

JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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Worshipful Master, Michael S Crispino Jr, summons all Brothers to attend Jephtha Lodge on September 12th for its 3,000th Stated Communication. It will be an extraordinary evening and must not be missed. See page 7 to RSVP.

A Gala Dinner on Saturday, September 17th for family and friends will continue the celebration. See page 7 to purchase ticket(s).

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



"My work is done!" That is a something a Mason can rarely say. A project may be completed, such as building improvements, a degree, or a successful charity event, but Masons never feel their work is ever done. We soon start to plan our next endeavors, challenging ourselves and our fellow Brethren.

That's where our Brotherhood is formed. It is planted during the investigation process, or even before that if you are recommended because the brother who is recommending you knows you have a true Masonic heart. Then we, as Brothers, plan events. Officers meet to ensure their accomplishment, such as the two, current building projects - refinishing the game room and refurbishing the exterior of our building, now in its infancy.

As Master of the Lodge, I had the extreme privilege this summer of seeing firsthand how to organize and see my plans put into action. When our Brethren worked together, sacrificing income or days off, taking time away from their families or their own fun, I found great pride in their accomplishments.

Planning the 3,000th Communication on September 12th, I tasked numerous Brothers with different assignments, our Commemorative Edition, the Challenge Coin, the Time Capsule and the two events themselves - the evening of the Celebration, and the Gala Dinner the following Saturday, September 17th. Every Brother rose to his task. The pride I have seen in all our work, and the plans and ideas I had, were not only improved upon with the team of Brothers I chose, but they were completed well with no stress or worry on my behalf.

In planning these events, cost must be considered. Will the Lodge lose money? That is one thing we don't want, but where is the true profit? Is it monetary? As you well know the Lodge is its members, the building

is a place we gather for our meetings, and they need to make a profit to sustain a successful Fraternity. But if a financial loss happens during an event where Masons convene, especially with our families where joy is shared, Masonic love is spread and if a monetary loss happens, it is a Masonic Profit, and there can be no better reward.

To prevent loss, there are necessary and easy measures, such as answering and stating how many guests you are bringing to an event on Invite via its website. If you are not tech savvy, let one of the Wardens or Master know directly by email or phone. At times the prices of our collations may have to be adjusted because of inflation.

Although summer is ending, which is my favorite season thanks to my childhood memories and being relieved of the pressures of school, until I got my first job at 14 where I worked 4 days a week, 12 hours a day. Even then, I loved summer. Summer to me is vacations, beaches, pools, the laughter of my daughter and her friends relaxing on vacation, late sunsets, and BBQs. There is nothing more comforting than reading a book at the beach or listening to Yacht Rock Radio as you relax in your yard. As all good things come to an end and Masonry picks up at summer's end as the Masonic Year commences. However, Masonry didn't stop entirely this summer since there were numerous officers' meetings, the new game room was finished, planning the exterior renovation of our building was done, and the most important this Masonic Year, preparing for our 3,000th Communication. With that being said, what used to be a sad moment as September approached, is now a joyous one. I hope your summer was a good one and you shared a lot of joy with your family, as I did. Let's enjoy the best Masonic Year possible, and, as I have always mentioned, please reach out to our officers or me if you have any concerns, ideas or questions.

I posted our Trestleboard for the month further in this newsletter. Please try to make as many meetings and events as you can. And always remember, every sunrise will have a sunset, and every sunset will have a sunrise. It's now up to you to rise to become the best Mason you can be.

In closing, my Brothers and I wish our Jewish Brethren a joyous Rosh Hashanah as they begin the New Year.

Enjoy a safe and happy Labor Day.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
W.: Michael S Crispino Jr

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



My Dear Brothers,

Grammar. We know it's part of the seven Liberal Arts and Sciences but who really pays attention to it? Do words really matter? They do.

I want to be a good man and Mason. We have been saying it incorrectly, and it's wrong. "To be" is the fundamental verb used to indicate the existence of an entity (person, object, abstraction) or to relate an entity to its qualities or characteristics. While a verb, it does not clearly denote action. It denotes existence. You exist as a Mason, so therefore are you a better man? No.

So, then what should we say? I want to BECOME a better man and Mason. Become is still a verb, but now it denotes an important characteristic - CHANGE. You must change to become a better man and Mason.

