

# JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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## HAPPY OCTOBER FROM THE EAST



My Dear Brothers,

Thank you all for a successful September. We are now on our way to the 4,000<sup>th</sup> Communication, and although September was a powerful, Masonic month for Jephtha, we have a lot more events, meetings and Brotherhood ahead of us.

If you have children or know of any who want to have a positive journey in their childhood, please suggest DeMolay or the Organization of Triangles to them, as both these organizations are enlightening, educational experiences for any child. I have witnessed numerous degrees and their installations are a joy to behold.

We are scheduled for an Entered Apprentice Degree on November 28<sup>th</sup>, and all petitions are due by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Once read, they will be sent to the Investigations Committee and then voted upon at the November communication.

A new concept the Suffolk Masons want to begin is the Traveling Trowel. Each Brother who attends a DD visit will be counted and the lodge will receive points for each Brother's attendance. The Lodge with the most points will win the Traveling Trowel. Attending a DD visit in another Lodge is always a beautiful, Masonic experience. To make this journey easier, I suggest you join the Suffolk Masonic District on Band (<https://band.us>), a site that has the calendar of the Suffolk District Lodges and Jephtha's trestleboard.

Early fall in October brings us to apple and pumpkin picking, falling leaves signaling nature preparing for winter, cooler weather and Halloween. As I write this on September 24<sup>th</sup> a heavy jacket is needed, but two days ago I was splashing in my pool.

I'd like to talk about a subject that is always discussed, and most Lodges share, our Spiritual Guests who come to visit unexpectedly. Occasionally when we are alone in the Lodge, I have had numerous encounters, and I know they are Brothers of Jephtha visiting from the afterlife. Yes, they are supposed to be friendly, however, friendly or not, even if it is Casper, I find it terrifying and chilling.

They are mischievous! I know one "guest" is a past trustee because of incidents with the sink running, and when approached, it stops. I saw lights on inside the Lodge from the back parking lot, lights I know I turned off since I was the last one to leave. If the Lodge were linked to a smart device, this would not be a concern since we would be able to remotely shut off lights when the Ghostly Brothers turn them on.

Some of my personal experiences with our "guests" were when I was first Raised to the Sublime Degree

of Master Mason, and I was asked to have a role in the upcoming First Degree. I left home in Farmingdale on a beautiful June day and decided to have a nice 32 ounce tea along the ride. I was the first to arrive at the lodge and nature had taken its course. While in the restroom, I heard numerous brothers upstairs chatting, and as I walked up the stairs the chatting was getting louder. As soon as I approached the Tiler's chair, the chatting stopped. I then realized I was the only one in the building. As you know, there are two flights of steps with about 20 stairs each. It took me 3 jumps and it was possibly the quickest anyone has ever exited the Lodge! When the other Brothers arrived, I told them what had happened. Some said, "Don't you know we have visitors?" Others thought I was joking until we were in the meeting room practicing and a chair moved on its own to the middle of the floor. All saw it and I said to the two Brothers who doubted me, "Now you believe me?" After a few minutes, another chair next to us started to move up and down. They became believers!

As Junior Warden I learned some of my predecessors accepted seeing our Ghostly Brothers while sitting in this officer's chair. One evening, I was prepping for a lobster night in the kitchen with our stewards and Chef Geoff Cohen when I saw someone walk into the collation room. When I went to see who it was with our stewards, Geoff said it was nobody, it was Otto. I asked, "Who is Otto?" He said he is my ghost friend and I see him all the time. Sure enough, it was Otto!

Another ghostly incident happened recently at our last officers' meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> when we were all in discussion on one of the topics at hand in the collation room. I paused the meeting when two of our officers entered the kitchen because the ghost was there. The dishwasher had gone off by itself.

After speaking with numerous Brothers and our Truth Triangle Sisters, who have had sleepovers at the Lodge, I decided this would be my October article. I look forward to reading about our Sisters' experiences!

