

JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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COME JOIN THE PARTY

Creating a successful St. Patrick's Day Party takes a great deal of planning, energy and an enjoyable time spent with our Brothers, as we bond and get to know each other better.

Please come and help on the following days, even if just for a few hours:

Sunday	March 5 th	8:00 AM	Shopping at Restaurant Depot, Farmingdale
		10:00 AM	Unload groceries at the lodge and trim meat.
Friday	March 10 th	3:30 PM	Prep the brine and boil meat.
Saturday	March 11 th	9:00 AM	Prep the carrots, onions and slice meat.
		10:00 AM	Decorate the collation room.
Sunday	March 12 th	7:00 AM	Cook the onions, carrots, cabbage and prep for service.
		11:00 AM	Pick up rye bread and cake at Buttercooky, 495 New York Avenue, Huntington.
		Noon	THE PARTY BEGINS



Many hands make light work. (English proverb)

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Greetings My Brothers,

As spring approaches, symbolizing transformation, growth and new beginnings, I would like us to reflect upon Charity and Benevolence, where we can enable a Brother or organization to grow to their new beginnings, leaving them better off.

One of the most loving and caring acts a person can give is Charity and contributing to the less fortunate is one of the cornerstones of Freemasonry. Charity is usually given to an individual or organization we don't know, and the double reward is that our heart and soul are filled with gratitude for doing so. We also give thanks to God for the ability to contribute, as our place in life is secure, and knowing we are helping an individual to the path to recovery, or an organization have enough funds to help their cause.

We Freemasons support numerous charities, such Toys for Tots, a food and coat drive to assist the less fortunate, Sunrise Walks to help children with cancer, a supermarket food pickup, and donations from our

Brothers to help other causes.

Benevolence is the same concept, but in most cases, we may know the individual who would need assistance. We are blessed to be in a Lodge that has a self-sufficient benevolence fund, along with a committee and mission statement protecting the recipients' identification, where only the committee members are aware of who is in need.

What better way to show Masonic Brotherly love than to reach down and help a brother in need, pulling him up and patting him on the back and saying. "I've got you my brother, we are in this together."

At the February 12, 2023, Stated Communication at Jephtha Lodge, Brothers Randolph Ivans and Brian Schulbaum were honored for their recent accomplishments.

Brother Randy was awarded the Dedicated Service Award (DSA) for his 18 years of service as Jephtha's organist and musician, and his involvement in many other Jephtha activities. Past DSA recipients, Brothers John B Lentinello, Robert Previto and Ronald Seifried, assisted in the presentation. This is the most exalted award any Brother can receive from his fellow Brothers, and one for which he cannot apply.

Brother Brian informed the Brethren he will be sworn into the Masonic War Vets Post 23 on February 27, 2023. He also received a pin and plaque for his Masonic Development Classes from V.:W.: Bill DiBenedetto, Suffolk District Assistant Grand Lecturer. Brian is also the advisor to the Knights of Antiquity Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and as such he informed the lodge of his son receiving the Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award, one of only four, active holders of this prestigious, DeMolay award in New York State.

Always remember, my Brothers, our Charity and Benevolence are proof of how brightly and how far our light shines.

Respectfully and Sincerely,
Br Michael S Crispino, Jr

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Greetings my Brothers,

As thoughts of spring start to enter our minds, especially with this unusually mild winter and despite Punxsutawney Phil's gloomy prediction of six more weeks of winter, I write to you about our Spring Activities.

March will be a particularly hectic month at Jephtha. Fresh off the heels of our Past Master First Degree, entirely run and performed by Past Masters of Jephtha Lodge, we will be preparing for our annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Sunday, March 12th, at noon. We anticipate the usual crowds in Huntington as the annual Huntington Saint Patrick's Day parade passes in front of the Lodge.

We will be meeting on Saturday the 11th at 10 AM to decorate and prepare the Lodge. Many hands make light work, so if you can volunteer to help, the more the merrier.

