

# JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



My Dear Brothers,

Growing up believing, and still believing in Santa, it has come to my realization that he is indeed a Freemason

Like all of us he is worthy & well qualified, charitable, caring of all mankind, and also like most of us, especially me, he is overweight. He is filled with secrecy and also meets in a secret place with his Brethren, which he calls elves.

Santa is the reason for Toys for Tots and delivers his share in vast numbers in a limited amount of time. He keeps his identity a mystery and avoids publicity.

On his yearly route I've concluded that although he starts from the North Pole, his direction starts East. That is where we start our Masonic Journey the moment we become Entered Apprentices, in the Northeast Corner of the Lodge as we embark on our great Journey in Masonry.

But let's put aside the symbolic version of St. Nick for the real version.

St. Nicholas, on whom Santa is based, was a wealthy 4<sup>th</sup> century bishop from Turkey. The legend of Santa coming down the chimney is when St. Nicholas climbed upon the roof of a poor family's home who couldn't afford a wedding for its 3 daughters. He threw 3 gold coins down the chimney which landed in their stockings hanging by the fireplace enabling them to be married. What differentiates this from my personal Santa experiences is the girls received gold in their stockings, I usually received coal.

This event is why St. Nicholas became the patron saint of children, followed by the tradition of every December 6<sup>th</sup> when Saint Nicholas would visit the children on a white horse and ask about how they behaved the previous year. All the children would leave a pair of shoes with a carrot and hay for St. Nicholas's horse. The good children would be rewarded with candy and small presents.

These aforementioned details were traditions bought over by Dutch Settlers. About 150 Years later, the poem "The Night Before Christmas," also known as "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement Clarke Moore, was written. It tells of the legend Santa holds for us today, such as flying reindeer with names, all but the newest reindeer, Rudolph, who Robert L. May introduced in 1939.

So, in my most humble opinion, Santa Claus is a Freemason because of the joy and hope he brings to all the world, especially children.

Although Santa is a Christian belief derived from the greatest gift God has given us, His Son Jesus, other religions also have similar holidays and traditions in common - Hanukah with its lights and gifts celebrating peace, and Diwali also with lights, gifts, and toys. What more perfect way to end the year than by giving, especially the thought process of choosing the most perfect gift to give.

On a final note, please look at my Facebook page and see the Christmas village in which I assist my daughter. This is one tradition I love, setting it up and dedicating the pieces to loved ones.



A king had a great highway built for the people who lived in his kingdom. After it was completed, but before it was opened to the public, the king decided to have a contest.

He invited as many of his subjects as desired to participate. The challenge was to see who could travel the highway the best, and the winner was to receive a box of gold.

On the day of the contest, everyone came. Some had fine chariots, some had fine clothing and fancy food to make the trip a luxurious journey. Some wore their sturdiest shoes and ran along the highway to show their skill and endurance.

All day they traveled the highway, and each one, when he arrived at the end, complained to the king about a large pile of rocks and debris that had been left almost blocking the road at one point, and that it got in their way and hindered their travel.

At the end of the day, a lone traveler crossed the finish line wearily, and walked over to the king. He was tired and dirty, but he addressed the king with great respect and handed him a small chest of gold.

He said, "I stopped along the way to clear a pile of rocks and debris that was blocking the road. This chest of gold was under it all. Please have it returned to its rightful owner."

The king replied, "You are the rightful owner."

"Oh no", said the traveler, "This is not mine. I've never known such wealth."

"Oh yes," said the king, "you've earned this gold, for you won my contest. He who travels the road best, is he who makes the road better for those who will follow."

My Dear Brothers, remember these words of wisdom as you travel the road of life, especially in the New Year. Treat the year as the road. If we leave rocks of the previous year, what would that have left us, not only as Masons but as tenants of this world? Together, we can move any pile of rocks making the symbolic road travelled the best one yet.

Wishing everyone Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, a Wonderful Kwanza, Joyful Feast Days of the Virgin of Guadalupe and St. John the Evangelist, and a Blessed New Year.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
W.: Michael S Crispino, Jr

## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

### KNIFE AND FORK'RS



My Dear Brothers,

As a young man, I served in the Dix Hills Fire Department. During that time, I learned many valuable life lessons. One particular memory was from one of the older Ex-Chiefs of the department. A leathery, crusty, old Chief, who spoke with a heavy rasp in his voice. I remember the day he looked at me and said, "Kid, don't be a knife and fork'r". At the time I thought I was being admonished for having one too many donuts, but years later I came to understand he was giving me good advice.

