

JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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HAPPY NOVEMBER FROM THE EAST



Greetings my Brothers,

Thanksgiving is a day for spending time with our families, watching football, eating, and cheating on our diets. For me, it's even more special because the next day my daughter and I set up our almost 200 piece Christmas village which will be displayed on Facebook. But most importantly, it's a time for all of us to be thankful for our Veterans, for the ultimate sacrifice they made, and the risks active servicemen are now willing to make to ensure our freedom, protect our families as they tuck us in every night while they stand guard in the cold.

What better way to show thanks than by making sure our Veterans are well fed, the wonderful gift of food. We have a planned food drive in front of Stop and Shop, 3126 Jericho Turnpike, East Northport (11731), on November 13th, 10 AM-2 PM, in the hope of improving on our successful food drives in the years past.

I, like many of us, have a lot for which to be thankful. Thanksgiving is not just about eating, football and getting prepared for the Holidays, it's about being thankful for all that we have received:

First, I would like to thank God for giving us this beautiful Universe,

I would like to thank my parents for giving me life, and for the skills, lessons and their love for me to lead a comfortable and happy life,

I would like to thank my beautiful wife, Miranda, for giving me her future, and the best life possible,

I would like to thank my beautiful daughter for giving me the greatest reason to live, being her Daddy,

I would like to thank my dog, Mason, for choosing me to be his Daddy,

I would like to thank my employer for giving me the opportunity to excel,

I would like to thank my union for fighting to ensure my pay, raises and benefits are guaranteed,

I would like to thank Freemasonry for embracing me in the greatest Brotherhood and giving me the opportunity to serve,

I would like to thank all the Brothers of Jephtha Lodge for giving me the opportunity to host the 3,000th Communication. If there had been one more degree, or an extra communication, I would not have been the WM celebrating this important occasion, and

I would also like to thank all my Brothers for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Master this year, and for the amazing experience of sitting in all the other, previous officers' chairs.

For our Communication on November 14th, let's all hug our Musician Brother, Randy Ivans, as November 13th is Hug a Musician Day.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving, thank a Veteran, and don't forget to vote. I look forward to seeing you throughout our meetings in November, especially for our First Degree Installation on November 28th.

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

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Us versus Them



My Brothers, it's an evolutionary thing. Since our earliest beginnings we learned as a species that when banded together in small groups our odds of survival were greater. Our defense, our ability to work together to overcome hardships were all improved. It's engrained in our very core. It's primal.

So, we naturally fall into the pattern of "us" versus "them", whether "they" are the elements, wild animals or competing tribes, we put our needs over their needs. We will justify any action as it is us or them.

Fortunately, as man evolves, we learn that "us" has a much broader meaning. It is no longer OK to think only in small tribal groups, but to understand we are all linked.

Masonry reinforces this learning because we learn that the term Brother extends to any member in our fraternity. Not just members of our Lodge, our District or our Grand Lodge jurisdiction. It is not "those guys" over there, they are our Brothers.

This becomes increasingly difficult to remember when we are faced with a Brother whom we do not like, or a Brother whose plans or choice we don't like. Equally, when a lodge of Brothers falls on hard times, it is easy for us to say, "Well those guys deserve it for their bad decision making, we must protect our lodge above all else. We're better than they."

The hard part of being a Masonic Brother is having to learn we are not required to like our Brother. He may not be the kind of guy we would choose to socialize with, or for that matter, someone we can't even stand to be with in conversation. We do not have to like him, but the hard part, my Dear Brothers, is we are required to love him.

This seems particularly difficult under these circumstances and does seem a contradiction. "How can I love someone I don't like"? The answer, my Brothers, is to overcome the "us" versus "them".

We must remember we are all members of this fraternity; we are all children of the Great Architect, and as the Bible teaches us, we are to love one another. It does not say anything about liking one another.

So, I challenge you, Brothers, when you think about segregating our fraternity into "us" and "them", remember.... There is no "them," there is only US.

As we approach our Thanksgiving holiday and gather to give thanks for the abundant blessings with which we are all bestowed, remember one other blessing, we are blessed with our Brothers. Having our band of Brothers, regardless of affiliation, jurisdiction, viewpoint, or decision making capabilities, they are a

blessing. I am blessed for having you in my life, whether I like you or not, for my part I love you all and give thanks.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
William P. Fenty III, Senior Warden

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Symbols are always around us. How many of us have lived in Huntington all our lives, or years, and never realized the meaning of the Town of Huntington Seal? Although not Masonic, it reveals there are symbols in everyday life all around us.