John F. Kennedy on his Inauguration on January 20th, 1961, gave us a clue as to how we become better men and Masons. In this famous Inaugural Speech, Kennedy challenged all Americans, "Ask not, what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country". This simple phrase tells us that we're not "to be" a great country but we had to "become" a great country. It doesn't happen by simple existence. It takes work, effort, and ultimately change.

My Brothers, you are not required to be an active participant. You can always be a "side liner". For those unfamiliar with this term, it's a term used for Brothers who come to meetings but do not get directly involved. You are there "to be" a Mason. Life can be difficult. There is so much competing for the precious time we have. Work, Family, all our various activities. It's challenging. The key is you must decide for yourself where your priorities lie.

However, if you want things to be better. If you want a stronger lodge, deeper connections, a richer belonging, you must find a way to become involved. There are so many ways. See what you think needs to change, and volunteer to do it.

To quote Arleen Lorrance, a high school teacher at the Thomas Jefferson School in Brooklyn, NY, that was experiencing difficult times, plagued by poverty and violence, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

Becoming a better man and Mason, does not just happen. It is not some mystical knowledge bestowed on you in a Degree. It is a call to action. Become that better man and Mason. Do not simply exist. Change.

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

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

Masonry is like a boy filled with imagination who just learned to read and enters a grand library with his father for the first time, stopped in his tracks staring at all the wonderful books and adventures in which to get lost. What I encourage you to do, old and new brothers alike, is to explore Masonry. It is complex and there is always something to do and learn, whether you have a knack for cooking, party planning, ritual and acting, reading or exploring all the great Masonic concordant bodies, be they the internal reflection of the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, Shriners, Royal Arch, or any of the others. Use this opportunity as the new Masonic year dawns here in September 2022 to fulfill everything you have been missing and enjoy everything that Masonry offers.

To the Brothers who have not come down to the lodge in a while, we welcome you back with open arms and look forward to welcoming you again, introducing you to all our new Brothers and the exciting events we have planned this year. We hope to see every Brother in the Lodge to celebrate the 3,000th Tiled Communication on September 12th, and the 3,000th Gala Celebration on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

Till then, always be cautious and use your Masonic fortitude.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
John A Lentinello, Junior Warden

GREETINGS FROM THE CORNER DESK



Dear Brothers,

I recently spent the night in Mason City, Iowa. Considering that the town's former names include "Shibboleth," "Masonic Grove," and "Masonville," I figured it might have an interesting little Masonic community or at least a lovely historic building. Thanks to my phone, I easily found the building, but no Masons were anywhere to be found.

What I found, instead, was a small group of tired bicycle riders who had finished the day's 105-mile ride and decided to camp out on the shaded steps to enjoy a few adult beverages. When I stopped to take a picture, one of them hollered over (as he seemed to have been doing all evening): Hey! Can I interest you in committing yourself to a lifestyle of Freemasonry?

I made some comment about already being a Mason, which brought hearty guffaws from his friends who raised their beverages in honor of the unexpected punchline, and we all went on our way.

Thinking back on the exchange, it struck me that his joke was unintentionally on point – Freemasonry *is* a lifestyle.

Our degrees are beautiful; our meetings can be wonderful; our meals are often delicious, and our activities are usually enjoyable, but they're not really the *purpose* of the Craft. They are all tools and resources Masonry offers to help us *live* better – to *become* better.

How we use those tools and resources changes over time. We all go through seasons when we're able to be more involved in Lodge activities and others when we're rarely present. Over the years and decades, there will be times when we can take on extra responsibilities and others when we don't have the ability or the margin to do much at all. That's the way it should be - that's the nature of a *lifestyle*.

As we embark on a new Masonic season here at Jephtha, let me gently encourage you to ask yourself what Masonry may look like for you this year? Do you have a bit of extra time to put into the lodge? Do you need some extra support from the brethren? How may the "Masonic lifestyle" look different for you this year than last year or the year before?

Let us know!

Grace and peace,

R.: W.: Tim TenClay, Secretary

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Br Eric P Bencivenga
Br Edward Carlson
W.: Gregory T Gatto
W.: Kenneth H Gusovius
Br William R Habermaas

W.: Richard A Harris
Br Anthony S Kalabacas
Br Robert J MacKenzie
Br Sauman Mohammadi
Br Nicholas Russotto

Br Jake N Schmiegelski
W.: Andrew D Taggart
Br Todd L Zimmerman

RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON IN SEPTEMBER

W.: Paul F Giraldi

W.: Andrew D Taggart

Br Walter Willems

REMINDERS

The beginning of the new Masonic year is a good time for your annual physical. Brothers over 50 should make sure their exams include a Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) Test. It could save your life.

