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Jephtha Lodge #494 F & AM - Summer 2025 Newsletter

A Message from the Worshipful Master

Brethren,

As the days grow longer and the summer sun warms our spirits, I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. This season offers a wonderful opportunity for reflection, rejuvenation, and continued fellowship. We have much to celebrate and look forward to within our Lodge, and I encourage you all to stay engaged and connected.

Fraternally,
Bill Friedman,
Worshipful Master

Summer Casual Nights

As an answer to brothers requesting more fellowship during the dark days of the lodge, the Events Committee has set 3 evenings for what we are calling "Summer Casual Nights". Each night is an open lodge for gathering and enjoying the company of friends, family and "interested gentlemen" who are candidates or hopeful candidates to the lodge.

Check Band App for the most recent updates and details-

July 19th 8pm- Brothers and Interested Gentlemen are invited.

August 9th 8pm- Brothers and Interested Gentlemen as well as significant others are invited.

August 22nd 8pm -Brothers and Interested Gentlemen are invited.

Meet The 2026 Officers



JW Franckel Enelus Left WM Bill Friedman Middle SW Drew MacCallum Right

W.:M.: Bill Friedman

I learned about Masonry through marriage. My wife was an Eastern Star and a Job's Daughter and each of her Brothers, Brothers-in-law and her Father were all Worshipful Masters, District Deputies or District Grand Lecturers of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. No one spoke about it except in whispers when I was on one of my 10 trips to visit family in the Philippines.

One day I asked her what this "mason thing" was all about when I was lamenting the lack of Fraternity and Male companions to play tennis or just have a drink and hang out with. She immediately dropped a pin on every Lodge in Suffolk County and suggested I call Jephtha since it was close to our home.

I called, I visited and the rest is history.

It's actually History in the making. I have had opportunities to develop life-long friendships, and have met people I might never have crossed paths with in my business or personal life, ever.

As the Worshipful Master for 2025-2026 I am very proud of the Officer line we have assembled and I am making a point of working towards several goals, including but not limited to

Engagement with each other and to "reintroduce" Jephtha to our local Huntington community. We've only been here since 1860 but many people, even in the Town Hall, do not know of us.

Education, to make sure we are lifetime learners and to further our knowledge of Freemasonry and some practical as well as some Esoteric parts of Masonry which can get us thinking and to stimulate conversation amongst the Brothers.

Benevolence as we should always practice in our personal and Masonic lives to help our Brothers in need.

Fraternity to bring Brothers who have been away from the Lodge or who have not been engaged back in to help with our ambitious schedule of events and Community activities.

Reflection, to take a few moments every Stated Communication, and every day, to remind ourselves why we are here and what purpose we serve for the GAOTU.

Senior Warden: Drew MacCallum

Growing up in 10 states and 14 different cities made for an awkward childhood- always the new kid. My Dad somehow found some time to dedicate to the craft and was Raised in Edmund Oklahoma, and received his 32° in India Shrine Temple. Once I finally "settled down" here in Huntington, I looked up one day and saw the building and immediately called my dad and said, "its time". My Godfather, Grandfather were/are also Brothers, with my Godfather (James Brady Jr) receiving his 33° in 2021.

Professionally, I've been in the photo industry since high school and photographed just about everything under the sun. I work at the Americas Headquarters for Canon as the Senior Product

Manager - responsible for the marketing and launch of new camera products as well as new product development research.

Im very much looking forward to this year and helping the brothers of the lodge have a successful masonic year.

Junior Warden: Franckel Eneleus

Brethren, I hope this July Newsletter finds you well.

Freemasonry for me is an Institution philosophical, philanthropist and Spiritual where a group of modern men are building themselves socially, mentally and spiritually. Each one of us is a micro universe, every day we are learning, helping one another to be better. I love being around my brothers.

When I'm at the Lodge, all my problems go away. The love, the Friendship, the camaraderie, the trust and the Support we got for each other is out of this World. Every day I'm learning from the Brothers who have gone this way before me. Being part of this Big Family is the best decision I could ever make. We're all on the level always.

Lodge Events for the Year

August 17: Long Island Ducks Game 5:05 PM 3:00 PM tailgate

August 22: Open Lodge Night (Brothers & Interested Gentlemen) 8pm

September 8: Stated Communication 7:00 PM
(Read Petitions) Egyptian Night Lecturer & Middle Eastern Food

September 12: Ride 343

September 22: (Rosh Hashana begins) **7:00 Special Communication** – Step Up night & Lecturer

October 6: 7:00 PM DD Practice – Need WM, Marshal, Tiler & JD

October 10-13: Fall Festival in Hecksher Park – Jephtha booth

October 13: DD Visit 7:00 PM

October 18: Cinema Arts "The Man Who Would Be King"

October 27: Special Communication 7:00 PM
Lecturer

October 29: EA Degree Practice

November 3: EA Degree Practice

November 5: EA Degree Practice

November 10: Past Master EA Degree 7:00 PM
Stated Communication

November 14: Brother Bring A Friend Night 7:00 PM
Bourbon tasting or Wine Tasting

November 15: Food Drive at Stop & Shop 10 – 2 PM

November 17: EA Lecture 7pm

November 30: 12:00 – 4:00 Holiday Party and Parade Viewing

December 1: Special Communication for Lodge clean up only

December 8: Stated Communication 7:00 PM
Lecturer

2026

January 12: Stated Communication 7:00 PM
Lecturer

January 26: Special Communication 7:00 PM
Lecturer

February 9: Stated Communication 7:00 PM
Lecturer

February 11: FC Degree Practice

February 16: FC Degree Practice

February 18: FC Degree Practice

February 23: Special Communication 7:00 PM
Fellow Craft Degree

March 2: FC Lecture

March 6: Brother Bring a Friend (theme TBD)

March 9: Stated Communication 7:00 PM Lecture – Irish Theme

March 14: St Patrick's Day at Jephtha

March 23: Special Communication 7:00 PM
Symbolic Sedar Night Open to Wives, Girlfriends & Family

April 13: Stated Communication 7:00 PM Lecturer

April 22: MM Degree Practice

April 27: MM Degree Practice

April 29: MM Degree Practice

May 2: MM Degree and Dinner

May 11: Summoned Communication Voting for Officers 7:00PM

June 8: Public Installation of Officers 7:00 PM

Lodge Communication: Band App

To all brothers, we are trying to be as communicative as possible. Each has their preferred method of receiving information, but with limited resources of a volunteer group, we just cant keep 4+ platforms for communication (email, text, mail, website, M2/Groupable etc). We will absolutely do our best to keep all up to date and we are finding ways to sync up. Until further notice, please use the BAND APP as the main source for lodge communications of events and happenings.

We will try and push out via email and looking to move from Calling Post voice mail to Calling Post text messages. In order to do this, we will need to update your information in MORI and our other databases- be on the look out from the communications committee for that request.

Stay Connected!

Don't forget to visit our website at Jephtha.com for the latest updates, event calendar, and contact information. We are currently updating the website to be more interactive and updated more often. Hopefully before the first communication, it will be back up and live.

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A Parting Thought

"The truest way to be happy is to make others happy." -
