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WORSHIPFUL MASTER JOHN A LENTINELLO

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My Dear Brothers,

There is nothing better than fall weather as the season changes with slightly cooler temperatures and the trees are transformed into all their fall glory. We are also reminded this is the time of year to give back, a time for giving thanks, a time for family, and to be truly thankful and grateful for all we have.

With that in mind, I would like to remind all our Brothers and their families to donate to our Jephtha Lodge Coat Drive, (which also includes scarfs, gloves, hats, etc.). Our donation boxes are in the lobby of the Lodge and will be there through November 15, 2024.

Our food drive will be held at the Stop & Shop in East Northport, 3126 Jericho Turnpike (11731) from 10 AM until 2 PM on Saturday, November 16th. All food, as well as clothing, will be donated to the Helping Hand Rescue Mission. If you cannot make it to the food drive, please remember there are bins in the lobby of the Lodge for you to donate canned and non-perishable food. All this will also go to the Helping Hand Rescue Mission.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our newly initiated Brother Entered Apprentices: Matthew Schenker, Lisimba Eze Addae, Athar Iqbal, Herbert Schramm, and Khasha Yousefi. Welcome, my Brothers, to our great Masonic Fraternity.

To all of our Brothers and family members who are sick or under distress at this time, we wish you a very speedy recovery, well wishes, warm Fraternal Greetings of the season, and Brotherly Love.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

Sincerely and Fraternally, W∴M∴ John A Lentinello

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Thomas M Fisk Kamal K Gupta Kenneth T Hall Kirk E Hall Robert L Hylton Jr Stephen S Kalogris William Kanzler David Minassian Christopher Palmer Patrick Tomasino Osmar Valdez Robert P Walther Walter V Willems

NOVEMBER RAISINGS TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Gino Caba Adrian Ciocci Raymond J Dowling Franckel J Enelus Neil H Fisk Alfred Q Kuntz Bob D Marini Mikel Nazarowitz Gary F Osarczuk William T Perks Christopher Tomasino
Thomas E Wainwright
Robert P Walther
Robert V Williamson

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is our unique American Holiday which applies to everyone without reservation as we gather in gratitude to enjoy the Supreme Architect's bounty and all His blessings received. November also begins the end of the year's many holidays - All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Mawlid el-Nabi, Advent, Hanukkah, Feast Day of St. Nicholas, Bodhi Day, Immaculate Conception, Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Posadas Navideñas, Christmas and Kwanzaa. Everyone is busy preparing - shopping, present wrapping, cleaning and decorating, cooking and baking, setting the dining room table more elegantly than usual, writing cards, and creating a guest list of those to invite. As the holidays draw close everyone is in a fever pitch to accomplish all that has to be done while still balancing work and family.

In the fury of all this activity, there is also a sorry side few think about since many are too busy to do so or are unaware this problem may even exist. These are the sick and those suffering from loneliness and social isolation, who are often not included in the merriment beginning with Thanksgiving and ending on New Year's Day because they have no family or family nearby, no close friends, or are physically incapable of moving about freely. Being forgotten and not included in gatherings has a grave effect on the health and happiness on these individuals, and many of the isolated sick and socially isolated won't ask for help. They feel they may be stigmatized since they are no longer considered the vibrant personality they once were, or ashamed of how they feel, severely depressed, or perhaps even made fun of. Thirty-five percent of the American elderly population is lonely, and twenty-eight percent of them live alone. Thirty percent of young adults aged 18-25 frequently feel lonely, some studies say that may be as high as 61 percent, with overuse of electronic devices being the major contributor to their loneliness and depression.

What can we do as Masons? If you know of someone nearby who is alone, be it a relative or friend, invite him or her to join you at your Thanksgiving table. You will be amazed at how the dynamics of your gathering can beautifully change! You will personally receive more in gratitude with a heart briming with joy than the person you have invited receives, as is always the case when you give selflessly. If the person does not live locally, phone him or her on Thanksgiving Day to wish him or her well, and perhaps even send flowers or a food basket. If the person you know lives nearby but can't come to your home for whatever reason, as your meal draws to an end quickly run over and bring a complete Thanksgiving dinner you have just enjoyed. It will make all the difference in their lives and your joy will be greater than theirs.

Fraternally yours, Br Richard Gentile

At the end of life, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done.

We will be judged by, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in."

Mother Theresa (1910-1997)

Dec. 13 2024 6PM Jephtha Lodge #494

FDNY Engine 50

Present

To The Rescue: Charitable Fundraiser





PUTTING OUT THE FIRE!!