You see, the fire depart is a brotherhood, not too dissimilar to what we have in Masonry. You have men from all walks of life, all different skills and talents, and all different motivations. You had men who were very well respected, held multiple esteemed offices, but still would roll up their sleeves and jump in with the probationary firemen who were assigned the hard and dirty jobs. These men were held in the highest esteem for the work they did, the wisdom they imparted, the impact they had on others. On the other extreme, you would have men who would always be just a little bit too late to get on the truck to go to the alarm, would claim the points for "being there," and would enjoy a cup of coffee in the ready room while others went to work. These men would never show up for duty days, would always be somewhere else when it came time to pack the hose bed on the truck. However, they were always first in line for food at parties. We called these men with that reputation "Knife and Fork'rs".

Seems beneficial to such a man - minimum effort but maximum return. Why would he give me the advice not to be one? He was wise enough to know that while it's easy to be that way, it is not good for anyone's moral character.

You may recall the move "Gladiator", where Maximus is speaking to his brothers in arms who were about to enter the Coliseum to do battle, "Brothers, what we do in life echoes in eternity." A powerful message... Our actions, the things we do, will be how we are remembered by our Brothers, by our friends and by our family. It truly defines who we are.

#### **How do you want to be remembered?**

To tie this to Masonic light, consider our apron presentations in the First Degree. We were told this symbol of us as Masons was pristine and spotless when given to us as Entered Apprentices. We were further told that when we laid down our working tools and our symbolic apron rested upon our caskets, it is hoped it will be as white and spotless as the day it was given to us. It was a symbolic record of our life's journey.

#### **What will your record reflect?**

We have all joined this Fraternity with the intent on becoming better men - to do more, to be more, to achieve more. However, to obtain these lofty goals, it is not by merely wishing it or waiting for it, it happens because of our hard work, our earned achievements, our striving for loftier goals. Let us all resolve to be better achievers and doers in the New Year so our personal records reflect all the good we Masons can do.

I wish all my Brethren and their families a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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

### GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



My Dear Brothers,

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. Cheers to good health and more memorable Masonic events celebrated together in 2023.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
John A Lentinello

### GREETINGS FROM THE CORNER DESK



My Brothers,

It is that time of year again. By the time you read this edition of our newsletter, I will have transitioned our database to reflect the collection of our 2023 dues. You will shortly be receiving your dues notice for 2023 *both* through the USPS and via email.

Although you can continue to pay on our website, by check, or in person at a lodge event, I strongly encourage you to consider using the link that will be on the bottom of the *emailed* version of your dues notice. If you do, it will *automatically* update your account in the database (thereby both ensuring accuracy and decreasing the number of payments that have to be entered manually).

If you do *not* receive an email dues notice by December 10<sup>th</sup> (or your printed notice by December 17<sup>th</sup>), please contact me to ensure we have accurate contact information for you. Also, if the amount on your dues notice seems unexpected (regular dues are \$160/year), please contact me directly at: teejtc@gmail.com and I will make sure we get things rectified.

Please keep in mind dues are an essential source of income for our lodge. We use them to pay taxes, to cover our Grand Lodge fees, and to underwrite many of the activities we offer. *The sooner your dues are taken care of, the healthier our lodge can be.*

(If you are an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft, you will *not* be receiving a dues notice. You are not responsible for annual dues until after you have been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason!)

Finally, please remember the Grand Lodge transitioned to permanent dues cards several years ago. Do *not* throw away your old dues card; you will *not* be automatically receiving a new one. (If you lost your dues card and need a new one sent to you, let me know.)