Then, on Saturday, March 25th at 2 PM, we have the Grand Lecturer convention at Alcyone Lodge in Northport. This is particularly exciting for two reasons. One, Alcyone, which has struggled for some time, is showing its renewed invigoration with its second floor turned back into a collation room with many, new brothers. It will be exciting to see the Alcyone Brothers welcome the Grand Lecturer to their lodge. Many

Brothers from Jephtha have helped to make Alcyone the success it is, including Br Per Dobler, W.: Robert Previto, and W.: Ron Seifried. Second, the Grand Lecturer will be working on fine tuning our Second Degree work. It should be a great day and I strongly encourage our Brothers to attend.

We wrap the month up with Monday, March 27th at 7 PM, where we will be having our own District Deputy Grand Master visit. As an added bonus, V.: W.: Michael, LaRocco, Executive Director of the Livingston Library and current Assistant Grand Lecturer from the Nassau Masonic District, will receive an award.

As always, my brothers, Masonry does not stop, we kept going through COVID-19 and we will keep going through the ages.

I hope my message finds you well and I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Br Bill Fenty III, Senior Warden

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings from the South my Brothers,

On behalf of the officers, we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events. We will be celebrating our annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Sunday March 12, 2023, and there will be the D.D.G.M. visit on Monday March 27, 2023. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Br John A Lentinello, Junior Warden

GREETINGS FROM THE CORNER DESK



By the time you read this, February 17th will be long past. As I write, however, it is just about to arrive. February 17th is one of the few days in the calendar that I observe with specific intent. It is the day that the Waldensian Church (With whom I worked when we lived in Italy.) and the Jewish Community in Italy celebrate their religious liberation – the anniversary of the 1848 declaration in which King Carlo Alberto finally granted them the legal freedom to worship. (Though, of course, other freedoms took much longer to be given.) It is also the day, in 1600, when the priests of the inquisition burned Giordano Bruno at the stake in Campo de' Fiori. A statue of Bruno, sculpted by the soon-to-be Grand Master of the Grande Oriente d'Italia, stands in the middle of Piazza de' Fiori to commemorate the event and lend confidence to all who think outside the box and refuse to fall in line with the powerful institutions that seek to control us.

I do my best to visit that piazza every time I'm in Rome. Of course, Piazza de' Fiori is a life-filled, gritty centrum of food and protests and the location of a glorious open-air market today. My reason for visiting it, however, is slightly different. For me, standing at the foot of the dark and brooding statue of that ill-fated, Neapolitan philosopher/monk, I am reminded of the fact that he remained upright before his accusers and, as they condemned him to the only version of death that gives me nightmares, he is reported to have confidently responded, "Perhaps you who



pronounce my sentence are in greater fear than I who receive it."

Bruno is an ever-present reminder that we are called to become our best selves even when those around us cannot understand it, and while the consequences of their judgement can be extreme and unjust, the fear (and sometimes violence) out of which our condemners act should never prevent us from standing confidently as just and upright Masons ever committed to walking and acting as such.

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

GREETINGS FROM THE HISTORIAN

OBSERVANT MASONRY COMES TO NORTHPORT, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK



Masonic Observance is by no means a new concept, but one which is gaining in recognition and popularity as a means of addressing core issues of membership participation and retention in the Craft. It requires a steadfast commitment of time and effort from Brothers who look to create a more profound Masonic experience within their Lodge. Observance begins with a uniformly shared ethos among the membership, which then manifests itself in the form of certain practices which have come to be associated with the Observant Masonry movement.

There are no alterations or innovations to the ritual itself, but rather a few noteworthy enhancements to the ambiance which create a deeper, more impactful experience for members, visitors, and candidates. A partial list of these practices would include a more structured and formal dress code at meetings, the judicious inclusion of periods of sound (music) and silence (meditation), the use of incense, and subdued lighting including real candles where permitted. The aim is to create a sacred, meditative space where Masons can work their mystic art beyond the distractions and trappings of the profane world. The ritual itself is performed with precision from memory without the aid of the Masonic Standard. Candidates preparing for each degree meditate within a specially designed Chamber of Reflection to further prepare them for what follows. Periodic Festive Boards are encouraged as elegant affairs with formal toasts. All Masonic intercourse includes educational presentations with a focus on esoteric subjects. Lodges which apply for examination and are found to be regularly operating as such are granted permission to use the suffix "OM" for "Observant Masonry" after their Lodge name.