Every Brother, his partner and his loved ones should have a Will, Power of Attorney and Health Care Proxy no matter how young you may be. Without these legal instruments you will be totally powerless when they are most needed. A Brother cannot speak for his partner without them, no matter how long you have been in a relationship... or your beloved child(ren) or your loving parents. To lay down your working tools intestate can become a nightmare since New York State will manage your estate. As you know, the wheels of government move very slowly, and a settlement could not only be time consuming but also very costly. (If you also create a trust, your will avoids probate.)

It's easier and less costly to be proactive than reactive!

KEEPING IN TOUCH



BAND (Jephtha): <https://band.us/band/77740271>



FACEBOOK: Jephtha Lodge No. 494



INSTAGRAM: Jephtha 494



MASONS OF JEPHTHA #494: <https://www.jephtha.com>



OUR LODGE PAGE (Jephtha): <https://494-ny.ourlodgepage.com>

WIKIPEDIA

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



GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: nymasons.org/site



SEPTEMBER 2022

Saturday September 10 7-11:30 PM Jephtha Secretary's First Annual Chili Cookoff
Family and friends are welcome.

See page 6 for details.

Monday September 12 7-11 PM Jephtha Lodge's 3,000th Stated Communication
6 PM Opening of Lodge by Jephtha Officers

See page 7 to RSVP.

Saturday September 17 5-11 PM 3,000th Communication Gala Dinner
See page 7 to purchase tickets.

Tuesday September 20 7 PM Officers' Meeting, via Zoom

Thursday September 22

DD Visit, Star of the East Lodge,
350 Main Street, Amagansett, NY 11930

Weekend September 24 & 25

Renaissance Faire, Contact W.: Rich Harris

Monday September 26 7 PM

Special Communication, Trustees' Reports, Light Fare

Tuesday September 27

DD Visit, Alcyone Lodge
162 Main Street, Northport, NY 11768

Jephtha Secretary's
***First Annual
Chili Cookoff!***
September 10, 2022
7:00-finished.



This is a family and friends event – come and kick off
the new season with an evening of relaxed fellowship
with the best people and the best chili around!

Basic chili accoutrements will be provided (crackers, etc.)

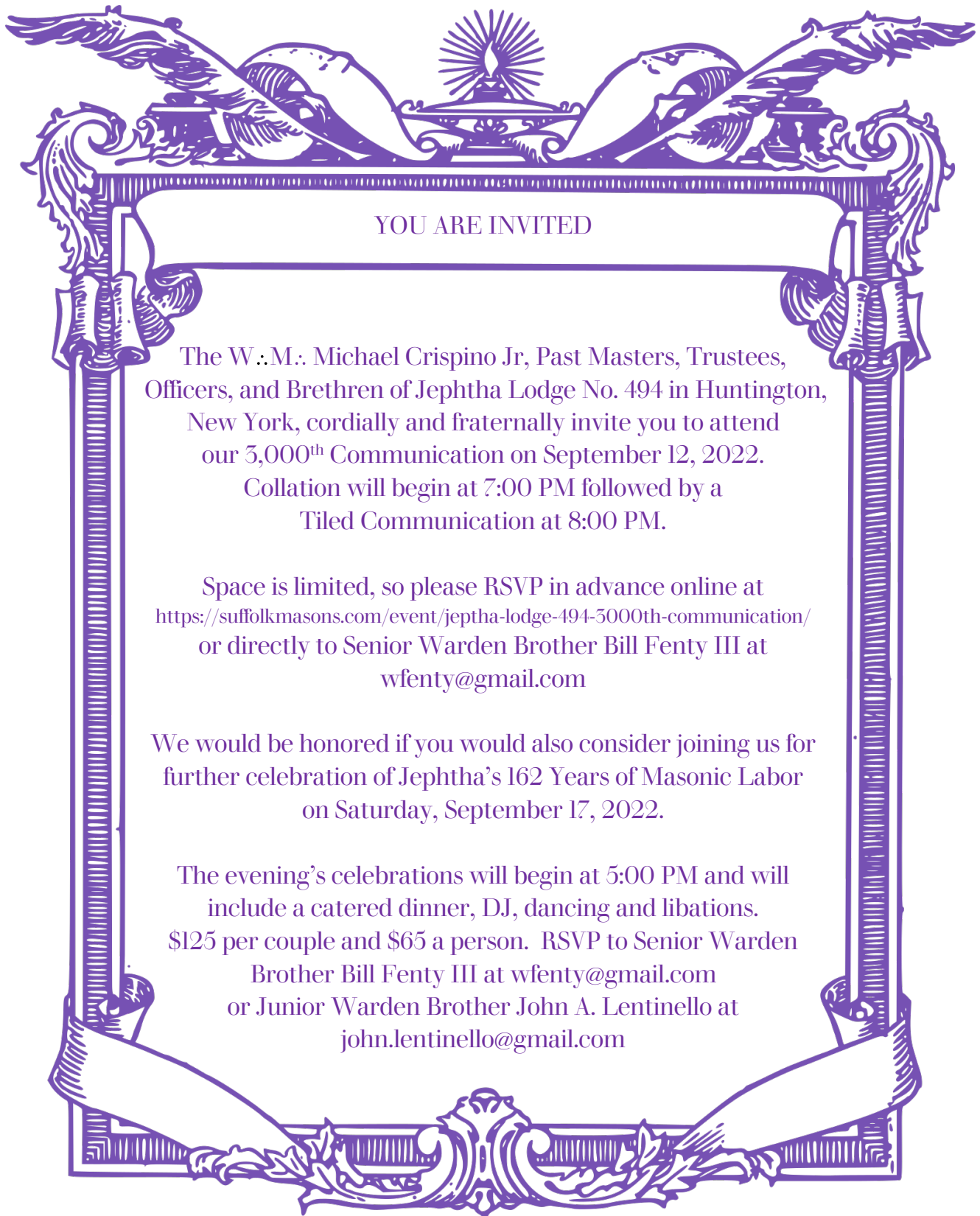
Drinks not provided (but the bar will be open)

