



Suffolk Lodge No. 60 AF&AM

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LODGE UPDATE

Submitted by W.: Jason Intardonato



Brothers, I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. This week, we will resume our Masonic schedule, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month for formal communications, and on the alternate Thursdays for informal social nights and other activities. Our first meeting of the year will be our annual communication, where we will review and vote on the budget. Additionally, we will have some Masonic education presented by W.: Gary Gudzik, DSA, on the topic of conducting candidate investigations.

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We are still recovering from the recent flooding caused by the intense storm. I am happy to report that there was more mess than costly damage. I sincerely thank all the brothers who made the time to come down and help out. We are in the final stages of restoring our collation room, and we should be ready for our first meeting. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Our membership program continued over the summer, and I expect a few petitions to be read at our upcoming communication. We have a large queue of membership prospects and will continue to process them through the Northstar program this autumn. We also anticipate holding a Fellowcraft Degree on November 15th for those brothers who are proficient and ready to proceed.

We have an outstanding line of officers this year—truly, an embarrassment of riches. These are very capable brothers who are not only skilled and knowledgeable but also true team players, devoted to the pursuit of excellence in the Craft and embodying the spirit of Freemasonry. Their commitment to our traditions and values shines through in everything they do, from their conduct in meetings to their dedication to community and fellowship.

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I have absolute confidence in our line to uphold the high standards of excellence in ritual for which Suffolk 60 has always been known. These brothers are dedicated to maintaining the precision, dignity, and meaning of our ceremonies, ensuring that every candidate and brother feels the full impact of our work. They have spent countless hours studying, practicing, and perfecting their roles, all to honor our history and keep our legacy alive.

I encourage each of you to mark your calendars for this year's degrees. Witnessing the ritual work performed by such a talented and passionate team is a powerful reminder of why we are Masons. It's an opportunity to renew your appreciation of the Craft and to see firsthand how these exceptional officers bring our teachings to life. Their commitment is not just to the work itself but to making sure that every member of our lodge feels connected to the deeper meanings and timeless values of Freemasonry. This is a year not to be missed!

Additionally, we have been working on various building maintenance projects. Over the past year, we've upgraded our lodge room with beautiful colonial-style brass chandeliers and replaced the fluorescent lights both upstairs and downstairs with new LED lights, which are more cost-effective and provide superior illumination.

But the most exciting news is that we have purchased mini-split air conditioning units for the lodge room and will be installing them in the coming weeks! For the first time in our history, our lodge room will have proper air conditioning, ensuring a cool, comfortable environment for all our meetings and gatherings, no matter how hot it gets outside. This is a game-changer for our lodge! Special thanks to our EA Bro. Russell Galati who has assisted us with all of our recent electrical projects!

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In addition to these improvements, we're enhancing security to keep our lodge safe and sound. We have begun procuring new security cameras, which will be installed around the outer perimeter of our building. These cameras will help guard against vandals, thieves, cowans, and even those pesky eavesdroppers who think they can sneak a peek into our mysteries. With these watchful eyes in place, we'll ensure that only those with a proper key can access our temple's secrets!

We have also started addressing minor flooding issues in the alleyway between our building and the cigar lounge. This includes abandoning the old church cistern next to our building, which was capped by a large concrete cover that prevented water from draining out of the alley, worsening the water infiltration problems. Soon, we will be making additional repairs to the basement walls by bricking up and resealing the old window openings, which, due to their age and disrepair, have been allowing water and moisture to enter the basement.

To tackle the more severe flooding, we are developing a comprehensive strategy that includes redirecting water flow away from the building entrances, replacing our ground-level doors, and resealing our foundation. This will require a long-term plan and fundraising efforts over the next two years to cover the costs of these improvements. We've had three heavy floods in the past decade, causing considerable damage and mess. By focusing on a sustained, pragmatic approach to mitigating these issues, I believe we can protect our building and property from future incidents.

BUILT TO LAST

Submitted by W. : Jason Intardonato



Freemasonry, an ancient and honorable institution, has always embodied themes of endurance through calamity, stability, continuity, and lineage. These themes are not just lofty ideals; they are the bedrock upon which the fraternity stands. They are represented symbolically in the very architecture of King Solomon's Temple, where two mighty columns stood at the entrance to the porch. These columns were not made of ordinary material but were cast of molten or cast brass, chosen for their ability to withstand the harshest elements. They were built to endure inundation and conflagration, ensuring they would not be removed by flood nor destroyed by fire. This imagery serves as a powerful metaphor for the resilience and permanence that Freemasonry strives to embody.

The symbolism of these columns resonates deeply within our Masonic experience, reminding us that, like these steadfast pillars, we too must stand strong through adversity. Recently, our own lodge faced a trial that tested our resilience. Intense rainwaters once again flooded our basement collation room, a space where we gather to share meals, fellowship, and build the bonds of brotherhood. Such an event could have easily dampened our spirits, yet, true to the Masonic way, we came together with a shared purpose: to resolve the situation.