Why the HVN letters for Huntington you ask? Well, that is because V is the Roman numeral for five, of which Huntington consists of 5 towns or villages, and was the 5th town founded on Long Island (from the east: East Hampton, South Hampton, Southold, Brookhaven and Huntington). Why E you might ask? No, sadly it does not refer to the East as the place where the WM sits, but it is also the fifth letter of the alphabet. The Town of Huntington selected E as the fifth letter to be their symbol referring to the Town of Huntington's history and status of five towns. Now despite being a fun lesson in Jephtha's town history, as the calendar turns to November, my Brothers, we must remember that we, as Masons, are always seeking further light. As with the upcoming Entered Apprentice Degree on November 28, 2022, these symbols are all around us daily. It is up to us to learn about them and understand their meaning.



Moreover, regarding our Lodge, currently we are running our annual Coat Drive and Food Drive. Please bring everything down to the Lodge and we will deliver it to those in need before the winter weather months come rolling in. Take this time at Thanksgiving to pause and reflect on the events of the last few years and spend time with your loved ones by the fire.

Stay healthy, thank you and best regards.
John A Lentinello, Junior Warden

GREETINGS FROM THE CORNER DESK

Why Jephtha?



We have no records explaining why the founding Brothers chose the name Jephtha (יִפְתָּח - sometimes transliterated as Jephthah). Nonetheless, it is good to know a little about his story.

We read in the biblical book of Judges that Jephtha (c. 1100 BCE) was a Gileadite. He was the son of Gilead and likely grew up in the historic lands of Menasseh on the east side of the Jordan River between the Sea of Galilee (Chinnereth) and the Dead (Salt) Sea. He was known as a mighty warrior despite his inauspicious beginnings.

Jephtha was driven from his homeland by his father's "legitimate" heirs for being the "son of a prostitute," (Judges 11:1) and became famous as the leader of a band of raiders and "outlaws" (Judges 11:3) in the land of Tob. While commentators sometimes compare him to David, suggesting that he and his men "may

have protected Israelite villages from marauding tribes,"¹ the biblical record is less optimistic about his motives. Indeed, when his hometown elders desperately begged him to lead them in their fight to repel the Ammonites, he shrewdly demanded (and received) the promise not just to become their military commander but their *permanent* leader (Judge), a position he held for six years (Judges 12:7) before being buried in the same hometown he had been exiled from as a young man.

Other than two chapters of the book of Judges, Jephtha is only mentioned two other times in the Christian and Jewish scriptures (1 Samuel 12:11 and Hebrews 11:31). He is not named in the Qur'an at all, though is sometimes referenced in commentaries on Surah 16:91-95.

There are two stories that may have led to the founding brother's choice. The first lands uncomfortably on most modern ears. In Judges 11:31, Jephtha makes a horrifying deal with God that ends up requiring the sacrifice of his only daughter in exchange for military victory over the Ammonites. While unjust and disturbing by modern standards, it is a story of a man who keeps his word, even when doing so demands immense costs and sacrifices.

The second is the well-known "Shibboleth" story in Judges 12¹1-6. In it, the Ephraimites pronounce the word differently from the Gileadites, revealing them as outsiders (Masonically: cowens). This particular story has a long and beloved history in Masonry and would, undoubtedly, have been well known to Jephtha's founders.

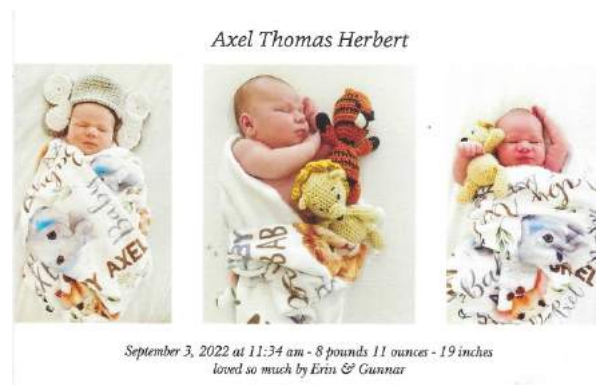
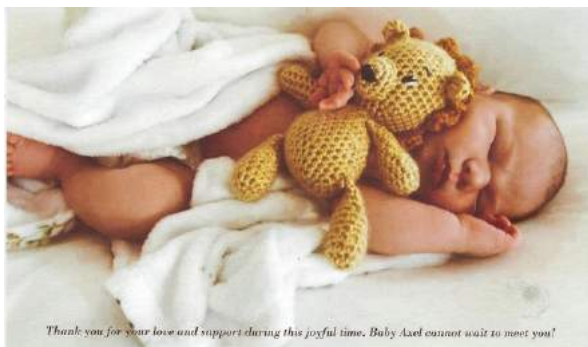
1. *New Bible Dictionary* (Third Edition), p 549

