

# JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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## **3,000<sup>th</sup> COMMUNICATION**

The first meeting of Worshipful Master Michael Crispino, Jr's term on September 12<sup>th</sup>  
will celebrate Jephtha's 3,000<sup>th</sup> Communication.

It will be a very special evening and all brothers are summoned to attend.

## **GREETINGS FROM THE EAST**



My heartfelt gratitude to my Brothers for the honor of electing me your Worshipful Master for 2022-2023, and a profound thank you to outgoing W.: Jeremiah Campbell and his officers for an outstanding job this past year.

To my newly elected officers, I wish to thank you for stepping up. This is not just a Masonic chair you will be holding; it will also be an opportunity to learn what it takes to be involved running a successful lodge. Please observe the officers ahead of you, asking questions to help you learn the future chairs you'll be sitting in, and sharing that knowledge as you move up the line.

It was eight years ago I took my obligation to the Craft, and at that time I became a brother with the best brothers anyone can have, Brothers of the Craft. We will always be there for each other, and you are missed when we have not been seen you for a while. We will always be willing to help not just our own Brothers of the Craft, but also our community. We ask nothing in return, just the desire to help.

My greatest experience as a Mason was when I went from Mister to Brother, the cement of our Brotherhood. Second, and it is a close second, was my investiture and installation as Worshipful Master. I wish to thank the 90-100 Brothers and Sisters for coming to our installation. It was an honor sharing my thoughts with you, a sharing that came directly from my heart.

During the building of King Solomon's Temple, the Masons were paid by various ancient means, as you have learned, or will learn, as you advance in your degrees. As the newly installed Worshipful Master, I am accumulating my wealth by studying and learning the opening and closing of the lodge, writing monthly articles, and following the trestle board. Sharing my Masonic wisdom with all my brethren, while constantly learning from all those brothers who have come before me, is what makes me a better Mason and a worthy Worshipful Master.

My duty is to set the Craft to work and give the Brothers proper instruction for their labors. This is what the Worshipful Master did during the building of King Solomon's Temple, giving instruction to what area of the temple to be built by showing his plans and having them instituted. As Worshipful Master, I have presented my goals for the coming year, such as charitable events, special dinners, and so on. As I will ask the

Master Masons to help instruct the Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, I will also ask for volunteers to assist in making sure all the functions of the lodge run properly.

The Senior Warden, as in the times of building King Solomon's Temple, assists the Worshipful Master opening and closing the lodge. He would also pay the workers, which would be ancient forms of payment, the amount depending on their level of expertise. He would also solve grievances, keep harmony in the lodge, send gifts to distressed Brother Masons, their widows and orphans while also doing the same for joyous occasions. I couldn't ask for a better Brother to hold this position than my number one Brother, William Fenty III, who will step in for me in my absence.

The Junior Warden will be seeking stewards to assist in the kitchen. Those stewards generally come from shepherding since it is the initial step going East. The Junior Warden would feed the workers; imagine doing that during the building of King Solomon's Temple! Today, feeding 40 to 70 Brothers, and on some occasions their families, after a full day's work, and buying the food to be prepared, is an enormous task, especially insuring all are well fed. John A. Lentinello will be the Brother in charge this year and I know he will give his best efforts in what I think is the most time-consuming chair in the lodge moving East. I know we will all be looking forward to some fabulously, great food! If you would like to assist in the kitchen, please reach out.

We have many committees (which are listed at the end of this newsletter) to ensure the smooth running of our lodge. Shepherding, which teaches the Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts the next steps in their Masonic journeys, is ably led by Junior Warden Br. John A Lentinello, W.: Br. John B Lentinello DSA, and Senior Deacon Br. William Friedmann. They have gone beyond their roles as shepherds by sharing their Masonic education with all our Brothers. W.: Br. Rob Previto does an outstanding job offering Masonic classes for the degrees. As I mentioned in my Installation, he is the Dean of Masonic education and now also symbolically a Lord in Scotland with his three foot fiefdom. Many follow W.: Br. Previto's classes several times since there is always something more to learn Masonically. All this is part of setting the Craft to work, helping all Brothers on their Masonic journeys. Keep yourself open to wisdom, since it comes in all forms, such as when W.: Br. Jack Dowling and the Past Masters speak about the past, and the new brothers can learn about things they have not yet heard, seen or experienced.