There may be a scientific explanation to all of this, but I doubt it. I know one thing; in the future I will be joining these "guests" at the Lodge after I lay down my working tools. So, in the future, if any Brother is reading this and you witness a paranormal experience, it just may be me saying, "Hi!"

To our Jewish Brethren, on behalf of all our Jephtha Brothers, we wish you a good Holy Day on Yom Kippur.

To all, a Happy Halloween.

Always remember to start your day as an Entered Apprentice and finish it as a Master Mason.

As a Brotherly reminder, the **primary forms of correspondence** pertaining to the Lodge will be through **email, robocalls** and this **newsletter**. If you haven't received any of these, please contact me directly (mrunderdog22@aol.com). Secondary forms of communication for Jephtha Lodge and the district are Facebook, Band, and Our Lodge Page (OLP).

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
W. M. Michael S Crispino Jr

### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Greetings My Brothers,

In October, we begin a few important lodge activities:

First, as we are drawing close to the end of our 2021-2022 fiscal year in November. December first starts



the new fiscal year, 2022-2023. We will be required to pay our per capita to the Grand Lodge for all our active members. We have reviewed our accounting of dues and there is an alarming number of brothers who are on record for not yet paying for this Masonic year, 2021-2022. I will be working with a select number of Brothers to reach out to see if there is some special need or reason why dues have not been paid. This includes the real potential that our records are incomplete. Please, do not be offended if we reach out to you and discover it is a simple accounting mistake. We are not accusing anyone of not taking care of his responsibilities. We just want to make sure that our Brothers are well and that our accounts are updated correctly. If it were a mere oversight on your behalf, we just ask you attend to it as soon as reasonably possible.

We do have a responsibility according to our by-laws to collect dues, and if any be due for 2 years or more, we follow the process outlined for moving a brother to a Non-Payment of Dues status (NPD). I would like to assure everyone this is not going to happen without several attempts to first communicate verbally. If a brother cannot pay dues because of financial hardship but is otherwise an active, contributing Brother, we have other means of making sure this is taken care of without moving a Brother to NPD. This process will be followed with the utmost discretion and care.

We also believe we have several brothers who may have passed since COVID and the Lodge and/or brethren may not have been notified. We will research further, but at some point, we will need to move them to a deceased status. We will also make sure we make the appropriate notifications in lodge with draping of the alter to reflect the loss of our dear Brothers.

Second, with winter approaching, we are going to start the process of contacting our widows. We want to remind them we have not forgotten our Brothers who have laid down their working tools, nor have we forgotten their widows and orphans. My committee will reach out to our widows throughout the Masonic year. One of the concerns, however, is this again depends on the accuracy of our data. Very often, spouses are not listed in the database which makes it very difficult for us to reach out to widows if we don't know they exist. I will be running a data update request to our brothers to check the records we have, and if it is incomplete, please update information such as phone numbers, emails, addresses and, of course, spouses.

Finally, in October, we will begin our food and coat drive. Normally we do this in November, but we have discovered the need is actually earlier in the year than we had previously believed. Coats and food donations are requested by the Helping Hand Rescue Mission in early November, so that it has the time to sort, group and distribute their collections. This year, we will be asking Brothers to bring food and clothing in October for distribution in early November. If you have donations, you can begin bringing them to the Lodge now. Thank you.

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

### GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

My Dear Brothers,

A man is walking through a small town and sees a sign that says, UNUSUAL BREAKFAST IS OUR SPECIALTY, SERVED HERE DAILY. The man is hungry and curious, so he goes into the diner and sits down.



The waitress comes over and asks, "What would you like to order?"

He asks, "What is an unusual breakfast?"

The waitress responds, "Our specialty is deep fried chicken tongue."

The man is shocked and appalled, and responds, "I would never eat anything so disgusting as to come from a chicken's mouth. Do you know how dirty a chicken's mouth is?"

So, the waitress asks, "Ok sir, what else would you like to order then?"

The man responds, "Two soft boiled eggs." The waitress walks away laughing.

