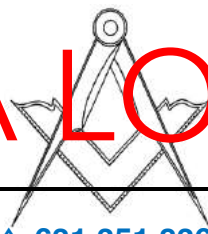


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TIME CAPSULE

The Time Capsule celebrating the 3,000th Communication of Jephtha Lodge will be filled on May 22nd. Please make sure the items you wish included are ready by the 22nd.

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Happy May my Brethren,

Congratulations to Jephtha Brs Joseph Foresto, Bill Meis, Patrick Tomasino, Jonathan Watson, and Dongan Patent Br Michael Trotta for being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 29, 2023. It was an honor raising you even though it was a long Masonic day (8 AM-3 PM), but it was also a most satisfying one.

I also want to thank you because of the Brotherhood you have joined. Not only did you receive this most important degree, but it was equally important for me to pass you to the third degree, for the many hours learning my lines, and the brotherhood I shared while practicing this degree with our Brothers, strengthening our bonds as Masons.

A special thank you to all the brothers who participated, and to the Brothers who have dedicated their time in shepherding.

Our guests on April 29th were Brs Bhavesh Bhimani and Jason Moskowitz who came to witness the drama, with Br Alex Hon and W.: Tim Rios joining them, all from Maimonides-Marshall Lodge N° 739, New York City.

In my installation speech last June, I mentioned our satisfaction comes from performing the degrees, the lessons we impart, and brotherly love. I also mentioned we can learn from a Mason who has 50 or more years of wisdom as well as from an Entered Apprentice who has just entered the Craft.

This held true on our recent April Communication where our newest Entered Apprentice gave a very informative Masonic lesson on stoicism, which ties in very nicely with the First Degree. Thank you, Matthew Green, for an excellent presentation.

As the sun begins to set on my Worshipful Master's term, our Lodge's Past Masters met with me and the

incoming Wardens in which the year was reviewed, and the incoming Master presented his incoming line and trestleboard. This occurred this year on March 30th at Jephtha Lodge. In closing the meeting, W.: Jeremiah Campbell read a quote from Socrates concerning gossip which I would like to share with you because it is so moving the Brotherhood should be aware of it.

For the Greeks gossip was always a powerful tool, where the ancient slaves would spread it against their masters. The Ancient Greeks had a goddess named Pheme, which means both fame and rumor, and under each feather of her wings there was an eye, ear and tongue. She would ruffle her feathers spreading lies to all who would listen. Gossip can discredit a person if found to be true, or for the person spreading it.

It is said that Socrates, one of the greatest Greek philosophers (469-399 BC), shunned gossip. One day, he came upon an acquaintance who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a test. It's called the Triple Filter Test."

"Triple Filter?" his friend asked.

"That's right," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my student, let's take a moment to filter what you're going to say. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said. "Actually, I just heard about it and..."

"All right," said Socrates. "So, you don't really know if it is true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, even though you're not certain it's true?" The man shrugged, a little embarrassed. Socrates continued. "You may still pass the test though, because there is a third filter, the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really," the man admitted.

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good or even useful, why tell it to me at all?"

The man who had tried to spread gossip to the great thinker was defeated and ashamed.

My Brothers, although we are Masons, we are also men. We are expected to live by a higher code and values, but we may fall into the spell of Pheme. Always remember, there are two sides to every story. Disassociate yourself from any factions of cliques. There is another quote I'd like to share with you from W.: Campbell that I feel it should pertain to all lodges - "Never look down on a Brother, unless you're helping him up."

I would like to congratulate the Truth Tringles #31 for their Installation of Officers, held on April 23rd at our Lodge.

To the Beloved Queen, Sophia Marlowe, continue leading with your mind and following your heart. It was amazing your order raised \$450 for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Congratulations to all your officers and leaders who ensured your perfect Installation. It was an honor sharing the Chair in the East with you, although you hold it with more Grace and Elegance.

Brothers, if you are ever able to attend an Installation of our sisters, please do so. The next one is November 17, 2023. You will witness the Grace and Elegance of our sisters who also share our future of this lodge.

The Beloved Queen's charity for this term is Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, and this is dear to her as she lost her aunt to the disease. There will be a wooden box on display in the collation room, and whenever you can, please continue donating.

The night of the installation I was asked to speak as Worshipful Master of this lodge. I mentioned when I first became WM, in my newsletter and in one of my speeches, how, as Masons, we can learn from other brothers. What I did omit, and I admitted this to the Beloved Queen, is the importance of The Truth Triangles and DeMolay. They are our youth. They too teach us important lessons, and Masonic wisdom from which we Brothers can also learn.

