cannot fix all of each other's problems (though sometimes we can help). We cannot always make everything right (though sometimes we can). Regardless of what life throws at you, however, we *can* walk alongside of you. There is only one catch: we need to know.

I sometimes hear from people in my congregation that they "were disappointed I didn't visit [insert name] when they were in the hospital." Usually when that happens, I have to tell them: I would have gladly done so, *if I had known*.

The same thing is true at the lodge. We don't know what's going on in your life if you don't tell us, especially if we don't have the opportunity to catch up during collations and Communications. Even if your "cable tow" prevents you from joining us on Monday nights, please consider dropping one of the officers and email or text to share during "Oil of Joy" or "Sickness and Distress."

Grace and peace,
Br. Tim TenClay, Secretary

HISTORIAN

Knights Templar Donation to the Jephtha Masonic Museum



In mid-April the lodge received a voice-message from a local resident wishing to donate some masonic artifacts belonging to her father and grandfather. A couple of days later, I met her and was taken aback by these incredible additions to the Jephtha Lodge Masonic Museum

The donor claimed three of the items belonged to her grandfather, Howard Ross of Chicago, Illinois, but on closer examination, they may have belonged to her father, Donald Allen Ross. Most of these artifacts' provenance leads to Connecticut and not Illinois. One of the pieces donated was a lambskin apron belonging to her father from Asylum Lodge No. 57, Stonington, Connecticut. Only Brother Ross's Entered Apprentice degree date was on the apron, April 30, 1971.



Templar item is a Past Commander Military Style Service Cap. The hat is a high-quality cap of black fabric, patent leather bill and was manufactured by the Lilley-Ames Company of Columbus, Ohio.

The other three items donated were from the York Rite concordant body, the Knights Templar. One is a Sir Knight Chapeau with black plume. The Chapeau body is of traditional hard felt, covered in rich black velvet, trimmed with black grosgrain ribbon. The trim includes a metallic, non-tarnished Passion Cross. In the inside brim of the Chapeau is a the partially legible handwritten name of Bob Stilz (sp?) and a date of May 1957. The hat was manufactured by the Ames Sword Company, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The second Knights



The final item in this generous donation is a Knights Templar sword, scabbard, and belt. This set was originally owned by Graham Shiels Hislop, based on the inscriptions of both the sword and scabbard. The sword is from Palestine Commandery No. 6 (inst. 1856) of New London, Connecticut.

Brother Hislop (1882-1938) was a lifelong, prominent resident of New London and owner of James Hislop & Co., a local department store. Hislop was also the director of the Savings Bank of New London, president of the Home Memorial Hospital, and a director of the Smith Memorial Home. The only other information I was able to discover about his Masonic career was that Hislop was a member of Union No. 7, Royal Arch Masons in New London.

The past twelve months have certainly been a very active period for the Jephtha Masonic Museum. This latest donation has expanded our museum to almost 100 new additions. The displays have now expanded to two additional rooms.

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

Let everything you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

ANNO LUCIS

This edition begins adding the dates of *Anno Lucis* (Year of Light) to the Gregorian dates at the very top of each page. Masons use this date to denote the year in which God created the world ("Let there be light... and there was light. Genesis 1:3), approximately 4,000 years before the beginning of the Common Era. It is abbreviated "A. L."

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May	6	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle
May	9	Monday	7:00 PM	Annual Summoned Communication
May	16	Monday	7:00 PM	Officers' and Trustees' Meeting
May	20	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle
May	23	Monday	7:00 PM	Special Communication with Collation (if necessary)
JUNE	1	WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	INVESTITURE OF BR. MICHAEL S. CRISPINO, JR. AS WORSHIPFUL MASTER
June	3	Friday	6:00 PM	Long Island Duck's Game , \$18/ticket. Contact John A. Lentinello to order tickets: john.lentinello@gmail.com.
June	5	Sunday	3:00 PM	Bowling for Veterans , Coram Country Lanes, \$25 for 3 games, food and prizes. (All funds donated to the Veterans.)
June	12	Sunday	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Riverhead Masonic Lodge, Pancake Breakfast & Chance Auction ; Adults \$15, Children 4-12 \$7, 3 and under, free. Prizes will be drawn at 12 PM, need not be present to win. Reservations preferred, walk-ins welcome, 631.582.9839.
July	7	Thursday	2:00 PM	Long Island Duck's Game , \$18/ticket. Contact John A. Lentinello to order tickets: john.lentinello@gmail.com.