During my installation of June 13th, the following new positions were presented: Lady of Jephtha Lodge, Sr. Nancy Dowling, wife of W.: Br. Jack Dowling DSA; Mother of Jephtha Lodge, Sr. Marion Harris, wife of the late W.: Br. Rodney Harris DSA; Jephtha Lodge's first Inner Sentinel, Br. William Fenty Jr, and, what I believe, the first ever New York State Masonic Editor Officer, Br. Richard Gentile

Our first communication of the new Masonic year will be September 12<sup>th</sup>, our 3,000<sup>th</sup> communication (1860-2022). We are planning a Commemorative Booklet, which will be available to all the Brother members, and a big event to celebrate this milestone. The booklet, among other things, will be placed in a time capsule to be opened at Jephtha's 4,000<sup>th</sup> communication. There will be a section in the Commemorative Booklet for those wishing to write about "What Jephtha means to me." This invitation is open to everyone, Brothers and family members, which should be a short paragraph. Kindly send your brief article to Br. Richard Gentile, Editor Officer, at [rg.jlnews@aol.com](mailto:rg.jlnews@aol.com) and write "Jephtha article" in the subject box.

To have better transparency and to eliminate waste during our communications' collations, we will begin using an electronic system so you can RSVP and pay in advance (\$20 per person) to enable the right amount of food to be bought and prepared beforehand. If you do not plan ahead, there will be no food for you. This will eliminate surplus food we have had in the past which generally goes to waste. There will also be a place to note any dietary concerns. If you are not tech savvy, you can email me directly at [mrunderdog22@aol.com](mailto:mrunderdog22@aol.com) to send me your requests.

I wish everyone a happy Fourth of July, and a happy and relaxing summer. I look forward to being your

Worshipful Master in the coming year, and always remember to start your day as an Entered Apprentice and finish it as a Master Mason.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Br. Michael S Crispino, Jr, Worshipful Master

### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Dear Brothers, Family and Friends,

Fraternal greetings as we head into summer! I would like to again thank you for allowing me to serve as an officer of Jephtha Lodge in the upcoming Masonic year. I am writing to you on a beautiful Saint John's weekend in June looking forward to a wonderful summer. Happy Fourth of July to each of you, and I would ask that we not only celebrate this holiday with the usual picnics, pools, beaches, and BBQs, but also remember the sacrifices our forefathers made in creating this great county, the struggles and hardships they endured as they shed the yoke of tyranny to make America the land of the free, because of the brave.

At the installation of officers at the Guiding Light Olympia Lodge #808 in Rockville Centre, New York, where our own W. : Mitch Goodkin was installed as Master, I was regaled by W. : Dutch Heuser with his story of William Floyd. Most Long Islanders are aware of the William Floyd Parkway, but I don't think his contribution to the freedoms we enjoy today are well known. William Floyd's family had moved to America in 1654. Wealthy farmers from Long Island, Floyd, who was not a Mason, was well educated and was enlisted in the early militia on Long Island setup for its defense against the British. During the conflict Floyd lost his home and his farmland but was able to re-establish his family and lands after the war in the Mohawk Valley in Upstate New York. Although his resistance to British rule resulted in his family having to flee their lands, he remained upstanding in what he believed and fought for our freedoms. I know I was not that familiar with this story; hopefully, it encourages all of us to remember those who believed and acted on righteous principles instead of being silent.

Summer is a time when lodges go dark so we can spend more time with family and friends in the summer weather. However, that does not mean Masonry stops. We have the Bus Derby on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Riverhead Raceway. Please contact the Worshipful Master or me for more information. July 18<sup>th</sup> is the Long Island Past Masters Associations Summer Soirée. Despite the name, it is not JUST for past masters, anyone can attend and enjoy a good time. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://lipma.org/event/lipma-summer-soiree/>.

I wish all our readers a wonderful summer, a joyful Fourth of July, and I look forward to starting up again earnestly in September!

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Br. Bill Fenty III, Senior Warden

### GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

My Dear Brethren,

It is truly an honor to serve as your Junior Warden for the upcoming masonic year 2022-2023. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Brothers who assisted in the degrees this past year, to make them



truly amazing while I was serving as your Senior Deacon. I'm proud to say last April 30<sup>th</sup> was one of the best Third Degrees I have ever witnessed, let alone been proud to be a part of... and that is because of all your hard work, my Brothers. Many wise Brothers who have gone this way before us have advised, that in every chair, you learn just a little bit more than when you served in the previous chair. I truly have found this to not only be true, but right on point. With that in mind, it would be prudent to remind all Brothers with the warmer weather months ahead and the Fourth of July soon approaching, to be prudent in our actions, not pervert the means of refreshment to excess, and enjoy this time with our families and loved ones.