On Tuesday, February 7, 2023, an unprecedented event occurred where two bodies - a Masonic Lodge and a Royal Arch Chapter – were both officially certified as Observant Masonic organizations for the first time in history.



Freemasonry is no stranger to the sleepy village of Northport on the north coast of Long Island. Alcione Lodge No. 695 has been meeting in the same building since the late 1870's, making it the longest continuously used Masonic building on Long Island. In the past year, Suwassett Chapter No. 195 of Royal Arch Masons moved into the Northport Temple, looking to join forces with the historic Lodge and create what was once thought an impossible dream. Together, these two organizations pulled all their resources and met the overwhelming challenges of fiscal restructuring, building management, and creating a new foundation for a Masonic Temple dedicated to the Observant

model. (Photo above, Alcyone Masonic Temple, Northport, NY)

On this day, Right Worshipful Piers Vaughan visited Northport for his personal examination and certification of the Lodge as an Observant Masonic organization. The Special Communication of Alcyone was followed by a joint Lodge and Chapter Agape, which was followed by a Convocation of Suwasset Chapter No. 195 R.A.M., where the Most Excellent Jason Sheridan, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in New York, assessed the Chapter for certification of Capitular Masonic Observance.

"It was a truly phenomenal evening with a complex array of events which would have normally occurred over the course of *three* evenings," says W.: Bradley Hubbard, Master of Alcyone No. 695 and High Priest of Suwasset 195. "Our dedicated team of Brothers and Companions accomplished this with no loss of fidelity."

The honored guests determined that both Lodge and Chapter are indeed operating as Observant Masonic organizations, marking it a milestone event in the history of American Freemasonry. Suwasset, having pioneered the concept of Masonic Observance in the Capitular setting over the past several years, is now the first officially recognized Observant Chapter in New York. As New York is the pioneer jurisdiction for the Capitular Observance movement, one could say, that by extension, they have become the first in the world.

"Although many other Observant Lodges are currently in operation and there will surely be more Observant Chapters to follow," continues W.: Hubbard, "in no other setting have the two come together to offer the possibility of a "complete" experience from the first to seventh degrees. Alcyone Lodge and Suwasset Chapter have modeled a seamless integration of Lodge and Chapter, closely mirroring the English model within the boundaries of our jurisdictional requirements. This has all happened under one roof for the first time in known record." (Photo right: W.: Bradley Hubbard [on left] and V.:W.: Charlie Scheu [on right])



What does this mean for the Northport Lodge? "Well, in once sense *nothing* and another sense *everything*," W.: Hubbard replies. "*Nothing* insofar as we were adjudicated based on a core ethos which has manifested itself in all that we have done over the past year. We did not *"put on a one night show for them"* but *"put who we are on show for one night"*. In that regard, nothing has changed from last week to this week. At the same time this changes everything, as we are charged to not only sustain that progress but improve upon it at every opportunity and, by extension, improve upon ourselves. There is no room for resting on our laurels as the laurels themselves are illusory. We have offered ourselves to the Craft not only as an example of Masonic Observance but as a practical resource to all who may endeavor to follow this path."

"Earning this distinction has labeled us, both literally and metaphorically. While we now officially bear the designation "Observant Masonry," the title is little more than an indicator. The beacon has been lit, and the true Seekers will continue to gravitate towards its brilliant glow in search of a more profound Masonic experience. It is incumbent upon us to keep it burning with intensity and remain steadfast on the course we've laid out."

CraftsmenOnline.com congratulates Alcyone Lodge No. 695 (OM) F. & A.M. and Suwasset Chapter No. 195 (OCM) R.A.M.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
W.: Ronald J. Seifried DSA, Historian

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Edward J Grossman
Douglas Henningsen
Daniel E McDonald

Josh M Pierno
Jonathan E Poole
John J Sammartino

Gerard Simonelli
Robert C Wuestefeld

RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGEE OF MASTER MASON IN MARCH

Mitchel S Goodkin
Richard J Hajek
William F Hren
Randolph Ivans
John A Lentinello

Raymond C Mahdesian
Warren M Melnick
Robert P Previto
Nicholas P Russotto
Joseph C Savaglio