W. O. M.

Wives & Women of Masons

Worshipful Master Jeremiah Campbell and Anita Campbell invite Wives and Women of Masons to join the Masons at their collation on May 9, 2022, 7:30 PM at Jephtha Lodge #494, Huntington Village.

Please contact Anita Campbell if you have any questions, 516.805.6194.

MASONIC MOMENT

The Ring

I was initiated an Entered Apprentice in a Lodge here in Florida, but due to some medical problems (I have MS.) I had to step aside from my travels for a while. When I was ready to continue, my Lodge had sold their old building and had moved away, leaving me high and dry in my journeys. In the meantime, I was also involved in a historic reenactment group where I am a senior member in the art of historic sword play and as such, I have private students. One of these gentlemen came up to me and told me that he was a Past Master of a Lodge up in Indianapolis and offered me any help that he could give me. Sometime later he came up to me and told me to hold out my hand and then dropped three Masonic Rings in my hand and told me to pick one. As there was only one that fit, he proceeded to give it to me and after making sure that he was serious I accepted the ring with the assurance that I would not wear it again until I was raised as a Master Mason.

Time went on and I was invited along with anyone else that was interested to an open session of a Masonic Education at a local Lodge about the Templars moving from France to Scotland after the destruction of the order. After the class was over, I was introduced to the Chaplain to whom I shared my tale including my problem with MS whereupon he introduced me to a Brother who was in a wheelchair due to advanced MS. I was told that if I was interested the Lodge could help me with my degree work to get past the MS.

Now to the rest of the story as it were. I started back on the road East and in about six months I was raised a Master Mason by my friend who had given me the ring and, true to my word, I hadn't worn the ring since it was gifted to me. I handed it back to "Chet" so that he could give it to me in Lodge after I was raised, and when he gave it to me, he told me that it had been his father's ring. Since he had no sons of his own, he would like me to have it so the ring could continue to hold meaning to a Brother in the fraternity. I still have and wear that ring to this day.

Michael Wurster
Nitram Lodge No. 188 F.& A.M.
St. Petersburg, Florida, USA
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Respectfully submitted,
Br. Richard Gentile

FAMOUS MAY MASON

HARRY S. TRUMAN

May 8, 1884, Lamar, Missouri - December 26, 1972, Kansas City, Missouri

33rd President of the United States (1945-1953)



Harry Truman was the oldest child of John Anderson Truman and Martha Ellen Young Truman. He is named after his maternal uncle, Harrison "Harry" Young, and his middle initial "S" honors both of his grandfathers, Anderson Shipp Truman and Solomon Young. His father was a farmer and livestock dealer. The family eventually moved to Independence, Missouri, and while living there, he was the *Shabbos goy* for Jewish neighbors who were prevented from doing daily tasks on the Jewish Sabbath for religious reasons.

Truman was very close to his mother who encouraged him to study music, reading and history. Even as President, he consulted her for political advice. He began studying piano at age 5, continued to do so until 15, practiced every morning at 5 AM, becoming a skilled pianist.

Truman's first foray into politics was as a page for the 1900 Democratic National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. After graduating from high school, he attended a commercial college in Kansas City studying bookkeeping, shorthand and typing, but left after a year. He then worked for *The Kansas City Star*, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, and at the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City. By 1906 he was working on the family farm in Grandview until he was drafted by the US Army. While working on the farm he was courting Bess Wallace, and when he asked for her hand in marriage, she turned him down. Returning after World War II, he tried several business ventures to earn more money than he could as a farmer: zinc and lead mining, a company that bought and leased land for oil drilling, and speculating in real estate in Kansas City.