I forgot where I was recently when I heard this joke and thought it apropos considering the Junior Warden oversees food for the Stated Communications. Brothers, now that fall is here, simply enjoy it. The farms, the fresh produce, vegetables, fruits, from apple picking to tomatoes ripe off the vine...enjoy the harvest season in good health and remember that wine should be drunk in good health with good friends, family or loved ones.

Moreover, lets reflect now that our great Jephtha Lodge has celebrated its 3,000th Communication, a mark not to be taken lightly. I hope, my Brothers, we will be able to enjoy many more communications together and may the youngest of our Brothers look forward to making history at their 4,000<sup>th</sup> communication. (It may be a good idea for the Trustees to keep the chairlift in good working now for when those 50+ years come about!)

Fire pits with loved ones, college football, and the return of hockey season and Masonry ...what can be better? Let's celebrate together in good health, my Brothers.

Your Junior Warden and Brother,  
John A Lentinello

### GREETINGS FROM THE CORNER DESK



There's a whole stream of research and thought in church leadership called "Church Size Theory." Obviously, there's no need to go into great detail, but the concept is simple: different sized churches function differently and require different types of structures and leadership. There are a number of size designations, but one of them refers to Family Churches (under 75 people), Pastoral Churches (75-140), Transitional Sized Churches (141-224), Program Sized Churches (225-800), and Resourced Sized (or Mega) Churches (800+).

Of all the size categories, "Transitional Sized" congregations are the hardest to lead and hardest to keep healthy. They're not big enough (and rarely have the resources) for extra paid staff. They're not small enough to be run organically and in a "family" way. They struggle with inclusion, communication, and understanding. Those who were "in charge" when the organization was smaller don't have the control or influence they used to have; decisions cannot be made in the ways they were previously made, and relationships inevitably end up being more focused on small groups of individuals rather than the whole.

In my experience, few churches stay or thrive at this size. Either they blow up (negatively) and shrink to a smaller category (where they can return to doing things "as they've always been done"), or they blow up (positively) and develop a structure that includes professional staffing.

To be clear: Masonic lodges are not churches and Masonry is not a religion. I don't think the theory can be applied unreservedly to the Craft, but it's not hard to notice that we run into some of the same complications. Jephtha, after all, has 155 members – we are solidly “Transitional Sized.”

I am not suggesting that we are fated to “blow up” (negatively or positively), but I have increasingly found myself noting that to *thrive* (rather than merely survive) as a lodge of 155 takes an immense amount of intentional work, patience, and grace, from *all* of us.

Unlike a lodge of 25 or even 50, “the line” can't do everything that has to be done, yet obviously we can't hire staff to do it all for us. Relationships, decisions, communication, inclusion – all of these have to be done differently (and more intentionally) than in a smaller organization.

We are not left without tools, however. Indeed, the *working tools* we are taught throughout our degrees are of fundamental importance not just for our own personal growth but for the well-being of our Lodge as a whole. May I also suggest that the *Three Great Lights* provide us with wisdom, one Volume of Sacred Law gives this advice: love one another with mutual affection (φιλαδελφία - “brotherly love”); outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve God.... Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

While these words were originally written to the first century Christian church in Rome, let me humbly suggest they are equally-as-applicable to the 21<sup>st</sup> century Bethren of Jephtha.

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

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November 5th, 5 PM at Jephtha Lodge  
Contact Rich Harris to help at [harris2dog@verizon.net](mailto:harris2dog@verizon.net)

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### **MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS IN HUNTINGTON VILLAGE NO LONGER FREE**

According to the front page article of *The Long Islander*, September 22, 2022, parking in most municipal lots in Huntington will no longer be free beginning January 2023.

The idea is to encourage employees and long term parkers "to park further from the core of the village by charging in most heavily used lots and maintaining free parking in more distant lots. The town will begin charging \$1 an hour for parking in the municipal lots on Gerard, New, Elm and High Streets and New York Avenue just north of Route 25A. Parking will remain free in the upper Elm Street lot, in the municipal lot between the Huntington Hotel and the Elks Lodge, and the large lot across from St. Patrick's Church."



