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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Happy April, My Brethren,

We start the month by trying to fool someone or by getting fooled on April Fool's Day. Generally, it is the children who are the culprits... so if an obvious prank falls upon you, then please act as if you fell for it, as the children will be happy they were able to fool you.

April also brings us Passover when our Jewish Brethren celebrate the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. Easter is also celebrated by Christians in April with the resurrection of Jesus Christ, proof we will all be spiritually resurrected and receive eternal salvation. Our Muslim Brothers celebrate Eid al-Fitr ending Ramadan with the eating of many sweets. The weather also warms, birds will be flocking back north, animals will be coming out of hibernation, and the planting season begins.

April is the month my Masonic journey began, when I came to Jephtha's "Brother, Bring a Friend Night" in April of 2013. Not only was I immediately accepted, but I was also welcomed and taken by the hand, a hand that is still held. The question was asked then, and is still asked today, what is a Mason? The Oxford Language Dictionary defines operative Masons as "builders and workers of stone." During our individual journeys, we learn of the tools used by operative Masons to build King Solomon's Temple, and we symbolically use them to build our inner temples.

But what is a speculative Mason? It can be a short or long definition, with many meanings, depending on the individual and his personal experiences in the Craft. We all know that Masonry makes good men better, bound together by our Masonic obligations which promote charity - charity of the individual, charity in donations, charity in the time and effort dedicated to the Craft to ensure it succeeds. Speculative Masons are also Brothers who believe in a Supreme Being of any faith as it cements their consciences and values into being good moral and ethical men. Our Brotherhood is strengthened with our yearly activities - degrees, communications and events, as our families witness firsthand how our brotherhood is built and supported, binding us together as Brothers.

There is much beauty in what it is to be a Mason, and every Brother experiences it in his own way, but the very basis of Masonry is the same for all, Brotherly Love.

Congratulations to the newly initiated, Jephtha Brothers: Ralph Lee Duke, Matthew Green, Stephen Parke and Scott Scarabino.

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

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



My Dear Brothers,

Are you witnessing it, or are you experiencing it?

Life and Masonry have a lot in common. That was made all too evident to me several weekends ago. Both are best when experienced.

As I approached the lodge, ready to put in a full Saturday of preparation for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration, I noticed some random guy standing on the stoop of our Lodge.

It was a cold, rainy, dreary kind of day, and he was kind of huddled up trying to keep warm. As I approached, I asked if I could help him? His response was he couldn't get into the lodge because the door was locked. I thought this odd since I didn't recognize him immediately and I introduced myself.

He is one of our newly initiated Brothers from the class not three weeks earlier and it was his first time back since his initiation. I welcomed him and brought him in. I introduced him to some of the brothers who were busy cooking in the kitchen.

They greeted him with an Apron and said, "Come on in Brother." I hope that symbolism isn't lost on any of us!

He then worked Saturday, Sunday and Monday, side by side with his new Brothers. They shared stories, they worked together, they were exhausted... together. They built a sense of pride in what they had accomplished in what was an inspired St. Patrick's Day Celebration the likes of which this Lodge has not seen since before COVID.

That Brother experienced Masonry.

If you come to Lodge and you see the pageantry of ritual, if you see the brothers busy at work together but you are just watching from a distance enjoying a glass of beer, or enjoying the party, if you hear all the discussions about what is going on in the Lodge, but you aren't part of it...

Then my brother, you are just witnessing it.

It is your right, it is what you are entitled to, but Brother, I say to you, you are missing it. Only in giving selflessly do you receive more than you have given.

R.:W.: Tim Tenclay gave an inspired discussion on Music and Mathematics in March. In this speech he discussed one important aspect of music; music is what happens in-between the notes.

My Brothers, Masonry is what happens in-between our meetings and events. It's the work we do together that makes those things happen. That is our greatest symphony.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Br Bill Fenty III, Senior Warden

There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you've yet to meet.
Dave Thomas (1932-2002, Businessman)

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

As spring begins to warm the earth, despite what the little rodent in Pennsylvania concluded, we begin to think of future travel plans. With this in mind, I write to you all today.