Is there anything specific that makes Jephtha stand out to you? If so, let me know!

Grade and Peace,
R.:W.: Tim TenClay, Secretary

WELCOME AXEL THOMAS HERBERT

Brother Gunnar Herbert and his wife, Erin, are the proud parents of their first child, Axel Thomas Herbert, born on September 3, 2022, at 11:34 AM at Huntington Hospital, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, 19 inches. Congratulations to Mom and Dad.



BIRTHDAYS

Pedro Baez III
Matthew Bell
Charles B Di Pietro II

Thomas M Fisk
Kamal K Gupta
Kenneth T Hall

Kirk T Hall
Zash Hossain
Robert L Hylton

Stephen S Kalogris
William Kanzler
Frederick J Meuser
David Minassian
Steven J Pagano

Christopher Palmer
Michael A Schenker
Matthew Tomasino
Patrick Tomasino
Osmar Valdez

Martin H White IV
Robert P Walther
Walter V Willems

Belated Birthday Greetings to Brothers Joseph Foresto, Warren Melnick, Jason Van Loan and Nick Vorrias who celebrated their birthdays last month.

RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON IN NOVEMBER

Gino Caba
Adrian Ciocci
Raymond J Dowling
Franckel J Enelus
Neil H Fisk
Alfred Q Kuntz

Bob D Marini
Mikel Nazarowitz
Gary F Osarczuk
William T Perks
Ernest Savaglio
Christopher Tomasino

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NOVEMBER 2022

November	2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Exterior Building Restoration Committee Meeting
November	5	Saturday	5:00-10:00 PM	Oktoberfest at Jephtha Lodge (The deadline for purchasing tickets was October 28 th .)
November	6	Sunday		Food Drive Begins
November	6	Sunday		DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
November	7	Monday	7:00-9:30 PM	First Degree Mandatory Practice

November 8	Tuesday		ELECTION DAY
November 11	Friday		VETERANS DAY
November 11-13	Weekend		DeMolay Leadcon (members only), Upstate New York
November 13	Sunday	10 AM-2 PM	Food Drive in front of Stop and Shop, 3126 Jericho Turnpike, East Northport, NY (11731)
November 14	Monday	8:00-10:00 PM	Stated Communication; Education - Masons on both sides of war - Revolutionary War, Civil War, etc.
November 16	Wednesday	7:00-8:00 PM	Benevolence Committee Brotherhood Fund Mailing Event, at Bill Fenty III's home
November 16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Officers' Meeting via Zoom
November 19	Saturday	3 PM	Truth Triangle Installation, Jephtha Lodge
November 21	Monday	7:00-9:30 PM	First Degree Mandatory Practice
November 24	Thursday		THANKSGIVING DAY
November 26	Saturday	3:00-7:00 PM	Holiday Party (Coincides with Town's Parade)
November 28	Monday	8:00-10:00 PM	Entered Apprentice Initiation
November 29	Tuesday	7:00-10:00 PM	Scottish Rite Suffolk Club for degrees, Jephtha Lodge
December 12	Monday	6:00 PM	Long Island Past Masters Dinner, 199 Mills Pont Road, St. James, NY 11780 (Tickets available at suffolkmasons.com .)
March 27	Monday		DD Visit, Distribution of Life Service Awards
April 1	Saturday		Due date for Jephtha Scholarship

ALL OFFICERS' ARTICLES AND FEATURE ARTICLES FOR THE JEPHTHA NEWSLETTER ARE DUE THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH.