Michael A Schenker
Stephen Schenker
Ronald J Seifried

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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OF NEW YORK: nymasons.org/site

**March 2023**

March	2	Thursday	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	District Deputy Visit, Potunk Lodge
March	3	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle, Closed Meeting and Swap Night, Jephtha Lodge
March	5	Sunday	8:30 AM	76th Metro Region Dedication Service and Breakfast, Marina del Rey, 1 Marina Drive, Throggs, Neck (Bronx), NY
March	6	Monday	6:30 PM	Kismet Shrine Bring a Friend Night & St. Paddy's Celebration (See p. 11 for details.)
March	6	Monday		Purim begins at sundown
March	8	Wednesday		International Women's Day
March	9	Thursday	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	District Deputy Visit, Dongan Patent
March	12	Sunday		Daylight Saving Time begins



St. Patrick's Day Party at Jephtha Lodge
Sunday, March 12th at Noon

March	13	Monday	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Stated Communication; Education - Masons' Interactions on Opposing Sides of War
March	20	Monday		Spring begins
March	20	Monday	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Officers' Meeting - Practice for District Deputy Visit, Jephtha Lodge
March	25	Saturday	2:00 PM - 6 PM	Grand Lecturers' Convention (Fellowcraft Degree) at Alcyon Lodge N° 695. Fellowcraft and Master Masons only. RSVP for free dinner at 5 PM: https://suffolkmasons.com/event/2023-grand-lecturers-convention/
March	26	Sunday	TBA	The Knights of Antiquity DeMolay, Initiatory Degrees, Riverhead Lodge
March	27	Monday	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	District Deputy Visit, Jephtha Lodge
March	31	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle, Closed Meeting and Elections, Jephtha Lodge
April	1	Saturday		Deadline for The Jephtha Scholarship Applications (See p. 8 for details.)
April	6	Thursday	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	District Deputy Visit, Suffolk Lodge
April	10	Monday	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Stated Communication, Reading of Incoming Officers, Jephtha Lodge
April	17	Monday	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Officers' Meeting; Education - Order in the Lodge, Jephtha Lodge
April	21	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle, Public Installation of Officers, Jephtha Lodge
April	24	Monday	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Special Communication, Lodge of Instruction, Step up Night, Jephtha Lodge
April	29	Saturday	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sublime Degree of Master Mason conferred, Evening Dinner, Jephtha Lodge
May	8	Monday	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Summoned Communication, Officers' Election; Education - Responsibilities of Each Officer's Chair, Jephtha Lodge
May	15	Monday	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Officers' Meeting, Jephtha Lodge
May	22	Monday	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Special Communication, Table Lodge, Jephtha Lodge
June	12	Monday	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Public Installation of Officers, Jephtha Lodge

FAMOUS MASON

DUKE ELLINGTON

Music! To be without a perception of the charms of Music is to be without the finer traits of humanity. In the middle chamber lecture we learn that music is the medium that gives the *natural world* communication with the *spiritual*. It is a language of delightful sensations, far more eloquent than words. Most of us have at one time or another heard a song that immediately transports us back, in great detail, to a person or event that we thought to be long forgotten. Such is the power of music. It has a voice for every age, a



capacity for every degree of taste and can be enjoyed by everyone.

Mood Indigo was one of Duke Ellington's most popular songs of the day. But this is only one of more than 3000 songs that he composed during his lifetime. Some of his best known other titles include "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)", "Sophisticated Lady" and "Satin Doll".

Edward Kennedy Ellington was born on April 29, 1899, to James Edward Ellington and Daisy Kennedy Ellington. Daisy

surrounded her son with dignified women to reinforce his manners and teach him to live elegantly. Ellington's childhood friends noticed that "his casual, offhand manner, his easy grace, and his dapper dress gave him the bearing of a young nobleman" and began calling him Duke. The name stuck.

At the age of seven, Ellington began taking piano lessons. In the summer of 1914, while working as a soda jerk at the Poodle Dog Cafe, he wrote his first composition, "Soda Fountain Rag," also known as the "Poodle Dog Rag." Ellington created "Soda Fountain Rag" by ear because he had not yet learned to read and write music.