Recently, I visited the George Washington Masonic Temple in Alexandria, VA, and the Scottish Rite Museum & Library in Lexington, MA. Next month, I will be visiting the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and the St. Louis Scottish Rite and Masonic Temple Museum. I encourage all of my Brothers to visit other Masonic districts, if you can, and to tell us about your Masonic travels and journeys.

The George Washington Masonic Temple in Alexandria is quite well known. To this day it serves as the meeting place of Lodge #22 which was the Lodge to which George Washington belonged. In fact, they have the Trowel used to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol Building. Yes, this Trowel is on display for brother Masons and their families to see. A visit on a Thursday night, the first of every month, also includes a stop at the finely appointed Cigar Lounge and Room, adjacent to their preparation room, where brothers long and current have met in brotherhood. The Temple also has a museum consisting of 2 floors dedicated to each of the concordant bodies as well as historical Masonic artifacts utilized by famous Mason including Presidents Washington, Madison, and McKinley. The view from the top floor, included in the 45 minute - hour long tour, is breathtaking on a clear day with spectacular views of downtown DC, Arlington and Alexandria.

The Scottish Rite Museum and Library in Lexington, MA is approximately a 10-15 minute drive from downtown Boston off I-95. It is tranquil and soothing with a beautiful collection of timely placed exhibits and photographs including Masonic temple photographs from all 50 states. Yes, I left a photograph of the outside of our Lodge Building, perhaps it will be on display when you visit someday soon. Admission is free but a donation to the Children's Dyslexia Fund is recommended and most appreciated. The museum houses historical sets of working tools made by none other than Brother Paul Revere, and Master's jewels, including one belonging to a former President. The Masonic portrait gallery sets forth some well-appointed portraits of famous Masons both with and without regalia which are on loan from various Massachusetts and other State Lodges. There is also a directory and hall of fame, so to speak, showing all distinguished 33rd Degree Brothers and setting forth their mother Lodges. The exhibit on Prince Hall Masonry was also interesting and fascinating, and I encourage you, if you are in the area, to fancy a visit and learn. Of course, no visit would be complete without a visit to Boston's historic North End or Little Italy where you can also view Brother Paul Revere's home and workstation containing some of his personal, Masonic regalia.

It is with this in mind, my brothers, that I encourage us all to travel in foreign lands and visit Masonic sites in good health. I look forward to sharing our stories and travels together while at Lodge collations, now and into the future.

By the Plumb!

Fraternally yours,
Br John A Lentinello

The true Mason takes full responsibility for the condition of his character and ever strives for its perfection.
William Howard Taft (1857-1930, US President)

A NOTE FROM THE CORNER DESK



Dear Brothers,

It was a pleasure spending a little bit of time talking about music and math during our March 13 Communication. As a quick follow-up, I would like to offer a few resources. In particular, for those of you who were interested in my little “soapbox rant” on equal temperament (which I unceremoniously blamed Rameau for having “invented” in 1737), I encourage you to pick up a copy of Ross Duffin’s book *How Equal Temperament Ruined Harmony*. It is both fascinating and an enjoyable read. (I will gladly lend out my copy on a first come, first served basis.)

In relation to my discussion on Pythagoras, you can’t go wrong with checking out the old Donald Duck feature entitled “Donald Duck in MathMagic Land” (available freely on YouTube – contact me if you want me to send you a link).

I also spent some time talking about the way music may influence the body. While this is a growing field with limited scientific research, you may want to look up the 2019 study entitled “Influence of various intensities of 528 Hz soundwave in production of testosterone in rat’s brain and analysis of behavioral changes” by Daylari, Riazi, Pooyan, Fathi, and Katouli. “Astrocyte Primary Cell Culture Treated with Ethanol” by Babayi and Riazi is worth looking up as well.

Finally, as we wrapped up our discussions, you may recall that I mentioned overtone singing. My own introduction to the concept is through the Tuvan folk music (often referred to as “throat singing”), but Anna-Maria Hefeles has a lovely (and short) video on the topic on YouTube entitled “polyphonic overtone singing.” Her TedTalk “two notes, one voice” is worth listening to (and available on YouTube), though it is more technical and about four times as long.