3,000th STATED COMMUNICATION TIME CAPSULE



The time capsule presented at the 3,000th Stated Communication of Jephtha Lodge on September 12, 2022, was conceived by WM Michael S Crispino Jr, manufactured by Brother Bill Friedman, with a laser cut square and compasses manufactured by Brother Matt Tomasino, stud welded to the front cover. The time capsule was domestically produced with #316 stainless steel which will prevent any rusting or degradation, finished with a #4 non-directional hand polish to remove any imperfections. (The time capsule will protect any contents if no paper clips, rubber bands or scotch tape are used on the items placed inside.)

The time capsule was conceived to be placed inside a wall within the Lodge. However, since it is so esthetically pleasing it may be placed within the wall with a glass or plexiglass covering to be viewed by all Brothers with the proviso it will only be opened at the 4,000th Stated Communication, approximately 54 years from now.



On Saturday, October 25th, Brothers Bill Fenty, Per Dobler, W.: Michael Crispino Jr and James Reford (left to right) participated in Jephtha Lodge's annual cleanup of the Old Burial Ground, the historic cemetery on the highest point within the Village of Huntington.

MASONIC MOMENT

MASONRY IN THE PHILIPPINES

How Masons effected the creation of the modern day Republic of the Philippines

The first evidence of early Masonic activity in the Philippines was during the brief British occupation of Manila from 1762-1764. It was noted in a letter now in the Archives of the Indies in Seville, Spain, where the Archbishop of Manila requested the demolition of the Manila Cathedral because it was “desecrated” by the British who were holding military, Masonic meetings in the Cathedral. The request was not granted, and the historic cathedral still stands today as the premier cathedral of the Philippines.

The first lodge in the Philippines was organized in 1856 by a Spanish naval officer, Jose Malcampo y Monge who later became the Spanish Governor General to the Philippines. The lodge was named Primera Luz Filipina (First Philippine Light) chartered under the Grande Oriente Lusitano of Portugal. From then on, additional lodges were organized - first by the Germans, then followed by the British, then by another Spanish lodge. No Filipinos were admitted into these lodges.

The first Philippine lodge was organized in Barcelona, Spain, in 1889 by Graciano López Jaena together with some Filipino students and reformists who formed the Logia Revolución under the Gran Oriente Español. In 1890, López Jaena and other Filipino Mason Reformists organized the 2nd lodge named the Logia Solidaridad in Madrid. In January 1891, Filipino Masons in Barcelona and Madrid sought the permission of the Gran Oriente Español to establish lodges in the Philippines. This was granted on January 6, 1892. The first Filipino Lodge in the Philippines (Logia Nilad) was constituted. A year later, more than 100 new members were accepted to the new lodge with more lodges being organized throughout the country. With the increasing growth of members and lodges within the country, a Regional Grand Council was organized on December 16, 1893.

The country’s popularity and growth of Masonry attracted the alarm and ire of the Spanish Friars who, with their strong influence in the colonial government, initiated a brutal campaign of arrest, exile, imprisonment, torture, and even execution of Masons. The Spanish Government, at the urging of the Friars, banned Masonry and all Masonic activities on December 30, 1896. Coincidentally, Dr. Jose Rizal (the Philippine National Hero), a Master Mason and Past Master of the first Filipino Lodge (Logia Nilad) was executed, and was followed a few days later by the execution of the “13 Martyrs” who were mostly Masons. By then the Philippine Reform Movement had turned into a full-blown, armed Revolution. The roll of the Revolutionary Movement leaders was filled with Masons like General Emilio Aguinaldo, the first President

of the First (Revolutionary) Philippine Republic, Andres Bonifacio, the Father of the Philippine Revolution, and Apolinario Mabini, the brains of the Revolution, to name a few.

The Filipino rebels gained victories throughout the country which eventually led to the Spanish being isolated, besieged and surrounded in the Walled City/Fort of Intramuros in Manila. Just when victory was ripe for the taking by the Filipino Revolutionaries, the United States entered the political scene with the arrival of Admiral George Dewey's Asiatic Squadron in Manila Bay on May 1898. Through the treaty of Paris in 1898 between Spain and the United States with the Philippines not invited to participate, the Philippines were ceded (sold) by Spain to the United States for \$20 million. This agreement did not bode well with the Filipinos who were left out of the negotiations. The Philippine Revolutionaries this time resumed hostilities against the American occupiers, called the Philippine American Revolution, which lasted for three years, from 1899-1902.