Although the lodge is technically considered dark for the summer, we cannot forget our morals and ties to the fraternity. That said, all within the length of our cabletows should be assisted and performed in due course.

I am honored to call myself your Brother and appreciate the legacy we are creating here at Jephtha Lodge every day, more than the Jewel of the District, but of New York State due to our brotherly love and spirit.

Enjoy a happy, healthy and safe Independence Day, and to our Veterans, as always, thank you for your service to our Great Nation.

Fraternally Yours,  
Br. John A. Lentinello, Junior Warden

### GREETINGS FROM THE CORNER DESK



Dear Brothers,

I was recently reminded of a poem I saw several years ago, and while I originally read it in light of my "day job," I believe it is at least as applicable to the Craft:

### SERMONS WE SEE

by Edgar Guest

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;  
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.  
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,  
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;  
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,  
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;  
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.  
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,  
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;  
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,  
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.  
When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays behind  
Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me

To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.  
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today  
Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.

One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold;  
One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.  
Who stands with men of honor learns to hold his honor dear,  
For right living speaks a language which to everyone is clear.  
Though an able speaker charms me with his eloquence, I say,  
I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one, any day.

Enjoy a wonderful summer!

Grace and peace,  
R.:W.: Br. Tim TenClay, Secretary

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Br. Syed Asad	Br. Franckel J Enelus	Br. Paul J Levy	Br. Marlo A Suazo
W.: Daniel Bernzweig	Br. William P Fenty III	Br. Frank P Marinaro	Br. Robert V Williamson
Br. Craig M Cohen	Br. Michael Fufidio	Br. Craig J O'Grady	
	Br. Randolph Ivans	Br. Brian O'Donoghue	

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Br. Geoffrey M Cohen	Br. Cooper J Macco	Br. Christopher Schenker	Br. Stephen M Vogel
Br. Raymond J Dowling	W.: Timothy L Mason	Br. Herbert F Schumann	
Br. John Hurioglu		Br. Christopher J Tilley	

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OF NEW YORK: [nymasons.org/site](http://nymasons.org/site)

*America is hope. It is compassion. It is excellence. It is valor.*

*Paul Tsongas (1941-1997)*

*Congressman from Massachusetts (1975-1985)***JULY AND AUGUST 2022**

Wednesday	July 13	7:30-9:30 PM	Huntington Historical Society Pub Crawl visits Jephtha
Saturday	July 16	Begins at 5 PM	Bus Derby at Riverhead Raceway (1797 Old Country Road, Riverhead, NY)
Monday	July 18	6:00-10:00 PM	Past Masters Associations Summer Soirée
Wednesday	July 20	7:30-9:00 PM	Entered Apprentice Shepherding
Wednesday	July 27	7:30-9:00 PM	Entered Apprentice Shepherding
Wednesday	August 3	7:30-9:00 PM	Entered Apprentice Shepherding
Wednesday	August 10	7:30-9:00 PM	Entered Apprentice Shepherding
Saturday	August 13	10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Cavan's Walk, Run and Family Fun Day
Monday	August 15	7:00-10:00 PM	Zoom meeting for all Brothers (an unstated, non-communication)
Thursday	August 18	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thursday	August 25	7:30-9:30 PM	Huntington Historical Society Pub Crawl visits Jephtha

**MASONIC MOMENT****FREE AND ACCEPTED**

by William R. Fischer

The Masons who were selected to build the Temple of Solomon were declared free. These Free Masons were allowed to gather with their families and were exempt from paying taxes. They also had the privilege to bear arms. Thus, they were accepted as free men.

At the destruction of the first Holy Temple in Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar the Great (King of the Neo-Babylonian Empire, 604-562 BC), these Free Masons were taken to Babylon and put into captivity with the Jews. Cyrus the Great (King of Persia, 539-530 BC), after taking control of Babylon, gave these Masons permission to return to Jerusalem to erect a second Temple after 70 years of captivity, freeing them to do so.

To be free they had to be accepted as free, hence the term Free and Accepted. Not all men in all cases are accepted as free, they are held by the restraints of doctrine and power. To be free in mind and body one must work at it. So, if you are asked:

Are you a Free Man? Yes.

How do you know you are a free man? Because I am free to follow my dreams.

What makes you a free man? The people around me, for I am accepted as a free man.

If you can answer these questions in this manner, you are truly a Freemason.