More than any of the above, however, I want to express my gratitude for your attentiveness, your grace, and your participation. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening!

Grace and Peace,

R.:W.: Tim TenClay, Secretary

MASTER MASON BIRTHDAYS

By order of the Worshipful Master, birthdays will not be posted for the immediate future because of unresolved, technical difficulties.

RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON IN APRIL

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Michael Carey
William Fenty III
Gregory T Gatto
Robert Gaudio

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Norbert Heuser

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Peter M Rolfe

Brian Schulbaum
Christopher Sikes
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Christopher J Tilley
Jason L Van Loan

Freemasonry is founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice and its great object is to promote the happiness of the human race.

George Washington (1732-1799, US President)

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OF NEW YORK: nymasons.org/site**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!**April 2023**

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	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, Jephtha Lodge (See June 17 th .)
April	21	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle, Public Installation of Officers, 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
June	17	Saturday	TBD	Dinner honoring the new Master Masons, restaurant TBD

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE JEPHTHA NEWSLETTER ARE DUE THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH.

MASONIC MOMENTS

THESE 5 SECRET SOCIETIES CHANGED THE WORLD FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

From the Oracle at Delphi to the Freemasons, covert cults and clandestine clubs have existed in different cultures for millennia.

By Jean-Pierre Isbouts

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Secret societies have existed since the rise of the first great civilizations, ranging from religious cults to political associations to college fraternities. Including philosophers, artists, presidents, and even astronauts among their ranks, members typically conducted their business in private, hiding their activities—and sometimes their identities—from the public. Some use secret handshakes and symbols, while others wore coded clothing or jewelry. They have toppled rulers and reshaped nations; influenced writers and artists; and changed the way people think about God. And they're still around.

What exactly were they doing in the shadows? What's behind their mysterious rituals? Here are the real stories behind some of the most secretive societies throughout history.

ORACLE OF DELPHI



Photo left: The Delphic Sibyl is one of five sibyls depicted on the Sistine Chapel ceiling fresco by Michelangelo, completed in 1512. Image courtesy of Pantheon Studios, Inc.

Photo right: The Temple of Apollo in Delphi was originally built in the seventh century B.C.E. in the Doric style. Image courtesy of Wolfgang Kaehler/LightRocket via Getty Images

no more influential oracle than the one at Delphi. Reaching its peak influence between the 8th and 6th centuries B.C., this massive temple dedicated to the god Apollo stood at the heart of the Delphi sanctuary that, on most days, served as a place of worship. But for nine days a year, the temple became

an oracle when a special medium, called the Pythia, received a select group of visitors (who had made a sizeable donation for the privilege).

On the appointed day, Pythia, usually a young woman and Delphi native, would drink and bathe in the waters of the Kassotis Fountain. She then entered the temple to take her place in the inner sanctum, the *adyton*. The oracle herself never “spoke.” Instead, she entered into a trance, brought on, according to the Greek historian Plutarch, by mysterious “vapors,” writhing and convulsing as she uttered strange sounds and cries. The priests interpreted these utterances and produced a response, which gave them tremendous power—especially if the question pertained to important political matters.



Forbidden love

This illustration of the Pythia, entitled “Consulting the Delphic Oracle,” appeared in Hutchinson’s History of the Nations in 1914. Image courtesy of Bagdatopoulos, William Spencer (1888-1965) /Private Collection/ Bridgeman Images (Photo left)

The Pythia was chosen from a pool of young virgins. Their vow of chastity was tested after one petitioner, a military officer named Echecrates of Thessaly, fell in love and eloped with a Pythia. Delphic laws were strict: Marriage to a serving Pythian virgin was out of the question. The outraged Delphians then passed a law that “in the future a young virgin should no long prophesy” and that instead “an elderly woman of fifty” should declare the oracles.