As you already know, most of us park in the Elm Street lot. The upper Elm Street lot is rather small, as is the lot between the Huntington Hotel and the Elks Lodge.

Parking will be paid with the Passport Parking app on smart phones. It is projected these new fees will bring in \$1.9 million in 2023 compared to \$750,000 in 2022.

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John T Dowling  
Michael A Foresto

Charles F Hudak  
Mikel Nazarowitz  
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Ernest Savaglio  
Stephen Schenker  
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### RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON IN OCTOBER

Per U Dobler  
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### OCTOBER 2022

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| Thursday        | October        | 6        | 8:00 PM-11:00 PM | DD Visit, Wamponamon Lodge N <sup>o</sup> . 437,<br>200 Main Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963 |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>October</b> | <b>8</b> |                  | <b>Coat and Food Drive begins at Jephtha Lodge</b>  |
| Sunday          | October        | 9        | 3 PM             | DeMolay Degree, Riverhead Lodge   |

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| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>October</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>8:00 PM-11:00 PM</b>  | <b>Stated Communication, Financial Report and Masonic Education (Masonry in the Philippines, presented by Br Bill Friedman), Jephtha Lodge</b> |
| Thursday        | October         | 13        | 8:00 PM-11:00PM          | DD Visit, The Lodge of Antiquity N <sup>o</sup> 11, 1900 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY 11717   |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>October</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>10:00 AM-12:00 PM</b> | <b>Jephtha Lodge Cemetery Cleanup, The Old Burial Ground, Main Street &amp; Nassau Road, Huntington Village</b>                                |
| Monday          | October         | 17        | 8:00 PM-11:00 PM         | DD Visit, Old Town Lodge N <sup>o</sup> 908<br>40 Main Street, Southampton, NY 11968   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>October</b>  | <b>18</b> | <b>7:00 PM-8:00 PM</b>   | <b>Jephtha Officers' Meeting via Zoom</b>  |
| Friday          | October         | 21        | 7:30 PM                  | Truth Triangle Fall Festival at Jephtha Lodge  |
| Sunday          | October         | 23        | TBD                      | DeMolay Halloween Event  |
| Monday          | October         | 24        | No Communication         | Visiting Connetquot Lodge N <sup>o</sup> 838 for their DD Visit<br>85 North Main Street, Sayville, NY 11782                                    |
| Sunday          | October         | 30        | TBD                      | Long Island United Masonic Youth Prospect Zombie Event   |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>November</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>5 PM</b>              | <b>Oktoberfest at Jephtha Lodge</b>  |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>November</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>TBD</b>               | <b>Food Drive, Jephtha Lodge</b>   |

**ALL OFFICERS' ARTICLES AND FEATURE ARTICLES FOR THE JEPHTHA NEWSLETTER ARE DUE ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> OF EACH MONTH.**

### ORGANIZATION OF TRIANGLES

The end of July was Organization of Triangles Leadership weekend in Old Forge, New York, a statewide camping trip. The event is a great time for local chapter members to meet their sisters from all around the state of New York with plenty of fun events, practices in the woods with good company, good food and smores by the campfire.

In the beginning of August, Truth Triangle #31 had its weekend long, garage-sale-fundraiser to raise funds for its state convention next year and for Island Harvest, the charity Queen Lilyonna choose for her term. Island Harvest is a food bank that has been leading the hunger-relief efforts on Long Island since 1992. It was extremely hot that weekend, but the girls persisted and had a successful fundraiser.

OOTNY Advisor,  
Brian Schulbaum

### DeMOLAY

Mid-August was the DeMolay Convention at Camp Turk, a Masonic Camp on over 1500 acres in Woodgate, New York. Beside the beautiful scenery, the DeMolay Brothers had all sorts of fun, participated in educational events and completed state level proficiencies required to better themselves on their journey through DeMolay. Accompanied by good food, comradeship, state elections and installations, this is a yearly event and always on a DeMolay's list to attend. It never disappoints.