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Respectfully submitted,

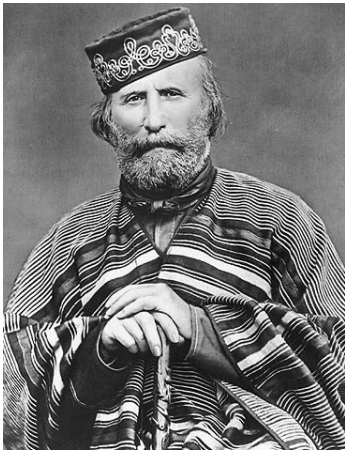


## FAMOUS JULY MASON

### GIUSEPPE MARIA GARIBALDI

*Italian general, patriot, revolutionary, Hero of Two Worlds (South American and Europe)*

July 4, 1807, Nice, French Empire (Napoleon I) - June 2, 1882, Caprera (Sardinia), Kingdom of Italy



Garibaldi was born Joseph-Marie Garibaldi in Nice, France, which had been conquered by Napoleon and was now French territory. Hence, his French first names. He was the son of Domenico Garibaldi and Maria Rosa Nicoletta Raimondi both from the region of Liguria (northern Italy), which borders the Ligurian Sea, whose capital is Genoa. The family was involved in coastal trade, and Garibaldi became a merchant navy captain in 1832.

As a young man Garibaldi met Giuseppe Mazzini (1805-1872, Italian politician, journalist and activist) and embraced Mazzini's ideals for the unification of Italy (*Risorgimento* in Italian) since the Italian peninsula was governed by several different states, especially by the Austrian Empire and the Hapsburgs in northeastern Italy. He participated in an uprising in Piedmont and was sentenced to death. He escaped and sailed to South America where he was in self-exile for the next 14 years. He fought wars in Brazil and Uruguay, and the group of Italians fighting in Uruguay were known as the Garibaldini, or the Redshirts, because of the red shirts they wore which had become their uniform.



During Garibaldi's time in Brazil, he met Ana Maria de Jesus Ribeiro da Silva whom he married in 1842. They had 4 children together. As a skilled horsewoman, Anita, as she was known, taught him the gaucho culture of the Pampas. He soon adopted the red shirt, poncho and sombrero for which he would later become famous. Anita was often by his side during his military campaigns in South America and Italy; she died in her husband's arms carrying their fifth child as they were retreating from Comacchio (northeastern Italy on the Adriatic Sea). She is considered a Brazilian heroine, a symbol of Brazilian independence after the fall of the Brazilian Empire. In Rome, there is a statue of Anita containing her remains that portray her on a rearing horse holding her baby son close to her as she brandishes a sword in her right hand assisting Garibaldi leading his army to victory. (See picture on left. An equestrian statue with both feet raised in the air signifies the rider died in battle. One foot raised indicates the rider was wounded in battle.)

In 1848 Garibaldi returned to Italy and fought for the next few years in several military battles within Italy - Lombardy to the southern Tyrolian border with Austria, the annexations of Sicily, southern Italy, Marche, Umbria, and the Kingdom of Sardinia. On March 17, 1861, he had unified all of Italy. Today, Garibaldi is considered Italy's greatest national hero who, in his lifetime, had become the personification of national independence. He was admired, and still is, by many intellectuals and political figures, among them Abraham Lincoln, Victor Hugo, Alexandre Dumas, Charles Dickens, and Che Guevara.

Garibaldi joined Freemasonry in 1884 (age 37), being initiated in the *l'Asil de la Vertud Lodge* in Montevideo, Uruguay. However, this lodge was not recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England or Le Grand Orient de France. Later in 1884, Garibaldi normalized his position in Freemasonry by joining *Les Amis de la Patrie* in Montevideo under Le Grand Orient de France. Garibaldi wasn't too fond of Masonic ritual, but he realized Freemasonry was an international group of progressive men, and it offered political

refugees a sanctuary from repressive regimes. Later in life, Garibaldi was made the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy.

When in New York in 1850, he attended several Masonic lodges and met men who supported democracy. Antonio Meucci (1808-1889, Italian inventor and a major political figure) employed Garibaldi in his Staten Island candle factory and stayed at Meucci's cottage. Today, that cottage is on the US National Register of Historical Places and is known as the Garibaldi Memorial. From New York, Garibaldi traveled to South America where he met Italian merchant Pietro Denegri, who gave him command of his ship, *Carmen*. Garibaldi sailed to Canton, China, with side trips to Xiamen and Manila. His return to Europe was as captain of the *Commonwealth* whose destination was Newcastle, UK.