By 1919 Bess Wallace had agreed to marry Truman. (They had only one child, Mary Margaret Truman.) Shortly before the wedding Truman opened a haberdashery with Mr. Jacobson, but the store went bankrupt during the recession of 1921. (In spite of the store's failure, Truman and Jacobson remained friends. It was Jacobson's influence on Truman about the State of Israel that the United States was the first country to recognize it as a nation.) Margaret "Madge" Wallace, Bess' mother, was not in favor of the marriage since she felt her daughter would marry beneath herself. The wealthy, Wallace family was at the top of the social order in Independence, Missouri. Wallace lived in one of the biggest homes in Independence, with servants and expensive furnishing, while Truman and his family were poor, dirt farmers. He never graduated from college, had difficulty holding jobs, lost money in the mining business, and went bankrupt as a haberdasher. Until Truman became a United States Senator, he, his wife and daughter had to live with his mother-in-law. Wallace often told Truman he would fail as a politician, did not think he made good decisions as president, and often questioned his qualifications to be president! Even when he became US President, she did not think he was worthy of her daughter. In fact, she never called her son-in-law Harry or son, but Mr. Truman, even when he was President! Wallace was an anti-Semite and gave Truman hell when he recognized the new State of Israel. However, Harry Truman was a wonderful son-in-law. Madge Wallace's husband committed suicide in the family bathtub and Madge never accepted the scandal. She relied more and more on Bess, and upon his marriage, Truman also assumed responsibility for Madge's care. When Truman became President, Madge had her own bedroom in the White House where she died at 90 after 33 years of Bess and Truman's marriage. Historians say Truman's love for Bess was so great he endured Madge's insults for their entire relationship. Bess Truman inherited her mother's home at her death, and that became the Truman home after they left the White House. He drove home as a private citizen, with his wife and daughter in the family car without any secret service protection.

As Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Vice President, Truman became President upon the untimely and unexpected death of FDR, 82 days after FDR's fourth term as President. Truman had just finished presiding over the Senate (April 12, 1945) when he was summoned to the White House where Eleanor Roosevelt told him FDR had just died. Truman asked her if there were anything he could do for her, and she replied, "Is there anything we can do for you? For you are the one in trouble now!"

Although Truman delegated a lot of authority to his cabinet officials, he insisted he would be the only one who would give final approval on all decisions. His motto was, "The buck stops here." Truman also surrounded himself with many, old friends. During his presidency, he celebrated the end of World War II in Europe (V-E Day on May 8, 1945, his 61st birthday); made the difficult decision of dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, which brought the war in the Pacific to an abrupt end ("It was the hardest decision I ever had to make. But the President cannot duck hard problems - he cannot pass the buck... I decided that the bomb should be used in order to end the war quickly and save countless lives - Japanese as well as American."); ended a railroad strike that paralyzed the country; curtailed the power of labor unions (Taft-Hartley Act); passed the Presidential Succession Act of 1947 which made the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate successors to the president after the Vice President instead of the Secretary of State; advocated national health insurance; repealed the Taft-Hartley Act to win reelection in 1948; passed the Housing Act of 1949 (government involvement in granting mortgages and the construction of public housing); established the Marshall Plan which helped post-war Europe rebuild; created the Berlin Airlift (1948) so that Berliners could get the necessities of life after Russia blocked road access to the 3 Western-held sectors of Berlin (France, the UK and the United States); recognized the State of Israel 11 minutes after it had declared itself a nation, the first country to do so; created the President's Committee on Civil Rights (1946); was the first President to address the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); had televised his second inauguration, a first; stabilized South Korea (invasion by North Korea); fired the very popular General Douglas MacArthur since he would not follow the President's orders ("I fired him [MacArthur] because he wouldn't respect the authority of the President... I didn't fire him because he was a dumb son of a bitch, although he was, but that's not against the law for generals. If it was, half to three-quarters of them would be in jail."

Posthumously quoted in *Time* magazine, 1973); created NATO; rebuilt of the White House from the inside out with steel beams since the building was collapsing and added the Truman Balcony. (During this time the Trumans lived in Blair House where an assassination was attempted. The policeman protecting the President was killed as was one of the assassins. The other assassin was sentenced to death but Truman commuted his sentence to life in prison.); created the Committee of Equality of Treatment and Opportunity (1948) which racially integrated all branches of the US military; signed Executive Order 9980 (1948) which made it illegal for those applying for civil service positions to be discriminated against because of race; created the Committee on Government Contract Compliance (1951) which made it illegal for defense contractors to discriminate because of race; and the 22nd Amendment was passed which limited a President to two terms in office.