September 11<sup>th</sup> was not only a day of remembrance but the Mid Atlantic Tournament Of Champions competition (MATOC) in Gettysburg, PA, consisting of DeMolays from VA, MD, DE, NJ, PA, WV and NY. Last year (2021), Br Tristan Schulbaum from Knights of Antiquity DeMolay in Riverhead was the only New Yorker to represent his state winning the specific ritual category of Rookie of the Year. He was the first New Yorker to win the category since 1998. This year Br Tristan wanted to bring a team of New York DeMolays to MATOC to compete in both group and individual ritual competitions. Tristan won before even getting to MATOC by having three other NY DeMolays from around the state meet him there and thus achieving his goal.

Brother Austin Altman, Brother Gavin Johnson, Brother Raven Santos, and Brother Tristan Schulbaum competed in two different categories as a ritual team and took first place winning the Preceptor category, a first time win for New York. The Team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in 9 O'Clock category, an historic placement for NY DeMolay. Br Austin won his individual Flower Talk category, the first New Yorker to do so. Br Tristan won his individual Ceremony of Light category and is the first New Yorker since 2003 to win. Br Gavin also placed 2nd in his individual category. All together the four Brothers won three out of five categories. Congratulations Brothers!

NY DeMolay Advisor,  
Brian "Dad" Schulbaum

### **MASONIC MOMENT**

#### **MUSIC FOR OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM**

John Stafford Smith (1750-1836), a member of Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4, London, wrote the music which became our national anthem. Its original use is not known, but at an early date it was used by an Irish Masonic orphans' home as its song. When Francis Scott Key utilized this music for the Star Spangled Banner, it was a popular drinking song known as *To Anacreon in Heaven*.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Br Richard Gentile, Editor

### **HISTORIC OCTOBER MASONIC EVENT**

#### **THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE**

##### **Effected by Masons**

On October 20, 1803, the United States Senate ratified the treaty with France to purchase the Louisiana Territory for 15 million dollars (\$393 million in 2022), just about doubling the size of the United States. Br James Monroe, then Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to France, was instrumental in not only obtaining the Port of New Orleans, the original goal, but all of the Louisiana Territory (828,000 square miles or 530,000,000 acres). President Thomas Jefferson's long term goal was only to gain control of the Mississippi River and the Port of New Orleans, both important for supporting trade and development of the region. He sent Br James Monroe to France to assist Br Robert R Livingston in buying the Port of New Orleans since Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte needed money to fight his war with the United Kingdom. He could not afford a war on two continents - possibly defending New Orleans and in the process of losing the Haitian Revolution while his major battle was on the European Continent. (He was defeated at the Battle of Waterloo, Belgium, in 1815.)



Brs Monroe and Livingston were offered the entire Louisiana Territory by the French Treasury Minister, François Barbé-Marbois, an amazing bargain at \$18 per square mile (less than 3 cents an acre). They were flabbergasted by the offer and agreed to buy it outright since there was not enough time to notify Congress and obtain approval. There was considerable heated discussion in Congress about such an unorthodox purchase, but President Jefferson insisted on it and eventually won.

The following day after ratification, Br William C C Claiborne became the United States Commissioner of this new American Territory which stretched from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains, from the above the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico. The territory today comprises the following 15 states, whole or in part: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Wyoming, and parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada.

Before the Louisiana Purchase the United States was comprised of 17 states along the eastern portion of the country: Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts (which then included the state of Maine), New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia (which also included West Virginia). These original states comprised 864,746 square miles, or 555,357,449 acres. With the Louisiana Purchase the total landmass of the United States increased to 1,692,746 square miles or 1,083,357,440 acres. (The present landmass of the United States is 3,531,905 square miles or 2,260,419,200 acres.)

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) was the third President of the United States (1801-1809), principal author of the Declaration of Independence, Founding Father, Minister to France (1785-1789) as Minister Plenipotentiary for Negotiating Treaties of Amity and Commerce with Great Britain and other countries, lawyer, architect, philosopher, Governor of Virginia, the first Secretary of State under George Washington, and a graduate of the College of William and Mary which he entered at the age of 16. He knew Latin, Greek, was fluent in French and played the violin. When he was 76 when he founded the University of Virginia (1819) to create a university free of church influences where students could specialize in new areas not offered by other colleges. He was also the architect of its original buildings. Jefferson died on the Fourth of July, the 50th anniversary of the United States, as did his dear friend and fellow Founding Father, John Adams, second President of the United States. They died within hours of each other.