In his autobiography, *Music is my Mistress*, Ellington said he missed more lessons than he attended, feeling at the time that playing the piano was not his talent. Then, at the age of 14, Ellington started sneaking into Frank Holiday's Poolroom. Hearing the poolroom pianists play ignited Ellington's love for the instrument and he began to take his piano studies seriously.

From 1917 through 1919, Ellington launched his musical career. At first, he played in other ensembles. Then in late 1917 he formed his first group, "The Duke's Serenaders." His first play date was at the True Reformer's Hall, where he took home 75 cents. Soon Ellington played throughout the Washington, D.C. area and into Virginia for private society balls and embassy parties. The band thrived, performing for both African-American and white audiences, a rarity during those racially divided times.

First known for his distinctive "jungle" sound — a description derived from the use of growling muted brass and sinister harmonies — Ellington increasingly integrated blues elements into his music. Although he was a gifted piano player, his orchestra was his principal instrument. He composed with the idiosyncratic sounds of his band members in mind. He often composed specifically for the style and skills of these individuals. Due to his inventive use of the orchestra, or big band, and thanks to his refined public manner and extraordinary charisma, he is generally considered to have elevated the perception of jazz to an artistic level on par with that of classical music. Still, he was once quoted as saying, "*By and Large, JAZZ has always been like the kind of man you wouldn't want your daughter to associate with.*"

Duke Ellington actually called his music "American Music" rather than jazz.

Duke Ellington became one of the most influential artists in the history of recorded music and is largely recognized as one of the greatest figures in the history of jazz. His career spanned 50 years and included leading his orchestra, composing an inexhaustible songbook, scoring for movies, and world tours. In his career, he played over 20,000 performances in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East as well as Asia.

Duke Ellington received 13 Grammy Awards and was awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 1966. He is one of only five jazz musicians ever to have been featured on the cover of Time Magazine, and Stevie Wonder's pop hit "Sir Duke" is a tribute to Ellington. Even after his death he received a special award citation from the Pulitzer Prize Board in 1999.

Among Ellington's many honors and awards were honorary doctorates from Howard and Yale Universities, membership in the American Institute of Arts and Letters, and election as the first jazz musician member of the Royal Music Academy in Stockholm. He received the US President's Gold Medal in 1966, the US Medal of Freedom in 1969, and the Legion of Honor from France in 1973, the highest civilian honors in each country.

A United States Commemorative stamp with his image on it was issued in 1986 and he appears on the reverse side of the District of Columbia quarter seated at a piano, sheet music in hand.

Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington was initiated in 1932 in Social Lodge No. 1 Washington DC, Prince Hall Affiliation. There is not much information available about his life as a Freemason, but it is said that his impressions of initiation were recorded in his song "I'm Beginning to See the Light."

Ellington lived for years in a townhouse on the corner of Manhattan's Riverside Drive and West 106th Street. After his death, West 106th Street was officially renamed Duke Ellington Boulevard. A large memorial to Ellington was dedicated in 1997 in New York's Central Park, near Fifth Avenue and 110th Street at an intersection named 'Duke Ellington Circle'.

He died of lung cancer and pneumonia on May 24, 1974, a month after his 75th birthday, and is buried in the Bronx, in New York City. At his funeral attended by over 12,000 people at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Ella Fitzgerald summed up the occasion, "It's a very sad day...A genius has passed."

The signature tune of the Duke Ellington orchestra is "Take the A Train." It is arguably the most famous of the many compositions to emerge from the collaboration of Ellington and Billy Strayhorn.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Ivans DSA, Jephtha Organist and Musician
2023 Dedicated Service Award Recipient

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

DEMOLAY

On Saturday, February 18th, Tristan Schulbaum of the Knights of Antiquity Chapter, Order of DeMolay, was presented with his Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award (PMC-MSA) while in attendance at the New York DeMolay Winterfest. He became one of only four active DeMolays in the State of New York to currently hold this prestigious title. The process for being awarded this honor includes a rigorous set of standards and requirements to be fulfilled throughout a Master Councilor's term(s) of office, including milestones for membership, attendance, charity, Obligatory Date observations, self-reflection, ritual proficiency, and Chapter excellence. The young man working toward this honor must plan, document, report, and analyze each event of the chapter throughout his term and have these reports and assessments approved at both chapter and state levels. We, his advisors and I, his father, are extremely proud of Tristan for putting in the hard work and dedication to earn this high honor.



