



Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

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SOLSTICE BBQ

Brethren, this week, in lieu of our usual social night at the temple and to celebrate the summer solstice (which is today), we will be meeting at our Junior Warden's home for some games and backyard bbq. All brothers of Suffolk Lodge No. 60 are welcome. We may have a couple of prospective members join us, so please relax and enjoy yourselves while also being mindful of our guests. We'll be throwing horseshoes, beanbags, and axes! The pool will be warmed up and available for any brave souls who want to swim.

THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 22

From 6pm - 9ish

LOCATION

126 Cliff Road, Port Jefferson, NY 11777

QUESTIONS?

Bro. Jason Intardonato: 631.388.0948

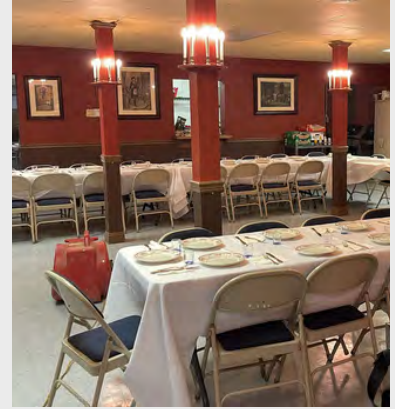
SUGGESTED DONATION

\$5.00 or bring some food or drink to share

TABLE LODGE

Submitted by W.: Gary Gudzik, DSA, Chaplain

On Thursday, June 15, the atmosphere at Suffolk Lodge was warm and inviting as we held our annual Table Lodge.



Our gathering was graced with the presence of R.:W.: Jeffery G. Santorello, the District Deputy Grandmaster for the Suffolk Masonic District and Past Master of Suffolk Lodge No. 60, who joined us at the beginning of the evening. Before the meal was served, he addressed the brethren with a heartfelt speech, offering encouraging words and lauding our lodge for its resilience and positive strides. His praise for overcoming a year of negativity and uncertainty was inspiring, reaffirming our lodge's trajectory in the right direction.



R.:W.: Jeffery G. Santorello

Guided by W.: Philip Lunarola and coordinated by W.: Gary Gudzik DSA, we commenced a Lodge of Entered Apprentice and Table Instruction, utilizing a historical treasure - the Bible previously owned by W.: Tuttle Dayton, Master of Suffolk Lodge from 1856-1859. This Bible, dating back to 1837, served as our altar Bible for numerous years.



Tuttle Dayton Bible - 1837

TABLE LODGE

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The Table Lodge followed a familiar, joyous format similar to our traditional events. It included the recitation of the seven conventional toasts and the Tiler's Toast, originally written by Bro. Rudyard Kipling. The Tiler's Toast was read in alternating stanzas by our Emcee, the WM, SW, JW, and our newly initiated Brother, Emilio Thorpe.

As a unique twist before the commencement of dinner, ten Brothers received a card, each bearing one of the seven cardinal virtues or the three primary tenets of Freemasonry. The virtues inscribed were Faith, Hope, Charity, Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, and Justice, whereas the tenets were Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love. Throughout the dinner, these Brothers were sporadically invited to share an impromptu toast or reflection based on the virtue or tenet on their card. The sincerity and contemplative nature of these toasts and reflections genuinely touched many of the Brothers present.



A GREAT TEAM! From Left to Right: Stewards Bro. Emilio Thorpe & Bro. James Kirwan assisted by Senior Deacon Bro. Duy Nguyễn. Our Stewards and Senior Deacon pitched in and did excellent work setting everything up and supporting every aspect of this year's table lodge from start to finish. Thank you, brothers!

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The night was enriched with enlightening discussion and education centered around these cardinal virtues and principal tenets, sparking animated and enjoyable exchanges among the Brethren as they savored their meal and the diverse toasts.

To tantalize the taste buds, our Junior Warden and stewards had prepared a sumptuous Cracker Barrel meatloaf, complete with all the accompaniments. Not to mention, the "powder for the cannons" was relished by all present. This convivial evening was a true testament to the spirit of Freemasonry, embracing both enlightenment and camaraderie.



ON PRUDENCE

Submitted by W.:. Thomas Pace

From a Masonic perspective, the word "prudence" holds significant importance and is considered one of the cardinal virtues. Prudence can be defined as the ability to discern and apply sound judgment, wisdom, and caution in one's thoughts, actions, and decision-making processes. It encompasses a thoughtful and deliberate approach to life's challenges, considering the potential consequences of one's choices.

