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This red triangular identification badge was used to identify political prisoners in Nazi concentration camps, including tens of thousands of Freemasons.

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PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS THURSDAY'S DISTRICT DEPUTY VISIT!

Please RVSP to secretary@suffolk60.com to let the Junior Warden, W.: Frank Miranda, know whether you will be attending this Thursday's collation and official District Deputy visitation to Suffolk Lodge No. 60. RSVPs MUST be received no later than Tuesday at NOON.



**THE LEO TAXIL HOAX AND THE LEGACY OF MISINFORMATION:
UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT ON FREEMASONRY**

Submitted by W. Jason Intardonato

Freemasonry has been a subject of fascination and fear for many people throughout its history. One of the enduring myths about Freemasonry is the idea that it is a secret society that engages in sinister practices.

The Leo Taxil Hoax, perpetuated in the late 19th century, claimed to have evidence of a secret Satanic cult within the Freemasons. Despite the hoax being debunked in 1897, it had a lasting impact on public perception of Freemasonry. The Nazi regime in Germany, for example, used Taxil's fake allegations to justify their persecution of Freemasons during the Holocaust.

Today, the legacy of the Leo Taxil Hoax continues to impact public perception of Freemasonry. Some individuals and organizations still use the hoax to demonize the fraternity, perpetuating the myth of a secret Satanic cult within its ranks. This type of fear-mongering and misinformation is harmful not only to Freemasonry but to society as a whole.

For those with an interest in the history of the fraternity, books like "The Red Triangle: A History of Anti-Masonry" provide essential resources. The book explores the persecution of Freemasons during the Holocaust, including personal accounts of Freemasons who were imprisoned and subjected to inhumane treatment. It offers a balanced perspective on the subject, highlighting both the challenges that Freemasonry has faced over time and the role that the fraternity has played in promoting positive values like brotherhood and charity.

In conclusion, the Leo Taxil Hoax is a cautionary tale about the dangers of propaganda and misinformation. Despite being debunked over a century ago, the hoax continues to impact public perception of Freemasonry today. For those with an interest in the history of the fraternity, books like "The Red Triangle" provide an essential resource for understanding the complex relationship between Freemasonry and anti-Masonic sentiment throughout history. It is important for us to work towards combating misinformation and fear-mongering in all forms, and to promote understanding and tolerance among all members of society.

THE EMBLEMS OF THE CRAFT

by R. Morris, from "Masonic Harp: A Collection of Masonic Odes, Hymns, Songs, etc. 1858

Who wears the SQUARE upon his breast,

Does in the eye of God attest,
And in the face of man,
That all his actions will compare
With the Diving, th'unerring Square,
That squares great Virtue's plan.
That he erects his edifice
By this design, and this, and this!

Who wears the LEVEL, says that pride

Does not within his soul abide,
Nor foolish vanity,
That man has but a common doom,
And from his cradle to his tomb
One common destiny.
And he erects his edifice
By this design, and this, and this!

Who wears the G, ah, type divine!

Abhors the atmosphere of sin,
And trusts in God alone;
His father, Maker, friend he knows;
He vows, and pays to God his vows
Before the'Eternal Throne.
And he erects his edifice
By this design, and this, and this!

Who wears the PLUMB, behold how true

His words, his walk! and could we view
The chambers of his soul;
Each thought enshrined, so pure, so good,
By the stern line of rectitude,
Points truly to the goal.
And he erects his edifice
By this design, and this, and this!

Thus life and beauty come to view,

In each design our fathers drew,
So glorious, so sublime!
Each breathes an odor from the bloom
Of gardens bright, beyond the tomb,
Beyond the flight of time.
And bids us build on this, and this,
The walls of God's own edifice.

TRESTLEBOARD

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

SUFFOLK LODGE - DISTRICT DEPUTY VISIT

Collation, Official District Deputy Visitation to Suffolk Lodge

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

When: April 6, 2023 from 7:30-9:30 PM

Attire: Officers wear Tuxedos, brothers Black or Dark Suits

Collation: **RSVP FOR DINNER STRICTLY REQUIRED!**

*cutoff for RSVPs is Tuesday April 4th Noon. Non RSVP will be served
1st come 1st serve. RSVP to secretary@suffolk60.com*

THURSDAY, APR 13

SUFFOLK LODGE - SOCIAL NIGHT

MM Rehearsal, Fellowcraft Study, Fellowship

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

When: April 13, 2023 from 7:30-9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

FRIDAY, APR 14

DISTRICT DINNER - BRENTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

This Year's Suffolk Masonic District Dinner will be held at the Brentwood Country Club.

All Brothers are invited, EA, FC, MM! Friday, April 14th, 2023, at 6 PM. Tickets are \$65/pp for the dinner. The Dinner will be a buffet and there will be a cash bar. To purchase a table, select 10 tickets and please provide the name and email of all attendees. Tickets will be sent individually to each listed attendee. Tickets are limited so first come first served, once tickets are gone no more will be sold.

Where: Brentwood Country Club 100 Pennsylvania Ave, Brentwood, NY

When: April 14, 2023 6:00 PM -

Tickets: <https://suffolkmasons.com/event/2023-suffolk-masonic-district-dinner/>

TRESTLEBOARD

MONDAY, APR 17

SUFFOLK LODGE - MM DEGREE REHEARSAL

All brothers with parts in the degree are required to attend. This includes conductors.

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

When: April 17, 2023 from 7:30-8:30 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

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>

The **Going Forward** Weekly Newsletter is edited by W.⚭ Frank Miranda and W.⚭ Jason Intardonato under the direction of W.⚭ Christopher Connolly, Master of Suffolk Lodge No. 60 AYM, F&AM. Please submit any questions, corrections, announcements, or other suggested content to secretary@suffolk60.com.