BUILT TO LAST

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Through the collective effort of cleaning, repairing, and restoring, we not only mitigated the immediate problem but found ourselves presented with an invaluable opportunity. Working side by side, we strengthened our bonds, got to know one another better, and achieved something meaningful together. This hands-on approach to overcoming adversity is not just about fixing a problem; it's about building a stronger, more united brotherhood. It is through these shared experiences that we truly live the principles of Freemasonry, proving that our fraternity is indeed built to last.

What better expression of Freemasonry is there than this? Facing challenges head-on, turning calamity into an opportunity for growth, and ensuring the continuity of our fellowship are at the heart of what it means to be a Mason. Just as the columns of King Solomon's Temple stood firm against the forces of nature, so too does our brotherhood stand resilient against the trials we face. Our lineage, stretching back centuries, is a testament to the enduring spirit of Freemasonry—a spirit that not only survives but thrives in the face of adversity.

As we continue to face the inevitable challenges of life, may we always remember that we are part of something greater, a chain unbroken through the ages. Our dedication to one another, our commitment to the values of stability and continuity, and our ability to come together in the face of adversity are what make us truly built to last.

TRESTLEBOARD

THURSDAY, SEPT 5TH, 2024

SUMMONED ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Budget Review & Vote, Draping of the Alter for W.: Ramos, Masonic Education on Conducting Investigations, presented by W.: Gudzik, DSA, Opening on the 1st Degree, Entered Apprentices & Fellowcrafts Welcome

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Business Attire, Black/Dark Suits Preferred

THURSDAY, SEPT 12TH, 2024

NORTHSTAR MEETING, FC REHEARSAL

Meeting with prospective members at 7PM, followed by Social Night

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

THURSDAY, SEPT 19TH, 2024

STATED COMMUNICATION

Dinner Served at 6:30 PM, followed by Meeting. Lecture TBA, Opening on the 1st Degree, Entered Apprentices & Fellowcrafts Welcome

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Business Attire, Black/Dark Suits Preferred

RSVP: Required for dinner (\$30), rsvp to: jasoni@suffolk60.com

TRESTLE BOARD

THURSDAY, SEPT 26TH, 2024

NORTHSTAR MEETING, FC REHEARSAL

Meeting with prospective members at 7PM, followed by Rehearsal

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

THURSDAY, OCT 3RD, 2024

STATED COMMUNICATION

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

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Business Attire, Black/Dark Suits Preferred

THURSDAY, OCT 10TH, 2024

NORTHSTAR MEETING, FC REHEARSAL

Meeting with prospective members at 7PM, followed by Rehearsal

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

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THURSDAY, OCT 17TH, 2024

STATED COMMUNICATION: FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

Opening on the 2nd Degree, Fellowcrafts Welcome

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Formal Attire, Black Tuxedos for all officers, Black Suits
or Tuxedos for everyone else.

THURSDAY, OCT 24TH

SOCIAL NIGHT, EA REHEARSAL

TBD

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: May 30th, 2024 from 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

THURSDAY, OCT 31ST

SUFFOLK 60 HALLOWEEN PARTY

Refreshments, Tricks & Treats, Spouses & Children Welcome!

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 7:00 - 11:00 PM

Attire: COSTUMES!

TRESTLE BOARD

THURSDAY, NOV 7TH, 2024

STATED COMMUNICATION

*Lodge of Table Instruction, Short meeting followed by dinner and discussion,
Opening on the 1st Degree, Entered Apprentices & Fellowcrafts Welcome*

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Business Attire, Black/Dark Suits Preferred

THURSDAY, NOV 14TH, 2024

SOCIAL NIGHT, EA REHEARSAL

TBD

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: May 30th, 2024 from 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

THURSDAY, NOV 21ST, 2024

STATED COMMUNICATION: EA DEGREE

Entered Apprentice Degree

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Formal Attire, Black Tuxedos for all officers, Black Suits
or Tuxedos for everyone else.

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THURSDAY, NOV 28TH, 2024

NO MEETING: THANKSGIVING!

THURSDAY, DEC 5TH, 2024

STATED COMMUNICATION: DICKENS PREP!

Quick Meeting & then Attend to finishing setup for the Dickens Festival

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Dress for Decorating, Comfortable Clothes

SAT-SUN, DEC 7TH & 8TH, 2024

CHARLES DICKENS FESTIVAL!

COOKIES! Mrs Claus! Trains! Elves! Magic! Dancing! Brotherhood!

As always, we need ALL HANDS ON DECK for this, our most crucial fundraising event of the year.

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 10:00AM - 9:30 PM Sat & 10:00 AM- 8:00 PM Sunday

Attire: Victorian Era Dickensian Costumes, Holiday Costumes or business casual clothing appropriate for representing our lodge to the public.