In Freemasonry, prudence is highly valued and emphasized as an essential quality for every Mason to cultivate. It encourages individuals to exercise careful deliberation and reflection before making decisions or taking actions. By practicing prudence, Masons strive to avoid impulsive or reckless behavior, ensuring that their choices align with moral principles, personal integrity, and the welfare of others.

Prudence is often depicted symbolically in Masonic rituals and teachings. It is frequently represented by a key, symbolizing the careful unlocking of knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. The key serves as a reminder for Masons to exercise prudence when seeking and applying knowledge, especially in areas that may impact their interactions with others and their duty to society.

Prudence is a 1470 oil on panel painting by Piero del Pollaiuolo, now in the Uffizi in Florence. Florence's Tribunale della Mercanzia (the body overseeing all the city's guilds) commissioned the artist to paint seven works portraying the cardinal virtues in a contract dated 18 August 1469. They were intended to decorated the seat-backs in its audience hall on piazza della Signoria.

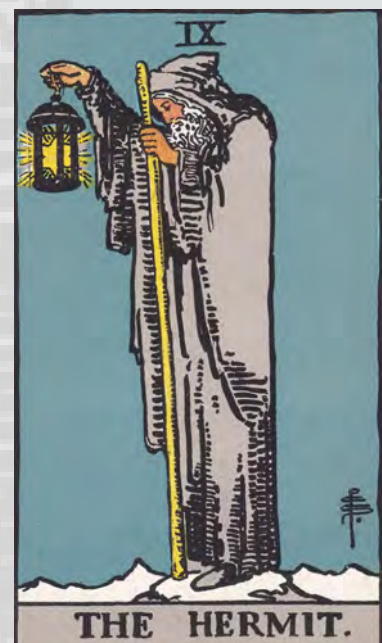
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Furthermore, prudence extends beyond individual conduct and extends to the governance and leadership within Masonic lodges. Masonic leaders are encouraged to exhibit prudence when making decisions that affect the welfare and harmony of the lodge and its members. By employing wise judgment and thoughtful consideration, leaders aim to create an environment that fosters personal growth, moral development, and mutual respect among Freemasons.

In summary, prudence, as understood from a Masonic perspective, represents the virtue of exercising sound judgment, wisdom, and caution in one's thoughts, actions, and decision-making. It serves as a guiding principle for Masons to navigate life's challenges with careful thoughtfulness, considering the potential consequences of their choices while upholding moral principles and promoting the welfare of others.

From Waite to Wirth, almost every commentator on Tarot following Eliphas Levi's interpretations has adopted the reading of the Hermit card as prudence and has seen in the Temperance, Strength, Hermit, and Justice cards an allusion to Freemasonry's four cardinal virtues: temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice.



TIME AND THE 24 INCH GAUGE

Submitted by W. Philip Lunarola, Master



Some people are very productive, and others get nothing done. This is not because some people have more time than others do since every person on earth gets the same amount of time per day. In this way, we are all equal.

It is occasionally suggested that one way to solve all of society's problems might be to ensure that each person has the same amount of money. Maybe if we each had the same resources, we could all reach the same level of success. This idea is proven false by the fact that each person does get the same amount of time each day, and yet some use that time for great progress, and others do nothing constructive at all over the same period of 24 hours. The power to make progress does not so much depend on how much we have but on how well we use what we have.

Time is the most precious resource there is because all the money in the world cannot buy one extra minute of it.

The difference between the people who do great things and the people who do little to contribute to the betterment of humankind is not in how much time they have each day but instead is found in how they use their time. Therefore, time management is one of the most important skills we can have, and that's why time management is addressed with the very first working tool in Masonry, The 24 Inch Gauge. One of the first lessons a new Freemason is taught is how to rightly divide his time.

TIME AND THE 24 INCH GAUGE

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We are taught that the management of our time should be guided by three equally important principles. Namely, the worship and service of God, productively improving society through our chosen vocational service and time for rest and refreshment. Following these principles can ensure we are spending our time wisely and are not at risk of contracting any vices or worse yet, becoming an apathetic or unproductive member of society.

Searching the internet, one can find endless self-help and time management advice. Some find it helpful to use a calendar or planner. Certainly, cell phones and computers are great tools as well.

