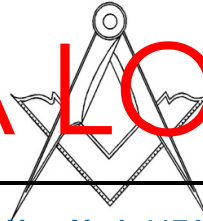


# JEPHTHA LODGE 494



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My Dear Brothers,

First and foremost, the Jephtha Officers and I wish you and all your family a very Happy New Year! As the temperatures have plummeted these last few weeks, we have been busy behind the scenes continuing to plan jovial events and interesting, new lectures for meetings at the Lodge. For those of you on Long Island, we look forward to seeing you soon at the Lodge.

Speaking of which, Brothers, we request your patience with our 120 year-old-Lodge-building as the water main is replaced and sidewalk excavated. We are all hoping the project can be completed without issue by the close of business on January 16, 2025. The trustees have remained hard at work with the necessary permits and contractors.

Masonry is about Brotherhood, Brothers helping Brothers in need. At this time, I would like to thank those Brothers of Amityville Lodge and Alycone Lodge who offered their buildings for us to meet, if needed, with our Special Dispensation granted from the Grand Master himself. However, luckily such was not needed and we were allowed to spread Masonic cheer to the Suffolk District by visiting Brothers at Connetquot Lodge for their District Deputy Grand Master visitation on January 13, 2025.

Moreover, for those of you who live out of town, the Lodge also had a busy December 2024 as we held our Holiday Party and Town Holiday Parade viewing, and a successful toy drive where hundreds of toys were donated to children in need. Additionally, we effectively held a highly successful fundraiser, with the help of the FDNY, for our own W.: Greg Gatto, a strong indication of our love for our fellow Brother while showing the public and New York State how to put on an event of this size and what Masonry is all about - supporting our Brothers. W.: Greg, our sincerest regards and get well soon, Brother. We look forward to again baking those wonderful vegan, gluten free carrot cakes with you in our Jephtha kitchen.

During this winter, we hope to see you soon at one of our many upcoming meetings and lectures, along with our St. Patrick's Day Party at the Lodge on Sunday, March 9, 2025, beginning at 12 PM. The event is open to the public and further details can be found in this Jephtha Newsletter.

Are you a Brother who cannot make it to the St. Patrick's Day party? Have no fear! Do you have your white suit, pastel jacket, Ferrari, Porsche and Lexus sports cars? Then join Detectives Crockett, Tubbs and Lieutenant Castillo at our Saturday, April 5, 2025, MIAMI VICE themed Festive Board, beginning at 5 PM. Dinner will have a Latin flair and we hope to see you dressed for the occasion. No other Lodge will pull this off but us because we are the Jewel after all, so let's enjoy it together. (This event has been rescheduled from February 22, 2025, to April 5, 2025.)

Ladies do not worry, we cordially welcome you to our end of the year Third Degree Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 6-11 PM at the Britannia Yacht Club - formal dress, dinner, dancing and an open bar! On the water, dressed to kill, with a romantic view, what can be better other than the many laughs with your favorite Brothers? So, come on out! Tickets will sell fast and there is a limit, \$60 per person, \$120 per couple.

Brothers, I would also like to cordially invite you to our Special Communication on Monday, January 27, 2025, for an interesting new lecture on the Shriners given by our own W.: Mitch Goodkin. Collation at 7 PM, gavel at 8 PM sharp. Furthermore, if you are not already on the BAND app please let us know and we will get you set up properly. Brothers, this is an efficient and free method of communication that allows us to post important events, details, planning and

emergency notices. Please ensure you have downloaded the BAND app on your phone today. If you have not already done so, we strongly recommend it.

And finally, the due date for the Jephtha Student Scholarships is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Any son, daughter, grandchild or the widow of a Master Mason of Jephtha Lodge who is or was a member for at least three consecutive years in good standing, may apply for this scholarship. Application forms may be obtained from R.:W.: Tim TenClay, Secretary, jephthasecretary@gmail.com or W.: Rob Previto, Committee Chairman, previto62@gmail.com. Any further questions, please contact the Chairman.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

John A. Lentinello  
Worshipful Master

**JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Adrian Ciocci  
Frank Corso  
Charles B DiPietro III  
Per U Dobler  
Thomas Ferentinos  
Charles H Fisher  
Neil H. Fisk  
William K Friedman  
Richard B Gentile  
Paul F Giraldi

Michael Goodkin  
Matthew Green  
Richard J Hajek  
Greg Hannington  
Ryan Jennings  
John A Lentinello  
John N Lowe  
Xavier F Marinaro  
Thomas M Montefusco  
Corry H Morris

William Muskopf  
Scott L Myers  
Gary F Osarczuk  
Derek G Rhodes  
Peter M Rolfe  
Matthew R Schenker  
James P Stork  
Timothy J TenClay  
Khasha Yousefi

**JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RAISINGS TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON**