There has been quite some debate if Jefferson were a Mason or not. Some argue he was not since he never belonged to a Lodge of Freemasons. However, he attended meetings of La Loge des Neuf Soeurs (The Nine Muses Lodge) in Paris, the same lodge attended by Voltaire, Benjamin Franklin and John Paul Jones. He marched in a Masonic procession with the Widow's Son Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 60 and another with Charlottesville Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 90. His beliefs, philosophies and skill in architecture were certainly indicative of Masonic affiliation.

Br James Monroe (1758-1831) became the Fifth President of the United States (1817-1825) whose administration was made famous by the Monroe Doctrine which opposed European colonialism in the Western Hemisphere. He was a Founding Father, Governor of Virginia, member of the United States Senate, United States ambassador to France and Britain, seventh Secretary of State and the eighth Secretary of War. He was a graduate of the College of William and Mary. He became an Entered Apprentice in the Williamsburg Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 6 in Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 9, 1775. There is no record of him taking any further degrees beyond the first.

Br Robert R Livingston (1746-1813), descendent of the Van Rensselaers and Schuylers, prominent New York families, was an American lawyer, politician, diplomat (the first United States Secretary of Foreign Affairs), and Founding Father of the United States, one of the five who drafted the Declaration of Independence with Jefferson, Franklin, Adams and Sherman. He was called "The Chancellor" for holding

the highest judicial office in New York State for 25 years, comparable to today's Chief Justice, and as such, he administered the Presidential Oath of Office in New York City to George Washington in 1789. He was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York (1874-1801), and its library is named in his honor. He was a graduate of King's College, known today as Columbia University, the oldest institution of higher learning in New York State.

Br William Charles Cole Claiborne (1773-1817) was an American politician who is best known as the first non-colonial Governor of Louisiana. He was appointed Governor of the Territory of Orleans (1803-1812) by Thomas Jefferson and became the first governor of the State of Louisiana (1812-1816). He served a total of as 13 years (1803-1816) from the colonial period through early statehood. The longest street in New Orleans, Claiborne Avenue, is named in his honor. He was a member of the Holston Lodge N° 33 in Tennessee and the Perfect Union Lodge N° 29 in New Orleans. Claiborne studied at the College of William and Mary.

As the first governor he replaced the eagle with the pelican on the seal of Louisiana, which is also seen on today's flag. There is some discussion as to why he chose the pelican, but it is also an emblem of the Masonic degree of Knight Rose Croix, 18th degree of the Scottish Rite, known as the Knight of the Eagle and Pelican. The pelican pierces its own breast to feed its young which is so noted on the Louisiana flag.

When René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle (1643-1687), French explorer and fur trader, claimed the territory at the delta of the Mississippi River (1682) in honor of Louis XIV, King of France, he named it La Louisiane.

La Nouvelle-Orléans, New Orleans, was named in honor of Philippe II, Duke of Orléans, who was Louis XV's regent from 1715-1723. New Orleans quickly developed into an extremely rich and important port (cotton exports to Europe, importing goods more profitably from abroad and the East Coast, wheat and corn to other American ports), and today is still considered the commercial and economic center of the Gulf Coast region of the United States (raw and processed agricultural products, chemicals, fabricated metals, textiles, tobacco, paperboard, petroleum and petroleum products).

Respectfully submitted,  
Br Richard Gentile, Editor

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June 2022 - June 2023

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Br Stephen Schenker

### JUNIOR TRUSTEES

Br Douglas Henningsen      Br John Muller  
Br Robert Wedderburn

## 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 McCallum, 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, setting 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 Gaudio, 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.

*Br 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.

*To Be Assigned*

### **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*

### **TRAVEL COMMITTEE**

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.**