Whatever you choose, be sure to divide your time in accordance with the three principles. Time spent in prayer, at religious service, volunteering, or even just helping a neighbor is well spent in the name of worship and the service of God. The demands and rigors of the modern workweek are all spent in service of our vocational duty. Time at home with our families, out with friends, and pursuing our hobbies all provide us with the necessary refreshment to sustain us. And perhaps most importantly, anything is possible with a good night's sleep.



THE SUMMER SOLSTICE AND ITS MASONIC SIGNIFICANCE: THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN

Submitted by W.:. Jason Intardonato, Jr. Warden

As Freemasons, we are familiar with the rich tapestry of symbolism that informs our craft, with the Summer Solstice playing an important role. This celestial event, typically occurring on June 21st, is particularly notable for its connection with the Holy Saints John, who represent two cardinal points in our Masonic journey.

The Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year, symbolizes light's triumph over darkness, a concept we Freemasons resonate deeply with, as we continually strive to seek light in Masonry. This time of peak sunlight connects directly with St. John the Baptist, one of our patron saints. His feast day, celebrated on June 24th, closely coincides with the Summer Solstice, underlining the bond between the natural world's rhythms and our Masonic practices.

St. John the Baptist, revered for his honesty, integrity, and spiritual purity, is recognized as a Masonic symbol for moral rectitude. His dedication to truth and justice illuminates our path as Freemasons. As the precursor of Christ, he embodies the light's zenith during the Summer Solstice, serving as a reminder to us all to uphold our principles with unwavering steadfastness.

However, the connection between the Summer Solstice and the Holy Saints John is more profound. The Solstice also signifies the start of a gradual decrease in daylight, a cycle toward darkness, which symbolically ushers in the feast day of our other patron, St. John the Evangelist, celebrated on December 27th, close to the Winter Solstice.

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St. John the Evangelist is renowned for his teachings on love and truth, his gospel often regarded as the most philosophical. In the context of the solstice cycle, he represents the light that persists even in the darkest times. This duality of light, embodied by the Holy Saints John at the Summer and Winter Solstices, encapsulates our own Masonic journey from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowledge.

Thus, as Freemasons, the Summer Solstice prompts us to reflect on the lessons and virtues represented by the Holy Saints John. It's a call for us to shine brightly, like the Solstice sun, in our moral character, and to persist in our search for truth and knowledge. As the sun's journey mirrors our own Masonic journey, we are reminded that even in the times of greatest darkness, the promise of light remains.

The Summer Solstice, therefore, is not just a celestial event but a cornerstone of our Masonic philosophy, etching the teachings of the Holy Saints John deep into the fabric of our Brotherhood. By drawing on this profound connection, we can deepen our commitment to the principles of Freemasonry, embodying the same steadfastness, love, and light that the Holy Saints John and the solstices symbolize.

TRESTLEBOARD

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

SUFFOLK LODGE - HORSESHOES & BURGERS

Instead of holding our usual social night at the Temple, we will be gathering at Bro. Jason Intardonato's house for some horseshoes, corn hole, axe throwing & BBQ! Open to all brothers of Suffolk Lodge.

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple 312 Main St. Port Jefferson, NY
When: June 22nd, 2023 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Attire: Casual
Collation: BBQ!

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

SUFFOLK LODGE - REHEARSAL! *****

All officers, conductors and brothers with ritual parts in the Entered Apprentice degree are required to attend!

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple 312 Main St. Port Jefferson, NY
When: June 27th, 2023 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Attire: Casual

TRESTLEBOARD

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

SUFFOLK LODGE - ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

SUMMONED COMMUNICATION! We are requesting dispensation to initiate 7 new Entered Apprentices. Please attend to make this an excellent degree.

- Where:** Port Jefferson Masonic Temple 312 Main St. Port Jefferson, NY
When: June 29th, 2023 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Attire: Black/Dark suits, Tuxedos for Officers
Collation: TBD



TUESDAY, JULY 4

PORT JEFFERSON 4TH OF JULY PARADE

We will be marching in this year's parade. We will gather at the temple for a light breakfast at 8am. The roads close around 9am, so it is important to be on time. Parking will be challenging. If any brother has an antique car that could be used in the parade, please contact Bro. Gudzik.

- Where:** Port Jefferson Masonic Temple 312 Main St. Port Jefferson, NY
When: July. 4th, 2023 from 8:00AM-1:30 PM
Attire: TBA

BUSINESS

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

2023 DUES

Dues are payable by January 1st of the new year.

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

HELPFUL RESOURCES

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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