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

**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.

Fraternally yours,  
Br Richard Gentile, Editor

**BIRTHDAYS**

Gino Caba  
Christopher J Camilleri  
Jeremiah Campbell  
Jonathan Z Ginsberg  
Wendell M Hannaford  
Arthur M Landman

John B Lentinello  
Patrick Lough  
Thomas McDevitt  
Jarred Muraco  
Dominick F Porcella  
Brian C Rodriguez

Matthew Romanoff  
Joseph C Savaglio  
Christopher Tomasino  
Eduardo Vera  
Paul A Vermylen III  
Charles J Williams

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Christopher F Fusaro

Peter D McParland

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<b>December</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Truth Triangle Installation, Jephtha Lodge</b>
December	7	Wednesday	8:00 PM - 11:00 PM	District Deputy Visit, Peconic Lodge
December	12	Monday	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	LIPMA Dinner, Sayville
December	12	Monday	Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe	

December	18	Sunday	Hanukkah begins at sundown	
December	18	Sunday	3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	DeMolay Installation, Riverhead Lodge
December	25	Sunday	Christmas Day	
December	26	Monday	Kwanza	
December	27	Tuesday	Feast of St John The Evangelist, Patron Saint of Freemasons	
<b>January</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 PM - 11:00 PM</b>	<b>Fellow Craft Degree, Jephtha Lodge</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 PM - 11:00 PM</b>	<b>District Deputy Visit, Jephtha Lodge</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Sublime Degree of Master Mason, Jephtha Lodge</b>

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

### MASONIC MOMENT

#### GRATITUDE

With the world situation now being as it is, it may seem difficult to be grateful - the news is rarely uplifting, the aftereffects of COVID, the war in Ukraine, high inflation, difficulty paying bills, illicit drugs, the non-documented immigration crisis, high fuel prices... yet being grateful is always the ideal antidote for lifting ourselves from misery. The internet defines gratitude as "a warm and friendly feeling in response to a favor or favors received; thankfulness."

Gratitude doesn't have to come in floods of warm feelings, it can be fleeting yet filling our hearts and breasts with thankfulness - beautiful sunsets, a relaxing walk on a tropical beach, an unexpected call from a friend thanking you for being a good friend, as well as those grand moments in life, graduation after years of study, finding the perfect partner in life, the birth of a child. Sometimes, we just have to stop the treadmill of life, take several deep, cleansing breaths, and consider all those things for which we are grateful.

Some may say, "Why should I be thankful for everything I worked so hard for? After all, it was my effort that got me to where I am." Yet in a moment of deeper reflection, we should realize it was the Great Architect who gave us the wherewithal to achieve these milestones.

In my personal life, I am grateful for parents who instilled in me good moral, ethical and religious values, a childhood free of fear and struggle, being able to study at home and abroad, a wonderful wife, and the beautiful life and home we have created together. I am immensely grateful to my grandparents, all immigrants, who left their homelands, family, friends, language and culture, never to return again, to establish a new life in the greatest republic civilization has ever recognized, all unknown to them when they arrived. With hard work and overcoming prejudice, they succeeded, and their children did better in life than they. However, it is I, their grandson, who achieved the American dream to its fullest and has benefitted from all their sacrifices. How privileged and grateful I am.

One may ask, how does gratitude affect us as Freemasons? We should be thankful we are part of one of the greatest universal and oldest fraternities in the world, for the new friendships we have made as Brothers, the Brotherly love we share with each other, and the beautiful Jephtha Masonic Temple we meet in regularly. Grateful for the men who conceived of a building with rentals that sustain us financially.

One of the greatest ways of showing gratitude is by giving back to our Craft, involving ourselves in the many demands the running of our lodge and Brotherhood require. They may be little, great or even several, but every need fulfilled is a blessing for us all, thus expressing gratitude for everything we have achieved and are about to achieve as Freemasons.

Fraternally yours,  
Br Richard Gentile, Editor

## FAMOUS DECEMBER MASON

### FIORELLO ENRICO LA GUARDIA

December 11, 1882, New York City (Greenwich Village) - September 20, 1947, New York City (Bronx)



Fiorello Enrico La Guardia, who later changed his name to Fiorello Henry La Guardia, was the son of Italian immigrant Achille La Guardia, a non-practicing Catholic from Cerignola (Apulia), Italy, and Irene Luzzatto Coen, an observant Jewish native from Trieste, then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The Luzzattos were a prestigious family of Jewish scholars, kabbalists, and poets. His parents married in Trieste, and La Guardia was raised an Episcopalian, a religion he practiced his entire life.