When Garibaldi finally returned to Italy in 1854, he bought half of the island of Caprera in northern Sardinia thanks to an inheritance from his brother and became a farmer. Duty, however, would call him to the Italian peninsula to continue the fight for Italian independence. By 1880 Garibaldi was ill spending time on his beloved farm. That same year he married his third wife, Francesca Armosino with whom he already had 3 children. He was 75 when he died and is buried on his farm with his last wife and some of his children.



During World War II, Mussolini ordered all Masonic references removed, including the emblems on the base of Garibaldi's monument in Rome.

A predominantly displayed bust of Garibaldi is at the outside entrance of the Old Supreme Court Chamber in the US Capitol Building in Washington, DC. The bust was carved by Giuseppe Martegana in 1888 and was a gift that same year from the members of the Italian Society of Washington, Citizens of Italian descent. (See photo on left.)

A statue of Garibaldi is also in Washington Square Park, New York City. The statue and pedestal were created by Giovanni Turini (1842, Verona - 1899, USA), an Italian-American sculptor, dedicated in 1888, and is one of the early examples of public statuary in New York City. Turini served with Garibaldi during Italy's war with Austria (1866). The funds for the statue were organized by the newspaper *Il Progresso Italo-Americano* to commemorate Garibaldi's death.

How prophetic the great Italian Liberator and Unifier of Italy should be born on the Fourth of July.

Respectfully submitted,  
Br. Richard Gentile, Editor

### FAMOUS AUGUST MASONIC EVENT



As Brother Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi (a member of the Lodge Alsace-Lorraine in Paris) was creating and building his famous masterpiece in Paris, The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World, a place for the statue was needed in New York. It was General William Tecumseh Sherman who chose Bedloe's Island (today Liberty Island) in New York Harbor at the request of Bartholdi. Congress set aside the funds, and the center of old Fort Wood, an eleven-pointed, star-shaped fort, was chosen. Work began in 1883 and it was more difficult than expected because of the bombproof masonry used to build the fort.

On August 5, 1884, the cornerstone of the pedestal was laid with ceremony



by William A. Brodie, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. Ever since George Washington laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol, it has been an American tradition to have a ceremony when laying the cornerstone of significant public and private buildings.

The ceremony was attended by fellow Grand Lodge of New York members, military officers, and representative of the United States and French governments. Less than a year after laying the cornerstone, the pedestal was completed and today remains one of the heaviest pieces of masonry ever built, reaching 89 feet above its foundation.

The statue was dedicated on October 28, 1886, in a ceremony led by President Grover Cleveland. Freemason Chauncey Depew, a United States Senator, provided the primary address for the service. For Freemasons across the globe, the Statue of Liberty remains a source of pride that our Brethren were instrumental in creating this masterpiece. Without the ingenuity, dedication, loyalty, and brilliance of countless Brethren in France and the United States, the emblem would not be standing in New York Harbor today.

The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France to the United States to celebrate America's 100th anniversary as a nation. However, because of the Franco-Prussian war, its completion and dedication were delayed. The Statue of Liberty was designated a United States National Monument by President Calvin Coolidge on October 15, 1924, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984, and was placed on the United States National Register of Historic Places on September 14, 2017. It is also on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places and a designated New York City Landmark. Excerpted from *freemason.com*, with addenda.

Respectfully submitted,  
Br. Richard Gentile, Editor

*All brothers of Jephtha Lodge are encouraged to contribute articles to Masonic Moments (generally inspirational), Famous Masons (the same birth month as the month's publication) and Historic Masonic Events or Historic Masonic Publications (the same event month or original publication date as the month's publication). Kindly submit articles to the Communications Committee: Br. Bill Fenty III (wfenty@gmail.com) and Br. Richard Gentile (rg.jlnews@aol.com) by the 15th of the month for publication the following month. If you have any questions, kindly contact the two brothers above.*

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June 2022 - June 2023

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**ACTIVE JEPHTHA LODGE COMMITTEES AND FUNDS**

**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 Fenty Jr,  
Br. Bill Friedman, Br. Luke LoPorto*

**ARTWORK COMMITTEE**

To design and produce distinctive artwork for Jephtha Lodge.

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

**BAR AND LIBATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

Committeemen prepare and serve drinks when appropriate.

*Br. Paul Levy, Chairman; Br. Drew MacCallum, Br. Gunnar Herbert, Br. Kenneth J. Siesener*

**BROTHERS, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS COMMITTEE**

To attend to elderly Masons and their needs through frequent phone calls and appropriate action. To communicate with deceased Brother's widows to ensure their continued well-being, and to offer appropriate relief to Brothers, widows and orphans who are ill or in distress.