I would like to wish all the beautiful Mothers, Sisters, Wives and Daughters a Happy Mother's Day. I would also like to thank all the Veterans, especially those who made the Ultimate Sacrifice. Grand Honors to them, for without them, we would not have the freedoms we enjoy.

Enjoy a beautiful May,
Br Michael S Crispino, Jr, Worshipful Master

EDITOR OFFICER RESIGNS

At the end of W.:M.: Michael S Crispino, Jr's term in office,
I shall resign as the Editor Officer of *The Jephtha Newsletter*.

It has been a wonderful journey.

Fraternalty yours,
Br Richard Gentile

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



My Dear Brothers,

It's hard to believe it's May, and another Masonic year is ending. It's been an action packed year which began with our 3000th Communication and its accompanying publication, our Time Capsule and, of course, a lovely dinner. We followed that quickly with Oktoberfest, a Coat and Food Drive, a Holiday Party, and the Long Island Past Masters' Dinner.

January heralded a new calendar year as we continued with degrees and a first ever Past Masters' Second Degree, which was a wonderful success.

We finished the year with our St. Patrick's Day Party, the District Deputy's visit, and, finally, with our Summoned Communication in May.

We also managed to take care of our brothers by helping those in need and raising \$1600 to further support

our Benevolence Fund.

I look forward to our next Masonic year. I had the distinct pleasure of presenting my proposed slate of officers to the Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year at the April Stated Communication.

I am very hopeful our next Masonic year will be as successful as this one.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Br Bill Fenty III, Senior Warden

BIRTHDAYS

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

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May	5	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle, Open Meeting, Mother's Day Degree, 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	14	Sunday	Mother's Day	
May	15	Monday	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Officers' Meeting, Jephtha Lodge
May	22	Monday	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Special Communication, Jephtha Lodge
May	29	Monday	Memorial Day	
June	2	Friday	7:30	Truth Triangle, Skill Night, Jephtha Lodge
June	12	Monday	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Public Installation of Officers, Jephtha Lodge
June	16	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle, Open Meeting, Master Mason/Father, Jephtha Lodge
June	18	Sunday	Father's Day	
June	19	Monday	Juneteenth	
June	30	Friday	7:30 PM	Truth Triangle, Game Night and Sleepover, Jephtha Lodge

June 24 FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PATRON SAINT OF FREEMASONS

TRUTH TRIANGLE

On Friday, April 21st, Truth Triangle #31 held its Public Installation of Officers. It was a beautiful and emotional evening, as Beloved Queen Sophia was installed for a second term of office. She has selected angels as her mascot for this term, and explained they were chosen to symbolize love and the recognition of two very important people whom she has lost. The first being Mrs. Adora Fortunato, past Junior Deputy of Meridian Triangle, who guided and supported her in her youth. The second, her Aunt Lynda, who was sadly lost to Multiple Myeloma shortly after Sophia's initiation into Triangle. For this reason, Beloved Queen Sophia has selected The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation as her term charity, and we invite all of our Brothers and their guests to help our ladies raise funds for this cause by dropping spare change into the donation box which has been placed in the collation room.

We want to thank all of the Brothers who attended to support our ladies, and all of the guests who came to witness the fine work of our members. A special congratulations to Petra, daughter of R.:W.:Tim TenClay, for being installed as Chaplain and beginning her journey toward becoming Beloved Queen. The ladies are looking forward to an amazing and active term, including our State Convention in October and a fun-filled summer, and express the hope that you will all join us in our work and play. As always, we thank you for your tremendous support.

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



DEMOLAY

The Knights of Antiquity DeMolay held a brotherhood LaserTag event on Sunday, April 23rd. The young men gathered with friends at Kynityx in Bellport for an afternoon of games, laughter, and pizza. This event was long anticipated, as Master Councilor Tristan has been looking to schedule it for the entire duration of his three terms in office. All in attendance had a great time.

Next month, the chapter will be hosting its Installation of Officers at Riverhead Lodge on May 28th at 3:00 PM. We hope our Brothers will come out to support these young men in their efforts as they begin a new term. If you are interested in learning more about the Order of DeMolay, please reach out to Brother Brian Schulbaum for information or to obtain petitions for membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Br Brian Schulbaum
DeMolay Advisor

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!