With the American occupation of the Philippines, which lasted until Philippine independence in 1946, came the arrival of American Masons and American Lodges. One was a lodge organized by military volunteers from North Dakota. Another was a Prince Hall Lodge organized by African American servicemen from Missouri. There was also a lodge organized under the Grand Lodge of California. With the growth of American lodges, there was also a resurgence of Filipino lodges under the former Regional Council.

On November 17, 1912, three lodges of the Grand Lodge of California held a meeting to prepare for the eventual organization of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. On December 12, 1912, a convention was held with delegates from these three lodges where the completed constitution for the new Grand Lodge was presented and approved with Brother Eugene Stafford elected as the first Grand Master. None of the Filipino lodges or Masons were invited to this convention. The reason for this non-invitation was the petitioning Lodges were anticipating the presence of "Irregular Lodges" (lodges of foreign jurisdiction) in their ranks that would lead the Grand Lodge of California to disapprove the petition. Being sensitive to the needs of the Filipino Masons and in the true spirit of "Brotherly Love," Brothers from both sides, notably led by the First Grand Master Eugene Stafford on the American side and Manuel L. Quezon, (the future first President of the Commonwealth Republic of the Philippines) on the Filipino side, worked tirelessly on the delicate matter of the fusion of the two groups. On February 14, 1917, twenty-seven Filipino Lodges of the former Regional Council were constituted into the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. After all the business of the fusion were attended to and completed, the group proceeded to elect officers for the coming Masonic year. The American members of the Grand Lodge realized they had effectively handed over to their Filipino brothers control of the Lodge with the Filipinos now having a majority of members and lodges. To the surprise of the Americans, WB Manuel Quezon, a Filipino, was elected as Deputy Grand Master. When asked about the election turn-out, Manuel Quezon reported saying that since the Americans were magnanimous in handing over the control of the Grand Lodge to the Filipinos, the Filipinos would share the privilege and honor of the Grand Masters Chair alternately on a yearly rotation with their American counterparts. That honorable agreement lasted from 1917-1974 when the last American Grand Master M.:W.: John Wallace was elected.



Masonry and Masons had very a strong influence in the direction and outcome of the Reform and Revolutionary periods of Philippine history, both of which were organized, led, and fought by Masons. The Philippine flag, which was designed by Brother General Emilio Aguinaldo, has strong Masonic influence, it being patterned after the Masonic apron with the "three stars" representing the "Three Great Lights".

Today, the Grand Lodge of the Philippines stands strong on its historical foundation with more than 21,000 members from all walks of life in over 460 lodges. Filipino Masonic lodges are also active and growing in

US Grand Lodge jurisdictions such as the Grand Lodge of New York, New Jersey and California, to name a few.

I wish to thank my brother-in-law, Past Worshipful Dr Victor Pajares of the Philippines, for his help in the preparation of this article.

Respectfully submitted,
William Friedman, Senior Deacon

HISTORIC NOVEMBER MASONIC MOMENT

Man's First Confirmed Flight

During November 1782 the Montgolfier brothers were the first to conduct successful, definitive experiments on man's eventual first, untethered flight by hot air balloon. The balloon was called *un globe aérostatique*, or simply *une montgolfière*, a Montgolfière-style hot air balloon.

Joseph-Michel Montgolfier (1740-1810) and Jacques-Etienne Montgolfier (1745-1799) were born in Annonay, Department of Ardèche in southeastern France, the sons of a paper manufacturer. Joseph-Michel was the 12th child and Jacques-Etienne the 15th of a total of 16 children born to Pierre Montgolfier and his wife, Anne Duret.

Both the maverick Montgolfier brothers had curious minds. One day Joseph-Michel noticed embers in the fireplace were being carried aloft and he reasoned it was the smoke transporting them. Soon thereafter he constructed a box of light wood, crumpled some paper under it and lit it. It quickly hit the ceiling. Joseph-Michel then told his brother of the event and by December 1782 they made their very first test flight which was 27 times larger than the first experiment earlier in November. It floated away for about 1.2 miles before it crash landed.

To lay claim to their invention, the brothers constructed a balloon of burlap with three layers of paper inside, which would contain 28,000 cubic feet of air, weighing 500 pounds. The flight lasted 10 minutes and covered 1.2 miles, achieving an altitude of 5,200-6,600 feet which took place in the village in which they were born, Annonay, on June 4, 1783. The news of this miracle soon arrived in Paris.