When Fiorello (Italian for Little Flower) was 8 years old the family moved to Prescott, Arizona, since his father was bandmaster at Fort Whipple. He attended grade school and high school in Arizona, moved to Trieste for a brief time with his family when he was 16, and graduated from the Dwight School in New York City, a private preparatory school on the Upper West Side.

In 1901 La Guardia joined the State Department and served in consulates in Budapest, Trieste and Fiume (today Rijeka in Croatia). Five years later he returned to New York City to attend New York University Law School (1907-1910) and worked as a certified interpreter in Italian, Yiddish, German and Croatian on Ellis Island to earn money. After quickly passing the bar, he began his own law practice in New York City.

La Guardia ran for Congress in 1914 (New York City's 14th district) and lost. He became Deputy Attorney General of New York in 1915. In 1916 he ran again for the same district and won, taking office in 1917, the first Italian American elected to the United States House of Representatives. Soon afterwards he was commissioned in the US Army Air Service (forerunner of the US Air Force) at the beginning of World War I. He was discharged as a major having flown Ca.44 bombers on the Italian-Austrian front and was reelected to Congress in 1918. In 1919 La Guardia narrowly won election as President of the Board of Alderman in New York City forcing him to resign from Congress. In 1921 he ran for Mayor of New York City and lost, so he ran again for Congress as a Republican for East Harlem, a strong Italian community, and won. He was a strong reformer in Congress (anti-immigration quotas, supporting unions against anti-union activists, and passing the Norris-La Guardia act of 1932 allowing workers to join trade unions). He again ran for New York City mayor in 1929 and lost but finally won in 1933. He was determined to win this last time and did so by representing underrepresented communities, appealing to many cultural backgrounds and thought (Germans, Jews, Italians, Democrats and Socialists), and promised a more honest government, efficiency and inclusiveness. He served as the president of the United States Conference of Mayors, 1935-1945.

In his first 100 days as mayor (1934), he was able to restore the financial health of the city by breaking free of banker's control, employing the unemployed with federally funded work programs, ending corruption and racketeering, creating merit-based civil service replacing patronage with great success, and modernizing transportation and parks. He had the help of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt who gave him 20% of the Civil Works Administration budget which was established during the Great Depression to create manual-labor jobs for millions of unemployed workers. With the support of Robert Moses (urban planner) and Herbert Lehman (New York State Governor) he was able to upgrade decaying infrastructure.

La Guardia's success as mayor was his ability to make Jews, Germans, Italians and WASPS (White Anglo-

Saxon Protestants) work together. Although he was New York's first Italian American mayor, he was different from other Italian American New Yorkers. He was Episcopalian, grew up in Arizona, had a lapsed Catholic father and an observant Jewish mother, and spoke several languages. When La Guardia ran for Congress in 1922, his opponent accused him of being an anti-Semite. La Guardia responded in the newspaper by writing his rebuke in Yiddish and challenged his opponent to debate him in public in Yiddish. His Jewish opponent (Henry Frank) could not speak Yiddish and lost the election!

With the rise of Naziism in the 1930's, La Guardia was a staunch supporter of Jews in the United States and encouraged the boycott of German goods. He appointed judges who were ethnically and religiously diverse, most always with great success.

La Guardia also cleaned up crime in New York City, arresting mob boss Lucky Luciano who was given a 30-50 year sentence for his lucrative prostitution business. La Guardia felt these kinds of criminals were a negative stereotype of Italians and shamed the Italian community. He also destroyed Frank Costello's slot machine business. La Guardia rounded them up, placed them on a barge, and before journalists, had them dumped into the river. He also shut down offensive, burlesque theaters. The Lucky Luciano case was made into a movie, *Marked Woman*, starring Bette Davis and Humphrey Bogart (1937).

One of La Guardia's greatest achievements was restoring New York City's economy after the Great Depression (1929-1940). With the help of FDR and his many new agencies to create work for out of work workers, \$1.1 billion came into the city. With the additional help of Robert Moses, they built the West Side Highway, East River Drive, Triborough Bridge, Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, La Guardia and Idlewild Airports, the latter becoming JFK Airport. He fought to preserve the Mecca Temple (55th Street) from demolition, a former Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Shriners) lodge and converted it to the New York City Center of Music and Dance. It still stands today and has state and federal landmark status. At its inauguration in 1943, the New York Philharmonic played with La Guardia conducting the Star Spangled Banner.