\$5/person or \$10/family

If you bring a chili, your family is free
and you will be eligible to win this year's trophy!

***Please bring your chili ready to serve and in a
crock pot (the kitchen will not be available!)***

If you're bringing a chili, let the secretary (Tim) know
in advance at: teejtc@gmail.com or 516-710-2406.



YOU ARE INVITED

The W.:M.: Michael Crispino Jr, Past Masters, Trustees, Officers, and Brethren of Jephtha Lodge No. 494 in Huntington, New York, cordially and fraternally invite you to attend our 3,000th Communication on September 12, 2022.

Collation will begin at 7:00 PM followed by a Tiled Communication at 8:00 PM.

Space is limited, so please RSVP in advance online at <https://suffolkmasons.com/event/jephtha-lodge-494-3000th-communication/> or directly to Senior Warden Brother Bill Fenty III at wfenty@gmail.com

We would be honored if you would also consider joining us for further celebration of Jephtha's 162 Years of Masonic Labor on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

The evening's celebrations will begin at 5:00 PM and will include a catered dinner, DJ, dancing and libations. \$125 per couple and \$65 a person. RSVP to Senior Warden Brother Bill Fenty III at wfenty@gmail.com or Junior Warden Brother John A. Lentinello at john.lentinello@gmail.com

MASONIC MOMENT

As our new Masonic Year begins, we Brothers of Jephtha Lodge
should always remember the following:

Feed the Hungry

Give Drink to the Thirsty

Clothe the Naked

Shelter the Homeless

Visit the Sick

Minister to the Imprisoned

Bury the Dead

The Seven Corporal Works Of Mercy
Matthew 25: 31-46

Respectfully submitted.
Br. Richard Gentile, Editor

FAMOUS SEPTEMBER MASON

WILLIAM T. KERR
The Father of Flag Day

September 15, 1868, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - June 30, 1953, Yeadon, Pennsylvania

Brother William is known as "The Father of Flag Day." He founded the American Flag Day Association and served as its president for fifty years (1889-1939). Brother Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, signed the Act of Congress that officially designated June 14th as Flag Day, with Kerr by his side, on August 3, 1949. Kerr, a Master Mason and Knight Templar, was 80 years old and in poor health when he traveled from Yeadon, Pennsylvania to witness the signing in Washington, DC. Kerr and other Masons had appealed for more than half a century to United States Presidents from McKinley (President, 1897-1901) to Truman (President, 1945-1953) for a special day to honor the American Flag.