The Knights of Antiquity DeMolay will be holding Initiatory Degrees on Sunday, March 26th at the Riverhead Lodge. All young men between the ages of 12 and 21 are eligible to join. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Order of DeMolay or would like to obtain a membership application to join this class of

initiates, please contact Br. Brian Schulbaum.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Schulbaum, Advisor, The Knights of Antiquity Chapter, ODM

TRUTH TRIANGLE

On Friday, February 3rd, Truth Triangle held an informal craft night led by Br Tim TenClay of Jephtha Lodge. The ladies, Advisors, and parents were instructed in basic knitting techniques using needles and yarn donated by Br TenClay. It was a wonderful event, with all in attendance gaining some level of proficiency in the skill while also enjoying the laughter and pleasure of joyful comradeship. Also, at this event we took time to wish our Beloved Queen, Sophia, a Sweet Sixteenth Birthday with cupcakes and gifts. The evening ended with all participants hoping to schedule another event in the near future for Br TenClay to teach us more about this craft.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Schulbaum
Junior Deputy, Truth Triangle #31

HAVE YOU?

Have you checked in with Bill Fenty III (wfenty@gmail.com) to make sure your spouse is registered - her full name, month and day of birth? Should you lay down your Working Tools before her, you know your spouse will be well taken care of by your fellow Brothers. If you do not register, there is no way of knowing who she is.

Is it fair to the remaining Brothers to be possibly reprimanded by the widow's family for not taking care of her because you didn't fulfill your Masonic duty to the Craft and to your spouse by not registering her?

REGISTER TODAY!

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.

MASONS OF JEPHTHA N° 494 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship applications from the Masons of Jephtha N° 494 are available and may be obtained from either R.:W.: Tim TenClay, Secretary, jephthasecretary@gmail.com, 516.710.2406, or W.: Robert Previto DSA, Education Committee Chairman, previto62@gmail.com.

The scholarship is for post-high school study and is open to any son, daughter, grandchild, or widow of a Master Mason of Jephtha Lodge.

ESSAYS (Choose one of the two):

- 1.) Who is your favorite Freemason and why?
- 2.) Of the Freemasons you know, which one characteristic do you find most important and why?

THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 1, 2023.

Kismet Shrine

Bring a Masonic-Friend Night & St. Paddy's Celebration !!

Come join us for some traditional Irish food:
Corned Beef & Cabbage, Bangers & Mash, Chicken Killarney

Bring a Mason who is not a Shriner and you'll
BOTH get a coupon for a FREE BEER !!

Monday, March 6th, 2023 6:30PM

Meeting at the American Legion Hall
66 Veterans Blvd, Massapequa, NY 11758

This is a golden
opportunity to learn what
Shriners are all about!

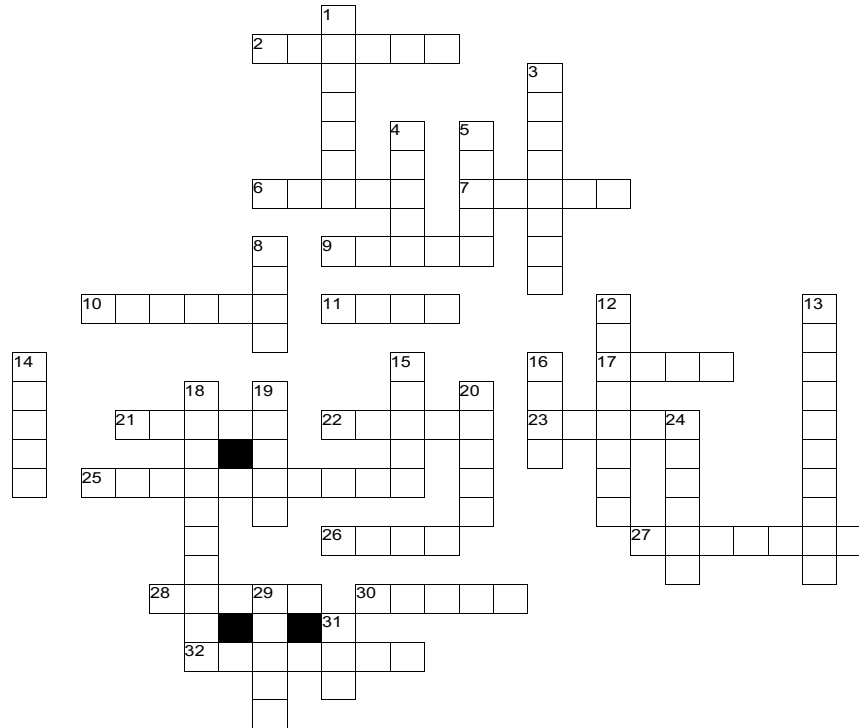
Maybe you can join the fun
by joining the Shriners!