FATHER, HUSBAND, FRIEND, FIREFIGHTER, BROTHER.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW WORDS THAT DESCRIBE GREG. BORN IN MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, GREG HAS BEEN WORKING
TIRELESSLY WITH THE FDNY FOR OVER 22 YEARS, INCLUDING DONATING COUNTLESS DAYS TO THE FDNY 343RIDE SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 2011, HELPING DONATE OVER \$1.5 MILLION TO MANY VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS. HE IS THE TYPE OF GUY THAT GETS ENJOYMENT OUT OF HELPING OTHERS IN ANY CAPACITY BIG OR SMALL. A DEVOTED HUSBAND TO HIS WIFE BARBARA AND A DEDICATED FATHER TO HIS TWO DAUGHTERS SARAH & ANGELINA, GREG SOMEHOW FINDS THE TIME TO HELP OTHERS IN NEED, WHETHER IT BE AT THE FIREHOUSE OR FOR ONE OF HIS MASONIC BROTHERS.

EPHESIANS 6:10 SAYS IN PART; "BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE STRENGTH OF HIS MIGHT." THIS BLESSING IS PRAYED OVER OUR FIREFIGHTERS TODAY, TO KEEP THEM PHYSICALLY SAFE, AND GUARD THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS AS THEY REPORT TO WORK. NOW IS THE TIME TO RETURN THE MANY FAVORS GREG HAS BESTOWED ON US AS HE BATTLES CANCER IN THE PRIME OF HIS LIFE.

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To make a donation please scan QR code or go to www.JephthaEvents.org

For additional information, Please contact Brother Rich Harris (631) 833-1104 or Harris2dog@verizon.net

Raffle

50/50

Silent Auction

Buffet

Drink

Shirts and more...

100% of the proceeds to be distributed to W:. Greg and his family, Our Brother in need.

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Wed. Apr. 9



UPCOMING JEPHTHA EVENTS

Mon. Nov. 11 7 PM	STATED COMMUNICATION, Business and Lodge Budget Vote, Lecture to follow.
Sat. Nov. 16 10 AM-2	Collation at 7 PM, Meeting at 8 PM PM FOOD DRIVE AT STOP & SHOP, 3126 Jericho Turnpike, East Northport 11731. Food
Mon. Nov. 18 8 PM	will be for the Helping Hand Rescue Mission EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING via Zoom, fundraising, Greg's Event, and Table
Mon. Nov. 20 7 PM	Lodge Planning
Mon. Nov. 25 7 PM	OFFICERS MEETING, DDGM practice to follow at 8 PM SPECIAL COMMUNICATION - BROTHER BRING A FRIEND NIGHT, 7 PM collation.
	Dress will be casual. Wear your favorite sports team jersey or alma mater gear. Invite any potential candidates (wearing the same). Let's be comfortable and have a great time discussing our wonderful Craft.
Sat. Nov. 30 4-8 PM	HUNTINGTON TOWN PARADE OF LIGHTS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND PARADE VIEWING - The Lodge will be open to view the parade in style, with cupcakes and cookies available, drinks at the bar by donation. Please be aware the streets may be
	closed as early as 3 PM so arrive early.
Mon. Dec. 9 6:30 PM	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER VISIT (DDGM) , 8 PM, collation will open at 6:30 PM to allow time for delegations.
Fri. Dec. 13	FIGHT THE FIRE, Jephtha Lodge with the assistance of FCNY Engine Co. #50. See page 3 for full details.
Sat. Feb 22 6 PM	JEPHTHA TABLE LODGE, "Miami Vice" theme. Dinner will be provided, \$50/pp,
	Brothers only, includes dinner, drinks and glasses. Come dressed in your pastels and
	let's rock out to a great time. Crocket, Tubbs and Castillo may make an appearance, and we will see what else may be in store.
	UPCOMING SUFFOLK MASONIC DISTRICT EVENTS
Thr. Nov. 14	DDGM, The Lodge of Antiquity
Thr. Nov. 21 Mon. Dec. 2	DDGM, Potunk Lodge DDGM, Old Town Lodge
Thr. Dec. 19	DDGM, Suffolk Lodge
	2025
Wed. Jan. 8	SUFFOLK MASONIC DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION The topic will be the First
	Degree, all Entered Apprentices are welcome. Smithtown Lodge hosted by V∴W∴ Stuart
	Smith.
Mon. Jan. 13	Smith. DDGM, Connetquot Lodge
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