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SUFFOLK MASONIC DISTRICT DINNER

Submitted by W. Gary Gudzik, DSA

On Friday, April 14, AL 6023, the annual Suffolk Masonic District dinner was held at the Essex House at the Brentwood Country Club. The dinner was held at a location other than the famous Polish Hall in Riverhead for the first time in recent memory. However, pierogies and Polish kielbasa were on the menu!

R. W. Jeffrey Santorello, District Deputy Grand Master, introduced the District Team and spoke about the many accomplishments and activities of the district during the previous year. Keynote speaker R. W. Steven Adam Rubin, Deputy Grand Master, addressed the assembled Brethren and thanked them for their excellent work, a shining example to the rest of the state.

Nearly 100 Brothers enjoyed the evening's festivities, including a full table of Brothers from Suffolk 60. R. W. Jeffrey Santorello presented V. W. Bill Arnold with the first annual "R. W. Manuel Abad Distinguished Service Award". In addition, the Brothers of Smithtown Lodge joined en masse to receive the Traveling Trowel earned for their high attendance at this year's official visits.



R. W. Jeffrey Santorello presented V. W. Bill Arnold with the first annual "R. W. Manuel Abad Distinguished Service Award"

Fellowcraft Jay Kirwan of Suffolk Lodge attended his first District Dinner just a week before his Third Degree. Be sure to come out this Thursday to support your Lodge and assist in conferring the Master Mason Degree on our eager Fellowcrafts. Let's welcome them into full membership in Suffolk Lodge with the dignity, grace, and ritual excellence Suffolk Lodge is known for!

BROKEN WINDOWS OF THE LODGE

Submitted by W.: Jason Intardonato



The Broken Windows Theory is a concept that suggests that visible signs of disorder or neglect in a community can lead to an increase in criminal activity. This theory has been applied to many different contexts, but it can also be relevant to the operation of a Freemason Lodge.

In the context of a Lodge, attention to detail is crucial. This includes everything from the cleanliness of the Lodge room to the punctuality of the officers. If these details are neglected, it can create a perception of disorder that can lead to a breakdown in the functioning of the Lodge.

BROKEN WINDOWS OF THE LODGE

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For example, if the Lodge room is not kept clean and tidy, it can create a sense of neglect that may discourage members from attending meetings. If officers are consistently late or unprepared for their duties, it can create a sense of disorganization that can lead to confusion during the meeting.

In contrast, if the Lodge is well-maintained and officers are diligent in their duties, it can create a sense of order and professionalism that can encourage members to attend meetings and participate actively in Lodge activities.

Just as the Broken Windows Theory suggests that addressing visible signs of disorder can help prevent crime, paying attention to the details in a Lodge can help prevent problems from arising. By emphasizing the importance of cleanliness, punctuality, and professionalism, Lodge members can create an environment that fosters a sense of order and mutual respect.

In conclusion, the Broken Windows Theory can be applied to the operation of a Freemason Lodge by emphasizing the importance of attention to detail. By maintaining a sense of order and professionalism, Lodge members can create an environment that encourages active participation and fosters a sense of community.

THE TEMPLE - WHAT MAKES IT OF WORTH

Poem by Bro. Edgar A. Guest (1881-1959) Ashlar Lodge No. 91, Detroit, Michigan

You may delve down to rock for your foundation piers,
You may go with your steel to the sky
You may purchase the best of the thought of the years,
And the finest of workmanship buy.
You may line with the rarest of marble each hall,
And with gold you may tint it; but then
It is only a building if it, after all,
Isn't filled with the spirit of men.

You may put up a structure of brick and of stone,
Such as never was put up before;
Place there the costliest woods that are grown,
And carve every pillar and door.
You may fill it with splendors of quarry and mine,
With the glories of brush and of pen—
But it's only a building, though ever so fine,
If it hasn't the spirit of men.

You may build such structure that lightning can't harm,
Or one that an earthquake can't raze;
You may build it of granite, and boast that its charm
Shall last to the end of all days.
But you might as well never have builded at all,
Never cleared off the bog and the fen,
If, after it's finished, its sheltering wall
Doesn't stand for the spirit of men.

For it isn't the marble, nor is it the stone
Nor is it the columns of steel,
By which is the worth of an edifice known;
But it's something that's LIVING and REAL.

EDGAR ALBERT GUEST



Bro. Edgar A. Guest (1881-1959)

Edgar Albert Guest was a popular American poet who was born in Birmingham, England in 1881. His family immigrated to the United States when he was a child, and he grew up in Detroit, Michigan. Guest started writing poetry as a young boy and became known as the "People's Poet" for his ability to capture the everyday experiences and emotions of ordinary people.

Guest worked as a newspaper columnist for the Detroit Free Press for over 60 years and published more than 20 volumes of poetry. His poems were widely read and popularized in newspapers and magazines throughout the country. Some of his most famous works include "It Couldn't Be Done" and "My Creed."

In addition to his literary career, Guest was also an active member of the Freemasons. He was initiated into the organization in 1921 at the Detroit Masonic Temple and became a Master Mason in 1922. He was a member of Detroit's Moslem Shrine Temple and served as its Potentate in 1941.

Guest's Masonic affiliations were an important part of his life, and he often wrote about the values and principles of the organization in his poetry. In his poem "The Lodge," he wrote:

"Here's where the brothers gather,
In the Masons' mystic hall,
Here's where the square and compass
Are emblazoned on the wall."

Edgar A. Guest passed away in 1959 at the age of 78. His legacy as a poet and Masonic brother continues to inspire and uplift people to this day.

TRESTLEBOARD

MONDAY, APR 17

SUFFOLK LODGE - MM DEGREE REHEARSAL

All brothers with parts in the degree are required to attend. This includes conductors. **We are serving a delicious home made dinner at 6:30 for brothers attending the rehearsal!** Please come early to join us for a meal before we get to work!

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple 312 Main St. Port Jefferson, NY

When: April 17, 2023 from 6:30-8:30 PM

Attire: Casual

THURSDAY, APR 20

SUFFOLK LODGE - STATED COMMUNICATION

Master Mason Degree

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple 312 Main St. Port Jefferson, NY

When: Apr. 20, 2023 from 7:30-9:30 PM

Attire: Dark Suits

THURSDAY, APR 27

SUFFOLK LODGE - SOCIAL NIGHT

Fellowship

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple 312 Main St. Port Jefferson, NY

When: April 27, 2023 from 7:30-9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

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TRESTLEBOARD

THURSDAY, MAY 4

SUFFOLK LODGE - SUMMONED COMMUNICATION

Election of Officers

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple 312 Main St. Port Jefferson, NY

When: May. 4, 2023 from 7:30-9:30 PM

Attire: Dark Suits

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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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