CULT OF MITHRAS

The Mithraic Mysteries, a secret society that rose in the 1st century A.D. throughout the Roman Empire—thanks largely to its popularity among Roman troops—was inspired by an Indian-Persian divinity known as Mithra or Mithras, who was believed to have been born from a rock. Portrayed as a savior-like god, Mithras was often shown slaughtering a sacrificial bull or sharing a banquet with the sun god, Sol.



The Mithraeum beneath the Basilica of San Clemente in Rome. Photograph by Ice Boy Tell/Wikimedia Commons (Photo left)

Not much is known about the inner workings of this exclusive cult, though it’s understood that the focus was glorifying war, overcoming evil, and achieving salvation. All applicants had to pass seven complex levels of initiation—including performing animal sacrifices—before they were considered fully vested members or *syndexioi*, “sealed by a handshake.”

Up to 30 worshippers gathered in a cave-like space known as a mithraeum (over 45 of at least 680 have been discovered by archaeologists in Rome alone) to share a meal of bread and wine and conduct secret ceremonies in front of an effigy of the god slaying a bull. In its heyday, the cult became a major challenge to another rapidly growing religion: Christianity. In fact, early Christians persecuted them, and the society was suppressed by the end of the 4th century.



A panel showing Mithras slaying the bull, dated around 200 C.E. Photograph by Cincinnati Art Museum,

Ohio, USA/Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher E. Nyce/Bridgeman Images (Photo above)

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Of seven major Crusades launched to free the Holy Land from Muslim rule, only the First Crusade achieved tangible gains—taking Jerusalem in 1099 and massacring most of the Jewish and Muslim inhabitants who tried to defend the city. The crusader movement inspired the foundation of several military-religious orders devoted to holding and defending the Holy Land—the most famous of which were the Knights Templar.



A modern reenactment of Templar Knights in full battle armor. Photograph by DEA/C. Balossini/De Agostini/Getty Images (Photo left)

Formed circa 1119 when Baldwin II, then king of Jerusalem, charged a group of knights to protect all Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land, the Templars were readily recognizable by their white robes marked with a red cross. They developed a particular expertise in finance and soon became one of the most powerful knightly organizations, even credited with developing a new banking system.

After the crusaders were defeated in the Siege of Acre in 1291 and forced to flee the Holy Land for Cyprus, the Knights Templar never articulated a new mission. King Philip IV of France, who was deeply in debt to the order, exploited its disarray—and its reputation for secrecy—by arresting most of the Templar leadership in France. Several Knights Templar were burned at the stake on trumped-up charges, which only served to increase the order's mystique.



It was officially disbanded in 1307, but its legend lives on. Today, many secret societies in France, Germany, and Italy claim to be descended from the knights templar, including the Association Française des Chevaliers du Christ, which enjoys support from the Vatican.

The Castle of the Knights Templar at Ponferrada is on the pilgrimage road to Santiago de Compostela. Photograph by Marques/Shutterstock (Photo left)

Evolving church

The first priority for the crusaders was to rebuild the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. The new design restored the idea of combining two separate buildings—a basilica commemorating Golgotha, and a rotunda surrounding Christ's tomb—into one structure, though two domes still mark these spaces from the outside. Also, a bell tower was added. Allowing for various additions and restorations, this is the church that visitors to Jerusalem's Old City see today.



The Rotunda of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem is traditionally identified as the location of Jesus' tomb. Photograph by Pantheon Studios, Inc. (Photo above right)

THE FREEMASONS

Known for their white aprons, secret handshakes, and mysterious symbols, the Freemasons have allegedly helped plot the American and French Revolutions and plan the design of Washington, D.C. With chapters all over the world, members have included George Washington, Voltaire, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Harry Houdini, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Gerald Ford, and Buzz Aldrin.

The origins of this mysterious organization are murky, but it is believed to have begun in Europe as far back as the Middle Ages. Early members were a guild of professional masons or stoneworkers who, unlike most other commoners, had the means to travel to different cities and lands, which gave these artisans a unique and liberal worldview that transcended local customs.