Flag day also celebrates when the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution of June 14, 1777, "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing the new Constellation."

The flag was first carried into battle at the Battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777, and first seen abroad on February 14, 1778, when the *Ranger*, under the command of Captain John Paul Jones, arrived in a French port. The flag first flew over a foreign territory when the Americans captured a British fort in Nassau, Bahamas, in early 1778.

Respectfully submitted.
Br. Richard Gentile, Editor

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OFFICERS

June 2022 - June 2023

Worshipful Master	W.: Michael Crispino	Junior Steward	Br Douglas Henningsen
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ACTIVE JEPHTHA LODGE COMMITTEES AND FUNDS

APPAREL COMMITTEE

To maintain, clean and ready all Masonic apparel for immediate use.
*Br William Fenty Jr, Chairman, Br Charles Brady, W.: Anthony Colonna, Br William Fenty Jr,
Br William Friedman, Br Luke LoPorto*

ARTWORK COMMITTEE

To design and produce distinctive artwork for Jephtha Lodge.
*Br Luke LoPorto, Chairman; Br Charles Brady, Br John Hurioglu, Br John Muller,
W.: Robert Previto DSA, W.: Ronald 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 MacCallum, Br Thomas Montefusco,
Br Gary Osarczuk, Br Christopher 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 William Fenty III, Chairman; Br Richard Gentile, Br Drew MacCallum, W.: Ronald 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.: Robert Previto DSA, Chairman; Br Syed Asad, W.: Daniel Bernzweig,

W.: Jeremiah Campbell, W.: Anthony Colonna, W.: Michael Crispino Jr, Br Mitchel Goodkin,

W.: Richard Harris, Br John A Lentinello, W.: John B Lentinello DSA, R.: W.: Timothy TenClay

EVENTS COMMITTEE

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

Br John A. Lentinello, Chairman; Br Geoffrey Cohen, W.: Gregory Gatto, W.: Richard Harris

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Br Robert Gaudioso, Chairman; W.: Michael Crispino Jr, Br William Fenty III, Br William Friedman,

W.: Richard Harris, W.: John B. Lentinello DSA, W.: Ronald Seifried DSA, Br Eric Vencivenga

HISTORIANS AND ARCHIVISTS COMMITTEE

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

W.: Ronald Seifried DSA, Chairman; Br Paul A. Vermeylen III, W.: Robert C. Wuestefeld DSA

INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

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

B. Gary Osarczuk, Chairman; Br Frank Como, Br William Fenty Jr, W.: Richard Harris,

W.: John B. Lentinello DSA, W.: Warren Melnick, Br John Muller

JEPHTHA BENEVOLENCE FUND

To generate funds to support Jephtha Brothers in need.

Br Luke LoPorto, Chairman; W.: Jeremiah Campbell, W.: Anthony Colonna,

Br William Fenty III, Br William Friedman, W.: Richard Harris

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND

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

Br Charles 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.: Michael Crispino Jr, Br William Fenty Jr,

Br William 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 William Friedman, Chairman; W.: Jeremiah Campbell, Br John A Lentinello, W.: John A Lentinello DSA,

Br Luke LoPorto, Br Drew MacCallum, Br Brian Schulbaum, R.: W.: Timothy TenClay, Br Christopher Tomasino

PAST MASTER LIAISON COMMITTEE

To assist the present Worshipful Master as needed.

W.: 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 William Friedman and W.: Richard Harris, Chairmen; W.: 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.: 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.: Jeremiah Campbell, Chairman; Br Drew McCallum, W.: Warren Melnick, W.: Ronald 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.: Warren Melnick, Chairman; W.: Jeremiah Campbell, W.: Anthony Colonna, Br Drew McCallum, W.: Ronald Seifried DSA, Br John Muller, Br Walter Willems

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

W.: Warren Melnick, Chairman; W.: John B. Lentinello DSA, W.: 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.: John B Lentinello DSA, Chairman

ACTIVE JEPHTHA LODGE APPOINTMENTS

LADY OF JEPHTHA LODGE

Sr Nancy Dowling

Wife of W.: John "Jack" Dowling DSA

MOTHER OF JEPHTHA LODGE

Sr Marion Harris

Wife of the late W.: Rodney Harris

***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

JEPHTHASECRETARY@GMAIL.COM

516.710.2406

YOUR NAME WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE PROPER CHAIRMAN.