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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



A YEAR OF SUCCESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

By W.: Philip Lunarola, Master

Dear Brothers of Suffolk Lodge,

As we welcome the new year, I extend my warmest greetings to each of you and your families. The start of 2024 marks not only a new chapter in our lives but also a time to reflect on the remarkable achievements of our beloved Lodge.

Our journey through the first half of the year has been nothing short of remarkable. With immense pride, I share that we have already far exceeded our fundraising goals, thanks in large part to our successful participation in the Port Jefferson Charles Dickens Festival. This achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of all the brothers and their families who contributed to this event. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I am deeply grateful for your unwavering support.

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Torin, a young lad visiting us from Jacksonville, Florida won this year's Lionel Train Raffle. The Gingerbread House Contest, a cherished tradition, showcased more participation than last year, signaling our progress in marketing and organization. We anticipate next year's event will reach new heights, further solidifying our presence in the community. The joy of our contest winners, especially the young boy who triumphed in the Lionel Train Raffle, was a heartwarming sight. Our lodge's hospitality, exemplified by our fresh baked cookies and hot spiced cider, was a highlight for the community during the Dickens Festival. The visit from Mayor Sheprow and extensive media coverage further amplified our success.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce another promising opportunity for community engagement and fundraising. The annual Port Jefferson Ice Sculpture Festival, scheduled for January 27th and 28th, will feature large masonic themed ice sculptures outside our lodge, each carved from 600-pound blocks of ice. Our display, included in the festival guidebooks and maps, is set to draw significant attention, mirroring the success of last year's event that attracted 26,000 visitors. Aligning with our strategy from the Dickens Festival, we will reopen our popup Cookie Shop, offering fresh baked cookies, hot cocoa, and cider to festival-goers. This event is not just a fundraising opportunity; it is a chance to positively present Freemasonry and engage with the community, ensuring the preservation of our Temple and the future of our Lodge.

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In the spirit of growth and progress, I am delighted to announce that our membership program is thriving. We have six fellow crafts prepared for their next step as Masons. A special communication for the Master Mason Degree is scheduled for January 25th, the fourth Thursday of the month. This event, typically reserved for social gatherings, is an important occasion, and I encourage all to make every effort to attend.

Our Northstar program is also moving forward with momentum, with around 20 prospective members at various stages of the membership process. We will meet with these gentlemen next Thursday, furthering our commitment to welcoming new members into our fraternity.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your commitment and contributions to our Lodge. Let's embrace 2024 with the same spirit of brotherhood, dedication, and community engagement that has always defined us.

Sincerely,

Worshipful Master Philip Lunarola Suffolk Lodge No. 60 AYM, F&AM



REDISCOVERING INTUITION

Submitted by W. Thomas Pace

Reflecting on The Fall in the Age of Reason

In the realm of Christian literature, the concept of the Fall has long been a powerful metaphorical narrative. It speaks of the moment humanity deviated from an ideal state of innocence, succumbing to temptation and losing a harmonious connection with the divine.

In contemporary times, this ancient tale seems to find a striking parallel in our evolving relationship with intellect and intuition.

Historically, human progress has been profoundly shaped by the development of the intellectual mind. The Age of Enlightenment, in particular, heralded an era where reason and logic were exalted. Science, mathematics, and philosophy flourished, leading to remarkable advancements in various fields.

The human intellect, once seen as a divine gift, became the torchbearer of progress and understanding. Yet, in our relentless pursuit of knowledge, have we, too, fallen from a state of intuitive wisdom?

In our modern age, logic permeates every facet of society. Critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and scientific inquiry have become the cornerstones of education and decision-making. The emphasis on evidence-based knowledge and rational discourse has undoubtedly led to tremendous achievements, but it has also subtly marginalized the importance of intuition.

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Intuition, often described as the ‘gut feeling’ or ‘inner voice,’ is a form of knowledge that spontaneously arises out nowhere. It is subtle, abstract and difficult to quantify or even describe – qualities that make it less favorable in the face of rigorous scientific scrutiny.

Consequently, intuition has been relegated to the shadows, dismissed as mere superstition or irrationality.