We have waived our \$200
application fee for 2023!!

New Shriners Welcome!
Pay 1st year's dues to join!!



Introduction to Masonry



Across

2. How did you come to Masonry?
6. Where you are first prepared to be a Mason.
7. What kind of person were you when you began?
9. Freemasons are divided into how many degrees?
10. Which warden is in charge of collations?
11. Where does the Worshipful Master sit?
17. How one Mason may know another.
21. Color of the emblem of your innocence
22. Which part of the Lodge is always dark?
23. Used in the due guard.
25. What makes you a Mason?
26. One of the lesser lights in Masonry
27. Builder of the Temple in Jerusalem
28. The NYS Retirement Home is located in which city?
30. In voting, which color ball is against the candidate?
32. The Grand Lodge of New York is located in which city?

Down

1. The name of our lodge
3. What a Masson must subdue.
4. Where did you kneel?
5. One of the three great lights of Masonry
8. The Masonic camp for young people is called Camp ?
12. Music in the Lodge room is provided by whom?
13. Which early American President was a Mason?
14. Who guards the outer door?
15. Emblem of your innocence
16. The saints to whom the Lodge is dedicated
18. The library of the Grand Lodge of NY is named after?
19. What you had to be devoid of to be prepared to be a Mason?
20. Masons divide their time into how many parts?
24. Which deacon lights the lights at the altar?
29. The name of an eavesdropper
31. To Whom the lodge is erected

Sincerely and Fraternally,
 Brs Paul Levy and Richard Gentile
Answers will appear in next month's edition.

JEPHTHA LODGE N^o. 494

OFFICERS

June 2022 - June 2023

Worshipful Master	W.: Michael Crispino	Junior Steward	Br Douglas Henningsen
Senior Warden	Br William Fenty III	Steward	Br Richard Gentile
Junior Warden	Br John A. Lentinello	Marshall	Br Per Dobler
Treasurer	Br Robert Gaudioso	Chaplain	W.: Jeremiah Campbell
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Senior Deacon	Br William Friedman	Tiler	Br Gary Osarczuk
Junior Deacon:	Br Drew MacCallum	Inner Sentinel	Br William Fenty Jr
Sr. Master of Ceremonies	Br Frank Como	Ritual Director	W.: Rich Harris
Jr. Master of Ceremonies	Br Franckel Enelus	Historian	W.: Ronald Seifried DSA
Senior Steward	Br Brian Schulbaum	Editor Officer	Br Richard Gentile

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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 MacCallum, Br Thomas Montefusco,
Br Gary Osarczuk, Br Christopher Tomasino*

COMMUNICATIONS AND NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

To ensure Jephtha Lodge communications are correct, timely and promptly disseminated:

To create and publish the monthly *Jephtha Lodge Newsletter*.

Br William Fenty III, Chairman; Br Richard Gentile, Br Drew MacCallum, W.: Ronald Seifried DSA

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To hold education classes in the Masonic Degrees, prepare and deliver educational lectures and Masonic moments at stated communications, review and recommend academic scholarships, and provide reasonable assistance in Masonic education or research to the Lodge and its Brothers, or mandates under the Grand Lodge Constitution.

W.: Robert Previto DSA, Chairman; Br. Syed Asad, W.: Daniel Bernzweig,

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

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

EVENTS COMMITTEE

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

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

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Br Robert 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