Freemasons' Hall in London, built in 1933, is the headquarters of the United Grand Lodge of England. Photograph by Baloncici/ Shutterstock.com (Photo above right)



Over time, the Freemasons downplayed stone working as they discussed Western philosophical and intellectual ideas grounded in the Enlightenment, including anti-monarchism, constitutional government, and republicanism. As a nonreligious, nonpolitical society, Freemasonry defined a new set of moral and spiritual values, which were instilled through a series of ceremonies and rituals, by which members steadily advanced through the ranks (using stonemasonry as a guiding metaphor—they rose from apprentices to journeymen to master masons). The Freemasons remain a flourishing organization today, with many member units throughout the world devoted to charity and other good works.



Washington's lodge

An 1870 print shows George Washington as the Master Mason of the Virginia Masonic Lodge around 1793. Image courtesy of Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division, LC-DIG-pga-02796 (Photo left)

One of the Masonic leaders in the newly liberated American colonies was George Washington, who served as Grand Master of a lodge in Virginia. But the earliest Masonic lodge was founded in 1715 in Pennsylvania by John Moore, a port official. After the War of Independence, some tried to unify all state lodges in one American Grand Lodge, to be led by Washington, but this effort failed. Today, the Masonic movement is mostly organized by state.

THE TIANDIHUI AND HONGMEN

During the turbulent 18th century in China, the Tiandihui, or Society of the Heaven and the Earth, formed as a spiritual cult led by charismatic leaders in Fujian Province. They were forced underground by the Qing dynasty, becoming a ferocious resistance movement against the Qing Manchu rulers. They resorted to armed robbery to maintain financial stability.

The Tiandihui inspired other societies, including a Masonic-type organization known as the Hung Mun or “Hongmen.” Members included Sun Yat-sen, founder of China’s first republic, and Gen. Chiang Kai-

shek, Taiwan's founder. Some remained true to the Tiandihui ideals of patriotism, loyalty, and justice, but others drifted into criminality, inspired by the Tiandihui penchant for Robin Hood-style holdups. The most famous of these is a group known as the Triads, which today is one of the largest Asian crime syndicates in the world.



This ink-and-color portrait on silk from 1806 depicts Yinghe of the Qing dynasty. Image courtesy of B Christopher/Alamy Stock Photo (Photo left)

A Chinese Hongmen seal from the 19th century. Image courtesy of Chinese Research by Alexander Wylie, Shanghai, 1897 (Photo right)



Fraternally yours,
Br Richard Gentile, Editor

UPDATE ON NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS

The great vault structure of the Cathedral has been rebuilt!



Several major steps over the past months led to this important milestone. The wooden frames, reaching more than 98 feet from the ground, were installed at the crossing of the transept at the end of 2022. At the beginning of January, the first arch stones prepared by stonecutters were delivered by river to the construction site at the cathedral.

The stonecutters then laid the stone blocks one by one on the wooden frames which make up the four diagonal arches of the crossing. These arch stones will form the framework of the vault in the heart of the cathedral.