THURSDAY, DEC 12TH, 2024

SOCIAL NIGHT, DICKENS CLEANUP

HOLIDAY COCKTAILS & PUTTING AWAY THE DICKENS DECOR

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

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THURSDAY, DEC 19TH, 2024

**SUMMONED COMMUNICATION: OFFICIAL VISIT
OF R.:W.: ROBERT LICATA, DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY**

Collation followed by Meeting

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple

When: from 6:00 - 9:30 PM

Attire: Formal Attire, Tuxedos for Officers, Black/Dark Suits

THURSDAY, DEC 26TH, 2024

NO MEETING - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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DISTRICT DATES

Masonic Development Course		
October 4th, 2024	Babylon Lodge	7:00 PM
October 18th, 2024	Babylon Lodge	7:00 PM
November 1st, 2024	Babylon Lodge	7:00 PM
Road to the East Course		
February 21st, 2025	Babylon Lodge	7:00 PM
February 24th, 2025	Riverhead Lodge	9:00 AM
March 6th, 2025	Babylon Lodge	7:00 PM
March 9th, 2025	Riverhead Lodge	9:00 AM
March 21st, 2025	Babylon Lodge	7:00 PM
March 23rd, 2025	Riverhead Lodge	9:00 AM
April 3rd, 2025	Babylon Lodge	7:00 PM
April 6th, 2025	Riverhead Lodge	9:00 AM
Suffolk District Dinner		
April 25, 2025	Riverhead Polish Hall 214 Marcy Ave, Riverhead, NY	6:00 PM-10:00 PM
Grand Lecturer's Convention		
March 25th, 2025	Babylon Lodge	TBA

DISTRICT DEPUTY OFFICIAL VISITS

October 10, 2024	Star of the East Lodge
October 17, 2024	Wamponamon Lodge
October 22, 2024	Alcyone Lodge
November 14, 2024	The Lodge of Antiquity
November 21, 2024	Potunk Lodge
December 19, 2024	Suffolk Lodge
January 8, 2025	Smithtown Lodge
January 13, 2025	Connetquot Lodge
February 4th, 2025	Amityville Lodge
February 18, 2025	Riverhead Lodge
March 13, 2025	Dongan Patent Lodge
March 19, 2025	Peconic Lodge
April 9, 2025	Babylon Lodge

GRAND LODGE DATES

May 5-6, 2025	Grand Lodge Communication 71 West 23rd Street, New York City
June 20-23, 2025	St. John's Day Weekend Masonic Hall & Home, Utica, NY

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SUFFOLK DISTRICT LODGES

The Lodge of Antiquity No. 11	2nd & 4th Thursdays W.: Timothy McCann (631)988-3157
Suffolk Lodge No. 60	1st & 3rd Thursdays W.: Jason Intardonato (631)388-0948
Peconic Lodge No. 349	1st & 3rd Wednesdays W.: Joseph M. Cato (631)985-2603
Wamponamon Lodge No. 437	1st & 3rd Thursday W.: Anthony E Lombardo (631) 680-7551
Jeptha Lodge No. 494	2nd & 4th Mondays W.: John Lentinello (516) 526-7694
Riverhead Lodge No. 645	1st & 3rd Tuesdays V.: W.: William Arnold (631) 903-1510
Alcyone Lodge No. 695	2nd & 4th Tuesdays W.: Bradley Hubbard (631) 793-6171

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SUFFOLK DISTRICT LODGES

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Star of the East Lodge No. 843	2nd & 4th Thursdays W.: Anthony Vermandois (631) 725-2177
Old Town Lodge No. 908	1st & 3rd Mondays W.: Josh Belury (513) 506-1232
Amityville Lodge No. 977	1st & 3rd Tuesdays W.: Paul Castellaneta (516) 459-9453
Potunk Lodge No. 1071	1st & 3rd Thursday W.: Dominick Peppaceno (631) 871-7770
Smithtown Lodge No. 1127	2nd & 4th Wednesdays W.: William R. Hanson (516) 805-1589
Dongan Patent Lodge No. 1134	2nd & 4th Thursdays W.: Steven Winn (631)258-9190

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BUSINESS

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

2024 + 2025 DUES

2025 DUES NOTICES ARE GOING OUT!

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.

Please contact the secretary or WM if you are having trouble paying your dues. secretary@suffolk60.com or jasoni@suffolk60.com

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:

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Port Jefferson, NY 11777

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Credit transactions incur a service charge.

REFERENCE

HELPFUL RESOURCES

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<https://www.suffolk60.com>

SUFFOLK 60 FACEBOOK (PUBLIC)

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

SUFFOLK MASONIC DISTRICT WEBSITE

<https://suffolkmasons.com>

SUFFOLK MASONIC DISTRICT BAND

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