Daniel Bernzweig  
Michael R Denkovich  
Eric M Freedman

Stuart Koening  
Timothy L Mason  
Michael J Rittenhouse

Nick Vorrias



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**Jephtha Lodge #494**

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**TABLE LODGE**

**April 5 2025**

**5PM**

**\$60**

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### UPCOMING JEPHTHA EVENTS

Wed. Jan. 22	7 PM	<b>Shepherding</b> , First Degree, at the lodge
Mon. Jan. 27	7 PM	<b>Special Communication</b> and lecture on the Shriners at 8 PM. Collation at 7 PM, steak fajitas with all sides and compliments.
Wed. Jan. 29	8 PM	<b>Shepherding</b> , First Degree, via Zoom
Mon. Feb. 3	8 PM	<b>Second Degree Practice</b>
Wed. Feb. 5	7 PM	<b>Shepherding</b> , First Degree, at the Lodge
Mon. Feb. 10	7 PM	<b>Stated Communication</b> and lecture at 8 PM. Collation at 7 PM, Italian feast including pasta, meatballs and parmigiana.
Wed. Feb. 12	8 PM	<b>Shepherding</b> , First Degree, via Zoom
Mon. Feb. 17	8 PM	<b>Second Degree Practice</b>
Wed. Feb. 19	8 PM	<b>Final Dress Rehearsal for Second Degree Practice</b>
Mon. Feb. 24	6:30 PM	<b>Second Degree of Fellowcraft</b> will start promptly at 7:30 PM. Collation at 6:30 PM, hero sandwiches
Sun. Mar. 9	12-6 PM	<b>St. Patrick's Day Party</b> at Jephtha Lodge. \$25 includes two drink tickets and food. Additional drinks tickets will be \$5 each or 5 drinks for \$20.
Mon. Mar. 10	7 PM	<b>Stated Communication</b> , lecture, recap of St. Patrick's Day and final plans for the Third Degree. Collation at 7 PM, our own St. Patrick's leftovers - corn beef, cabbage, carrots, soda bread and hero sandwiches, libations from our Bar Committee. Gavel promptly at 8 PM
Mon. Mar. 24	7 PM	<b>Special Communication</b> with a lecture on Royal Arch and York Rite Masonry. Collation at 7 PM, Mac and cheese, oxtail stew with all the sides and fresh vegetables. Gavel promptly at 8 PM.
Sat. Apr. 5	5 PM	<b>Festive Board - Miami Vice</b> at Jephtha Lodge, \$60 per person which includes dinner, cannons and libations from our Bar Committee. Come join us for a special night. <i>Brothers of all degrees are welcome to attend but the event is only open to Brothers.</i>
Sat. May 3	8 AM	<b>Third Degree</b> Breakfast at 8 AM, 9 AM gavel for the Third Degree, 12 PM Third Degree Lunch, 1 PM third Degree Drama Presentation.
Sat. May 3	6-11 PM	<b>Third Degree and End of the Year Dinner</b> at the at the Britannia Yacht Club, dancing, open bar, formal attire. A party you won't want to miss. \$60 per person, \$120 per couple.
<b>UPCOMING SUFFOLK MASONIC DISTRICT EVENTS AND DISTRICT DEPUTY VISITS</b>		
Tue. Jan. 28	7 PM	<b>Masonic Trivia Night</b> at Paumanok Lodge with free dinner and prizes, including brand new ties, gift cards, and raffle giveaways. They are looking for visiting lodges to play and compete on teams. Anyone care to join WM Lentinello in this Quest for Victory? If so, please let him know. (Paumanok-Port Washington Lodge #855, 5 Pulaski Place, Port Washington, NY 11050)
Sat. Feb 1	8 AM	<b>Masonic Leadership Initiative</b> , Valley of Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre Masonic Temple, 28 Lincoln Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY. RSVP via Eventbrite on Band.
Tue. Feb. 4	6:30 PM	<b>Amityville Lodge</b> , DDGM, 6:30 PM collation, 7:30 PM gavel
Wed. Feb. 12	6 PM	<b>Smithtown Lodge</b> , DDGM, 6 PM collation, 7 PM gavel
Tue. Feb. 18	6:30 PM	<b>Riverhead Lodge</b> , DDGM, 6:30 PM collation, 8 PM gavel
Mon. Mar. 3	6 PM	<b>George Washington Night</b> at Lynbrook-Massapequa Lodge No. 822 with a rare visit of the George Washington Bible from St. John's Lodge No. 1. RSVP required, information available on BAND.
Thr. Mar. 13	7 PM	<b>Dongan Patent Lodge</b> , DDGM
Sat. Mar. 15	2-6 PM	<b>Grand Lecturers Convention</b> (First Degree), Babylon Lodge. Joint convention with Nassau and Suffolk Masonic Districts. RSVP is required, available on BAND
Wed. Apr. 9	6 PM	<b>Babylon Lodge</b> , DDGM, collation at 6 PM, gavel at 7:30 PM
Mon. Jul. 14	6-10 PM	<b>Long Island Past Master's Association (LIPMA) Summer Soirée</b> at Land's End Catering, Sayville, NY. Details to be announced shortly.