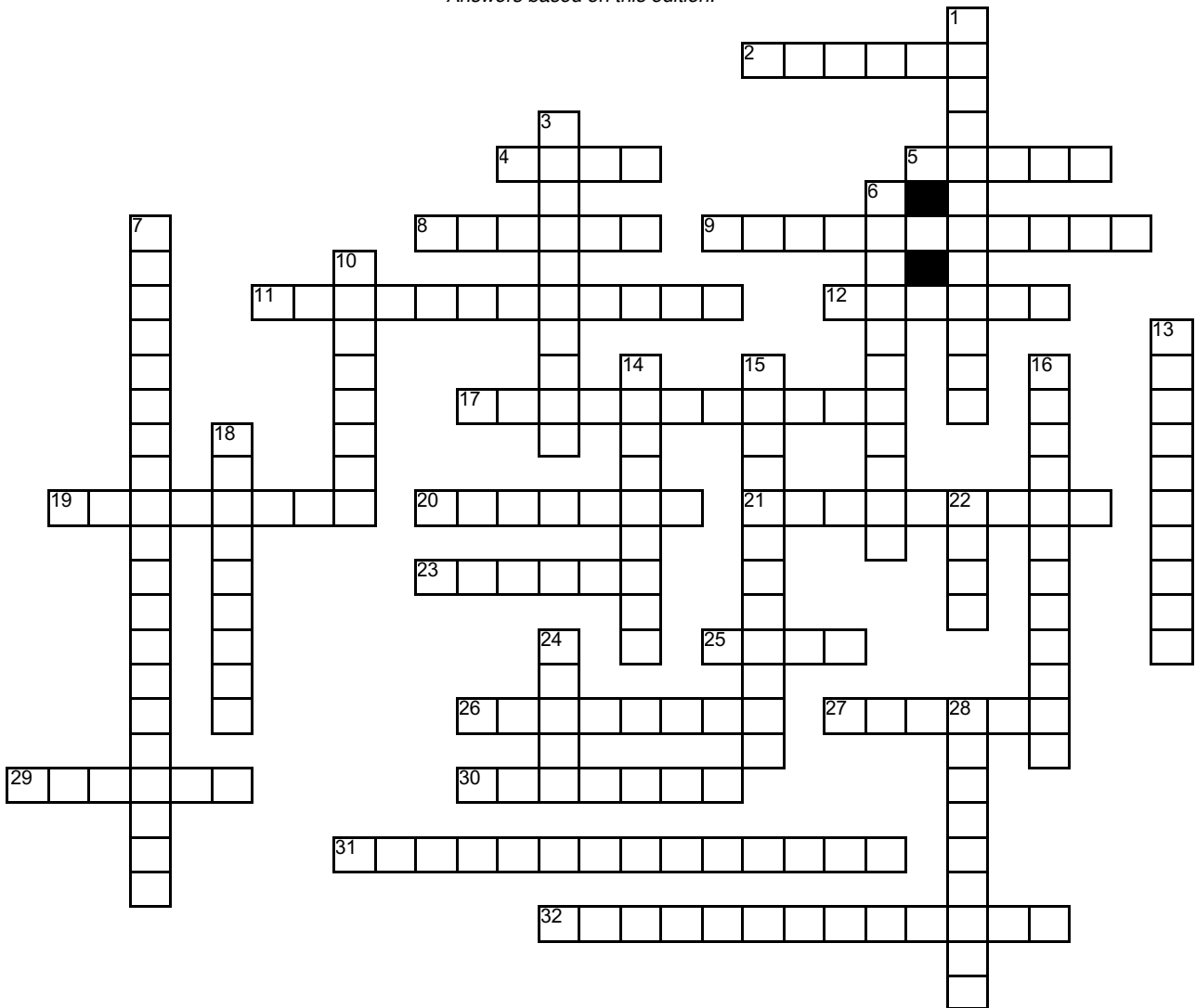
The four large angel heads dating from the beginning of the 18th century that encircle the oculus have also been reinstalled. Since December, stone sculptors have been working on exact reproductions of the destroyed or damaged decorations. They made plaster casts from the two sculptures found almost intact - although too fragile to be reused - to create full-size models.

The mortar of the arches will now be allowed to dry before the vault is finally closed. In the meantime, the scaffolding of the crossing will rise through the frames to build the spire. This will be another challenge.

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Fraternally yours,
Br Richard Gentile, Editor

APRIL 2023 CROSSWORD*Answers based on this edition.***Across**

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Answers will appear in next month's edition.

Fraternally yours, Br Richard Gentile, Editor

MARCH 2023 CROSSWORD**Answers****Across:**

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| 1. freely | 9. three | 17. grip | 23. hands | 27. Solomon | 32. New York |
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Down:

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| 1. Jephtha | 8. Turk | 15. apron | 20. three |
| 3. passions | 12. organist | 16. John | 24. senior |
| 4. altar | 13. Washington | 18. Livingston | 29. cowan |
| 5. Bible | 14. tiler | 19. metal | 31. God |

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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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 FOR THE SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT RUNNING OF JEPHTHA LODGE. KINDLY MAKE YOUR REQUEST KNOWN TO

TIM TENCLAY, SECRETARY, JEPHTHASECRETARY@GMAIL.COM, 516.710.2406.

YOUR NAME WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE PROPER CHAIRMAN.



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Blessings of Ramadan and Happy Eid al-Fitr