Just as the biblical Fall disrupted the balance between humanity and the divine, our overemphasis on logic has disrupted the equilibrium between intellect and intuition. The consequence is a society that, despite its vast intellectual achievements, often finds itself adrift, disconnected from the profound wisdom that intuition can offer, far away from the way of the ancestors, like an orphan.

However, the human spirit is resilient, and there is a growing awareness of the need to reclaim intuition in our lives. Practices like mindfulness, meditation, and holistic therapies are gaining popularity, offering avenues to tap into our intuitive selves.

Many are realizing that intuition, far from being antithetical to reason, can complement and enhance our experience of reality.

The key lies in harmonizing reason and intuition, recognizing them not as opposing forces but as symbiotic aspects. When reason and intuition work in tandem, decisions become more holistic, creativity flourishes, and a deeper understanding of the world and ourselves emerges.

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In my humble opinion , the Fall, as depicted in Christian literature, could serve as a potent metaphor for our relationship with intellect and intuition. It is essential to acknowledge the pitfalls of an overreliance on logic and rediscover the innate wisdom of intuition.

By embracing both aspects of our being, humanity may find a path towards a more balanced, harmonious existence, transcending the limitations of pure reason and reconnecting with the profound depths of intuition.

TRESTLEBOARD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH

STATED COMMUNICATION

Opening on the 1st Degree, Entered Apprentices & Fellowcrafts Welcome

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: Jan 4th, 2023 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Formal Business Attire, Black/Dark Suits and Ties

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH

SOCIAL NIGHT

Meeting with Prospective Members from 7-8 PM, Social Night to follow

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: Jan 11th, 2023 from 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH

STATED COMMUNICATION

Opening on the 1st Degree, Entered Apprentices & Fellowcrafts Welcome

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: Jan 18th, 2023 from 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Formal Business Attire, Black/Dark Suits and Ties.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION, MASTER MASON DEGREE

EARLY START!!! *Master Masons and Candidates for Degree Only*

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: Jan 25th, 2023 from 7:00 - 10:30 PM

Attire: Black Tuxedos for Officers, Formal Business Attire, Black/Dark Suits and Ties.

BUSINESS

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

2024 DUES

Some brothers are risking being dropped for non-payment of dues. Please contact the secretary or WM if you are having trouble paying your dues.

Brothers, your lodge depends upon timely remittance of dues to operate and maintain our beautiful temple, which is our sanctuary. Please pay your dues on time or better yet, in advance. Dues can be paid by check, cash or credit.

Regular Member Dues: \$400/year

35 Year Member Dues: \$220/year

Please make checks payable to:

Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

and remit to:

Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

312 Main St.

Port Jefferson, NY 11777

To pay by credit or debit card you may either pay at the bar register at the temple or pay online by going to: <https://store.suffolk60.com>

Credit transactions incur a service charge.

STORE

SHOPPING

SUFFOLK 60 LAPEL PIN



Item: Suffolk #60 Lapel Button
Description: Show your Lodge pride with this handsome Suffolk 60 200th Anniversary Lapel pin. A sharp addition to any Masonic ensemble.
Cost: \$ 10:00 - [available online](#)

SUFFOLK 60 WINDOW DECAL



Item: Suffolk #60 Window Decal
Description: Deck out your ride and be the talk of the town with a nifty Suffolk 60 200th Anniversary window decal
Cost: \$ 5:00 - [available online](#)

SUFFOLK 60 CHALLENGE COIN



Item: Suffolk #60 Challenge Coin
Description: Suffolk Lodge is the oldest masonic lodge on Long Island. Now proudly display your membership with a Suffolk 60 200th Anniversary Challenge Coin
Cost: \$ 20.00 - [available online](#)

SUFFOLK 60 2022 POLO SHIRT



Item: Suffolk #60 2022 Polo Shirt
Description: The 2022 Suffolk Lodge #60 Polo Shirts are now available. This year's version is in a handsome navy blue with gold lettering.
Contact W.: Chris Connolly for additional details.
Cost: \$ 25.00

REFERENCE

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SUFFOLK60 WEBSITE

<https://www.suffolk60.com>

SUFFOLK 60 FACEBOOK (PUBLIC)

<https://www.facebook.com/Suffolk60/>

SUFFOLK MASONIC DISTRICT WEBSITE

<https://suffolkmasons.com>

SUFFOLK MASONIC DISTRICT BAND

<https://band.us/band/70497133>

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