1939 brought the New York World's Fair to Queens, La Guardia Airport opened, and two subway systems were bought out which completed New York City's takeover of the entire subway system.

As World War II was becoming a reality, FDR appointed La Guardia as the first director of the new Office of Civilian Defense (OCD) which was to prepare for blackouts, train air raid wardens, install sirens, and build shelters in case of German air raids. FDR appointed his wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, as his assistant. La Guardia was still mayor of New York, and every week would spend 4 days in New York and 3 days in Washington, DC. The Brooklyn Navy Yard became the gateway for soldiers leaving for war along with building warships and manufacturing soldiers' uniforms.



His sister was married to a German. They lived in Hungary and were arrested by the Gestapo at the end of the war (1944). Her daughter, her husband and their infant son were also arrested. The husbands died in the concentration camps, but his sister, her daughter and her son survived. They were displaced persons in Europe after the war and arrived in the United States 2 years later. La Guardia died 4 months after his sister's arrival.

In 1945 La Guardia endeared himself to all the children in New York City during the newspaper strike. He read the Sunday funnies on the radio during the entire strike and had someone else read the dailies. He felt the children shouldn't be denied the funnies because of "a squabble among grown-ups."

La Guardia died at home in 1947 at 64 years of age and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery (Bronx) with a very simple gravestone, *La Guardia, Statesman, Humanitarian*. He survived his first wife and daughter, both dying in 1926. He remarried in 1929 and adopted two children.

La Guardia is not only ranked as the greatest mayor of New York City, but the greatest mayor of any city in all of American history. As the 99th mayor, he served three consecutive terms (1933-1945) and is best remembered for obtaining a new city charter, fighting corrupt politicians and organized crime, improving the running of the police and fire departments, expanding social welfare services, clearing slums, creating low cost housing programs (Mayor Fiorello H La Guardia Houses on Manhattan's Lower East side, covering 10.67 acres and housing 2,596 residents) and improving and creating new city infrastructure, all the while remaining efficient and honest.

La Guardia has been honored with the following: La Guardia Airport, La Guardia Community College, Fiorello H. La Guardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts which he helped create as the High School of Music and Art (1936), La Guardia Street and La Guardia Interchange (Tel Aviv), a street in Rijeka, Croatia, where he had worked as a US Consular agent (1903-1906), a Broadway musical *Fiorello!*, and featured in several movies: *Ghostbusters II*, *The Plot Against America*, *In The Heights*, and an off-Broadway show, *Tammany Hall*. A Statue of La Guardia stands in La Guardia Gardens, Greenwich Village. The La Guardia and Wagner Archives at La Guardia Community College (Queens) were created to collect, preserve, and make available primary materials documenting the social and political history of New York City, with an emphasis on the mayoralty and the borough of Queens.

Fiorello La Guardia was a member of Garibaldi Lodge #542 in New York City, the first Italian speaking lodge in the United States, and he was a Scottish Rite Freemason. On Staten Island, there is a lodge named after him, La Guardia Lodge #1130.

Fraternally and sincerely,  
Richard Gentile, Editor

### **UNPAID PARKING IN HUNTINGTON'S MUNICIPAL LOTS REMAINS**

After an outcry from Huntington residents and businessmen, there will no paid parking in Huntington's municipal parking lots. "The bipartisan budget amendment... taps the town's reserve funds to the tune of \$300,000, and eliminates eight positions and other expenses to make up the projected \$1 million in parking fees... And because the jobs that were eliminated are currently not filled, no one was laid off. *The Long Islander*, November 24, 2022, pp. 2 and 3.

Therefore, the municipal parking lot behind Jephtha Lodge on Elm Street continues to be free parking allowing our Brothers and guests to park without any financial concern.

### **WRITING FOR THE JEPHTHA NEWSLETTER**

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 newsletter's publication date). 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 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***

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***YOUR NAME WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE PROPER CHAIRMAN.***