MASONIC MOMENT

SPECIAL MEETINGS CALLED FOR A KING

On December 20, 1874, a special meeting of New York Lodge No. 330 was held to exemplify the third degree for the edification of a Brother. His Royal Highness David Kalakaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands, and a member of Le Progrès de l'Océanie Lodge N° 124 (Supreme Council of France), Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. After the degree was exemplified, the Bible on which George Washington had taken his oath of office was displayed. The royal visitor asked that the book be opened at the page where the oath was administered. He took the book in both hands and kissed the page saying, "I thank God for this privilege." On January 15, 1865, the same royal visitor attended Chicago's Oriental Lodge N° 33 which had called a special meeting. Over four hundred distinguished visitors attended. Reprinted from *mastermason.com*

Respectfully submitted,
Br Richard Gentile, Editor Officer

MASONIC MYTHS

THE LOST SYMBOL AND THE FREEMASONS: 8 MYTHS DECODED

Novelist Dan Brown's book, *The Lost Symbol*, is doing for the Freemasons what its predecessor, *The Da Vinci Code*, did for the Catholic Church's Opus Dei—showing new fame, and new fictions, on a

brotherhood that's already catnip for conspiracy theorists.

By Brian Handwerk

Reprinted from *National Geographic*, originally published on September 15, 2009

Since long before *The Lost Symbol* by Dan Brown, Freemasons have been accused of everything from conspiring with extraterrestrials to practicing sexual deviancy to engaging in occult rituals to running the world—or trying to end it. Detractors include global conspiracy theorists and religious organizations, including the Catholic Church.

The Lost Symbol isn't likely to squelch any rumors, beginning as it does with a wine-filled skull, bejeweled power brokers, and a dark Masonic temple steps away from the White House.

But what if Freemasons—the world's largest international secret society—are just a bunch of guys into socializing, non-satanic rituals, self-improvement, and community service?

To separate Freemason fact from *Lost Symbol*-style myth, National Geographic News went inside the centuries-old order with two Masons and a historian of the ancient Christian order from which some claim the Masons sprang in the 17th or 18th century.

MYTH 1: Masonic Symbols Are Everywhere

It's true that Masonic symbols are anything but lost, said Freemason and historian Jay Kinney, author of the newly released *Masonic Myth*.

Freemasonry is rich in symbols, and many are ubiquitous—think of the pentagram, or five-pointed star, or the "all-seeing eye" in the Great Seal of the United States.

But most Masonic symbols aren't unique to Freemasonry, Kinney said.

"I view the Masonic use of symbols as a grab bag taken from here, there, and everywhere," he said. "Masonry employs them in its own fashion."

The pentagram, for example, is much older than Freemasonry and acquired its occult overtones only in the 19th and 20th centuries, hundreds of years after the Masons had adopted the symbol.

Likewise, the all-seeing eye saw its way to the Great Seal—and the U.S. dollar bill—by way of artist Pierre Du Simitière, a non-Mason.

The eye represents divine guidance of the U.S. ship of state, or as Secretary of the U.S. Congress Charles Thompson put it in 1782, it alludes "to the many signal interpositions of Providence in favour of the American cause."

There was one known Mason on the committee to design the seal, Benjamin Franklin. His proposed design was eyeless and rejected.

MYTH 2: Masons Descend From the Knights Templar

Much has been made of the Freemasons purported lineage to the Knights Templar. The powerful military and religious order was established to protect medieval pilgrims to the Holy Land and dissolved by Pope

Clement V, under pressure of King Phillip IV of France, in 1312.

After modern Masonry appeared in the 17th- or 18th-century Britain, some Freemasons claimed to have acquired the secrets of the Templars and adopted Templar symbols and terminology—naming certain levels of Masonic hierarchy after Templar "degrees," for example.

"But those [Knights Templar] degrees and Masonic orders had no historic connection with the original Knights Templar," Kinney explained.

"These are myths or symbolic figures that were used by the Masons. But because the association had been made with these degrees, and the degrees had perpetuated themselves, after a time it began to look like there had been a connection."

Helen Nicholson, author of *The Knights Templar: A New History*, agrees that there is no possibility that Freemasons are somehow descended from the Knights Templar.

By the time of the first Masons, the Cardiff University historian said, "there were no more Templars."

MYTH 3: Masons Are Hiding Templar Treasure

One of the Templar-Mason theory's many veins suggests that some Templars survived the order's 14th-century destruction by taking refuge in Scotland, where they hid a fabulous treasure beneath Rosslyn Chapel (as seen in *The Da Vinci Code*).

The treasure, and the Templar tradition, were eventually passed down to the founders of Freemasonry, the story goes.

In fact, there *was* Templar treasure, Nicholson said, but it ended up in other hands long ago.

"The most likely reason [the Templars were dissolved] is that the king wanted their money. The King of France was bankrupt, and the Templars had lots of ready cash."

MYTH 4: Washington, D.C.'s Streets Form Giant Masonic Symbols

It's long been suggested that powerful Freemasons embedded Masonic symbols in the Washington, D.C., street plan designed mainly by Frenchman Pierre L'Enfant in 1791.

The Lost Symbol is expected to prominently feature "Masonic mapping," detecting pentagrams and other symbols by connecting the dots among landmarks. Pre-release clues released by author Dan Brown, for example, include GPS coordinates for Washington landmarks.