*Br. William Fenty III, Chairman; Br. Drew McCallum, Br. Tom Montefusco,  
Br. Gary Osarczuk, Br. Chris Tomasino*

**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. Bill Fenty III, Chairman; Br. Richard Gentile, Br. Drew MacCallum, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

**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 DSA, Chairman; Br. Syed Asad, W.: Br. Dan Bernzweig,  
W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, W.: Br. Anthony Colonna, Br. Michael Crispino Jr, Br. Mitch Goodkin,  
W.: Br. Rich Harris, Br. John A Lentinello, W.: Br. John B Lentinello DSA, Br. Tim TenClay*

**EVENTS COMMITTEE**

To assist in special events: ordering supplies, cooking, setting up and clean up;  
organizing and providing entertainment.

*Br. John A. Lentinello, Chairman; Br. Geoff Cohen, W.: Br. Greg Gatto, W.: Br. Richard Harris*

**FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

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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*

### **MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND**

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

*Br. Chaz Hudak, Chairman*

### **MASONIC LAST RITES COMMITTEE**

To attend and perform funeral services for a Brother who has laid down his working tools.

*W.: Robert Previto, Chairman; W.: Br. Michael Crispino Jr, Br. William Fenty Jr, Br. Bill Friedman, Br. John A Lentinello, Br. Drew MacCallum, Br. Gary Osarczuk*

### **NORTHSTAR AND SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE**

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

*Br. Bill Friedman, Chairman; W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Br. John A Lentinello, W.: Br. John A Lentinello DSA, Br. Luke LoPorto, Br. Drew MacCallum, Br. Brian Schulbaum, Br. Timothy TenClay, Br. Chris Tomasino*

### **PAST MASTER LIAISON COMMITTEE**

To assist the present Worshipful Master as needed.

*W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Chairman*

### **PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE**

To photograph Jephtha Lodge events.

*Br. Drew MacCallum, Chairman*

### **RITUAL COMMITTEE**

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

*Br. Bill Friedman and W.: Richard Harris, Chairmen; W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, W.: Anthony Colonna, W.: Michael Crispino Jr., Br. William Fenty Jr, Br. William Fenty III, Br. John A. Lentinello, Br. Luke LoPorto, Br. John Muller, W.: Br. Robert Previto DSA*

### **SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE**

To keep all Jephtha Lodge's websites (Band, Facebook, Instagram, Masons of Jephtha, MORI, and Our Lodge Page) active, informative, up-to-date, and provide technical support as needed.

*W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Chairman; Br. Drew McCallum, W.: Br. Warren Melnick, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

### **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

To keep *Home* app, *Nest* app and *InVid Elevate* app up to date, functioning properly, and all security cameras at peak performance.

*W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Chairman; W.: Jeremiah Campbell, W.: Br. Anthony Colonna, Br. Drew McCallum, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA, Br. John Muller, Br. Walter Willems*

### **TRAVEL COMMITTEE**

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

*W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Chairman; W.: John B. Lentinello, W.: Br. Robert Previto DSA*

**TRUTH TRIANGLE AND DEMOLAY LIAISON COMMITTEE**

To coordinate Truth Triangle and DeMolay with Jephtha Lodge news and events.

*Br. Brian Schulbaum, Chairman*

**VETERANS AFFAIRS LIAISON COMMITTEE**

To organize Veterans Affairs with Jephtha Lodge information and activities.

*W.: Br. John B Lentinello DSA, Chairman*

**ACTIVE JEPHTHA LODGE APPOINTMENTS**

**LADY OF JEPHTHA LODGE**

Sr. Nancy Dowling

Wife of W.: Br. Jack Dowling DSA

**MOTHER OF JEPHTHA LODGE**

Sr. Marion Harris

Wife of the late W.: Rodney Harris DSA

***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***

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**AMERICA**

by Walt Whitman

"America's poet... He *is* America" Ezra Pound  
(1885-1972)

May 31, 1819, West Hills (Huntington), NY -  
March 26, 1892, Camden, NJ

Centre of equal daughters, equal sons,  
All, all alike endear'd, grown, ungrown, young or  
old,

Strong, ample, fair, enduring, capable, rich,  
Perennial with the Earth, with Freedom, Law and  
Love,

A grand, sane, towering, seated Mother,  
Chair'd in the adamant of Time.