On September 19, 1783, a larger balloon of 37,500 cubic feet was launched at Versailles before King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette carrying a sheep, since it was thought to be close to the human physiology, a duck and a rooster. (Two convicts had been originally proposed.) The flight lasted about 8 minutes, covered two miles and reached an altitude of about 1,500 feet. It also landed safely. Since the animals survived, the king approved the next flight would include humans.



The next balloon was even larger, 60,000 cubic feet, 75 feet tall and 50 feet in diameter. The balloon was richly decorated with gold fleur-de-lis (symbol of the French Royal Family), gold signs of the zodiac, gold suns with Louis XVI's face in the center and gold, interlaced L's (the king's monogram) on a blue background. At the bottom of the balloon were red and blue drapery and golden eagles. On November 21, 1783, the first (untethered) flight by humans was made by Pilâtre de Rozier (a French physics and chemistry teacher) and the Marquis d'Arlandes (a soldier). The flight lifted off close to the Bois de Boulogne, a large park in Paris, and flew for 25 minutes at an altitude of 3,000 feet for about five and a half miles. The flight could've flown further but embers of the

fire were scorching the balloon. (The London Science museum's model of the Montgolfier balloon, on left, above)

Louis XVI was so pleased with all the fame the brothers brought to France, he elevated their father, Pierre Montgolfier, to the nobility with the hereditary "de" before his last name. He thus became Pierre de Montgolfier.

By 1806 Joseph-Michel Montgolfier was a member of the Loge des Neuf Soeurs (1776-1848), the most famous and influential lodge of its time in Paris, promoting the arts and sciences. (Benjamin Franklin was one of its Venerable Masters (1779-1781) while he was in Paris as the American Minister to France, the first official diplomat and ambassador to the 13 colonies. Through the lodge he helped organize French support for the American Revolution. Without French financial and military aid the United States could not have succeeded in its War of Independence.)

In 1983 the Montgolfier brothers were inducted into the International Air and Space Hall of Fame at the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

Respectfully submitted,
Br Richard Gentile, Editor

THE PILLARS OF CREATION



"NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has captured a lush, highly detailed landscape - the iconic Pillars of Creation - where new stars are forming within the dense clouds of gas and dust. The three-dimensional pillars look like majestic rock formations, but are far more permeable. These columns are made up of cool interstellar gas and dust that appear - at times-semi-transparent in near-infrared light... Over time, they (i.e. researchers) will build a clearer understanding of how stars form and bust out of these dusty clouds over millions of years... Newly formed stars are the scene-stealers in this image from Webb's Near-Infrared Camera (NIRCam). These are the bright red orbs that typically have diffraction spikes and lie outside one of the dusty pillars. When knots with sufficient mass form within the pillars of gas and dust, they begin to collapse under their own gravity, slowly heat up, and eventually form new stars..."

The James Webb Space Telescope is the world's premier space science observatory. Webb will solve mysteries in our solar system, look beyond to distant worlds around other stars, and probe the mysterious structures and origins of our universe and our place in it. Webb is an international program by NASA with its partners, ESA (European Space Agency) and CSA (Canadian Space Agency)."

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DEMOLAY, RAINBOW AND TRUTH TRIANGLE

On Sunday, October 30th, the members of Long Island chapters of Rainbow, DeMolay, and Triangle joined forces to host a Zombie Party at Jephtha Lodge. All attendees were invited to arrive in disposable white shirts, and take part in filming a short Zombie Movie throughout the event, filmed by Truth member Sophie M. The party also included snacks, games, and music by DJ Brother Geoff Cohen! At the end of the event, everyone present was treated to a rough draft viewing of the movie. It is always amazing to see all of our Masonic Youth come together for fun activities. We are all stronger when we work together! Keep an eye on social media in the coming weeks for the final video production to be released!

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Schulbaum,
PBQ and Junior Deputy of Truth Triangle



REMEMBER...

The end of the year holidays evoke pleasant memories for many, yet for the sick, the disabled, the hospitalized, the old and alone, it can be a sad time of year. Remember to contact these people in your lives and let them know they are not forgotten. A personal visit is always more consoling and joyous than a phone call, and if he or she is still mobile and nearby, an invitation to your home is the greatest gift of all, the gift of self, the gift of Love.

Respectfully submitted,
Br Richard Gentile, Editor

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

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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, B. 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
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