"Individually, Masons had a role in building the White House, in building and designing Washington, D.C.," said Mark Tabbert, director of collections at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. "And [small scale] Masonic symbols can be found throughout the city, as they can in most U.S. cities."

But there's no Masonic message in the city's street plan, Tabbert said. For starters, Pierre L'Enfant wasn't a Mason.

And, Tabbert asked, why would Masons go to the trouble of laying out a street grid to match their symbols?

"There has to be a [reason] for doing such a thing," said Tabbert, himself a Mason. "Dan Brown will find one, because he writes fiction. But there isn't one."

MYTH 5: Freemasons Rule the World

Maybe it's the impressive list of prominent Freemasons—from Napoleon to F.D.R. to King Kamehameha (IV and V)—that's led some to suggest the group is a small cabal running the globe. But Kinney, the Masonic historian, paints a picture of a largely decentralized group that might have trouble running anything with much efficiency.

"I think the ideals that Masonry embodies, which have to do with universal brotherhood, are shared by Masons around the world [regardless of] religious, political, or national differences," he said.

"But having shared ideals is one thing—having some sort of shared hierarchy is something else altogether."

Kinney noted that the U.S. alone has 51 grand lodges, one for each state and the District of Columbia. Each of these largely independent organizations oversees its many local blue (or beginner) lodges and has little real coordination with other grand lodges.

Internationally, Masonic lodges not only don't speak with a single voice but sometimes refuse to even recognize each other's existence.

Also, many Masons are independent minded and tend to resist edicts from above, Kinney said. "There is no way that they could be run by a single hierarchy. There is no such entity."

MYTH 6: Freemasonry Is a Religion—Or a Cult

But Masons stress that their organization is not a religion, that is it has no unique theology and does not represent a path for believers to salvation or other divine rewards.

Even so, to be accepted into Freemasonry, initiates must believe in a god—any god. Christians may be in the majority, but Jews, Muslims, and others are well represented in Masonic circles. At lodge meetings religious discussion is traditionally taboo, Kinney and Tabbert said.

But some religious leaders believe that Masonic rituals and beliefs—with its temples, altars, and oaths—do constitute an opposing faith. And the Masonic refusal to rank one religion above the others hasn't always been popular.

A 1983 Catholic declaration approved by Pope John Paul II, for example, said that "Catholics enrolled in Masonic associations are involved in serious sin and may not approach Holy Communion."

MYTH 7: Freemasons Started the American Revolution

Prominent Freemasons like Ben Franklin and George Washington played essential roles in the American Revolution. And among the ranks of Freemasons are 9 signers of the Declaration of Independence and 13 signers of the Constitution.

But Freemasonry—born in Britain, after all—had adherents on both sides of the conflict. Tabbert, of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, said Masonic groups allowed men on both sides of the revolution to come together as brothers—not to promote a political view, which would be against Masonic tradition.

"For many years [Masons] claimed in their own quasi-scholarship that all of these revolutionaries and Founding Fathers were Freemasons," Tabbert said. "A fair number of them were, but they weren't doing these things because they were Freemasons."

MYTH 8: Membership Requires Shadowy Connections

Contrary to *The Lost Symbol*, you don't have to drink wine from a skull to become a ranking Freemason. In fact, tradition dictates that Masons don't recruit members but simply accept those who approach them of their own free will.

When Freemasonry hit its peak in the U.S. during the late 1950s, Kinney, the Masonic historian, said, almost one of every ten eligible adult males was a member—a total of some four million and hardly a tiny elite.

Today membership numbers, like those of other fraternal organizations, have declined dramatically, and only about 1.5 million U.S. men are Masons.

But with *The Lost Symbol* already igniting interest in Freemasonry, Masonic centers are bracing for tourists—and maybe a few new recruits.

Respectfully submitted,
Br Richard Gentile, Editor Officer

CROSSWORD PUZZLE OF APRIL 2023

Answers

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| 1. red cross | 17. Mithras | 23. Santiago de Compostela | 31. five |
| 6. Jerusalem | 19. London | 26. mathematics | 32 Passover |
| 13. Jesus | 20. Tiandihui | 30. hertz | |

Down

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| 1. Easter | 8. Michelangelo | 14. stone masonry | 24. Donald Duck |
| 2. Triads | 9. experiencing it | 16. Chiang Kai-shek | 25. register her |
| 4. Delphi | 10. four | 18. Qing | 27. Sun Yat-sen |
| 5. Eid al-Fitr | 11. trestleboard | 21. by state | 28. better |
| 7. Crusades | 12. Our Lodge Page | 22. speculative | 29. virgin |

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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.***

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