After leaving office (1953), Truman returned to Independence, Missouri, to the Wallace home Bess had inherited from her mother. His Army pension was a meager \$112.56 (\$1,212.04 in 2022). Because of Truman's difficult financial situation after leaving the White House, Congress passed the Former Presidents Act (1958) giving Presidents an annual pension of \$25,000 per year (\$248,705 in 2022). To raise money, he wrote his memoirs and was paid \$670,000 (\$7,187,600 in 2022). They were written in two volumes, *Memoirs by Harry S. Truman: Years of Decisions* (published 1955) and *Memoirs by Harry. S. Truman: Years of Trial and Hope* (published 1956). They were a critical success.

Truman died on December 26, 1972, and is buried at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri. His wife, Bess, who died in 1982, is buried next to him.

In 1909, Harry became a Freemason and set himself enthusiastically to work in the community. The Masons were a vital part of Truman's social life, and he studied Masonic ritual tirelessly, taking an active role at several lodges in Jackson County. Two years after he became a Mason, Truman led the effort to organize Masonic Lodge 618 in Grandview (Missouri).

He was elected as the lodge's first Master, and it was then that he had his first taste of leadership. He enjoyed the thrill of being a leader among his Masonic brothers, and it helped him overcome the severe shyness he endured as a child and young man. When he was elected in 1911 to lead the lodge, he wrote his future wife, Bess Wallace: "I have the big head terribly." After his initial term as Master of the lodge, he served as secretary for several years and was elected Master for the second time in 1916.

There is a Truman White House anecdote of particular interest to Freemasons which occurred at the end of the war. As the building was undergoing repairs, President Truman reviewed the construction and noticed carvings on some of the stones in the original walls. The markings turned out to be the "signatures" of the stonemasons who worked on the original construction. As a gift to his brethren across the country, Truman gifted many of the stones to Grand Lodges across the United States.

Throughout his political career, Truman never neglected his duties as a Freemason. In 1940, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. In 1945, not only was Truman made President of the United States, but he also received the honor of 33rd degree Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Scottish Rite's Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction. That same year, the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, awarded Truman its first Gourgass Medal, the Supreme Council's highest honor. On May 18th, 1959, MWB Truman was presented with the fifty-years award and was the only U.S. President to reach that golden anniversary in the fraternity.

Excerpted from <http://scottishritenmj.org/blog/harry-truman-freemason>
Official portrait of Truman above by Greta Kempton, ca. 1945

Respectfully submitted,
Br. Richard Gentile

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

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June 2021 - June 2022

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To organize and provide entertainment at Jephtha Lodge functions.

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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 DSA

Travel Committee

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

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

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.

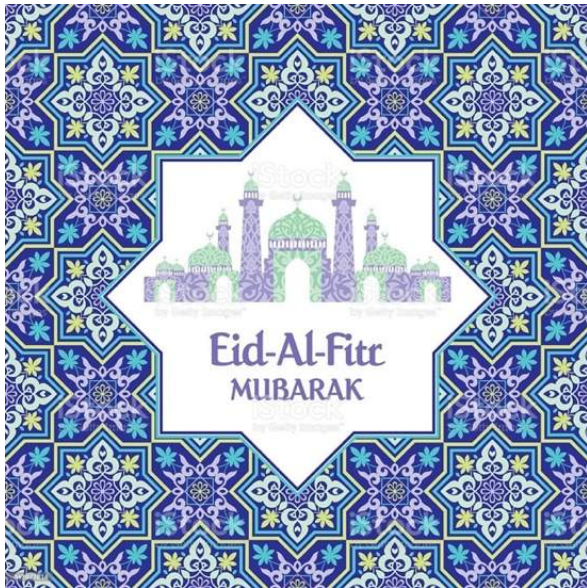
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They are the reason
that we are free.