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DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT

Submitted by W. Gary Gudzik

On Thursday April 6, AL 6023, Suffolk Lodge No. 60 received the R.:W.: Jeffrey G. Santorello, District Deputy Grand Master, for his last official visit of the Masonic year. Accompanying the DDGM were R.:W.: Robert J. Licata, Grand Sword Bearer, R.:W.: Charles Catapano, Past Deputy Grand Master, and all three of the Suffolk Masonic District's Assistant Grand Lecturers, V.:W.: Bill DeBenedetto, Gil Kruse, and Bruce Siska.

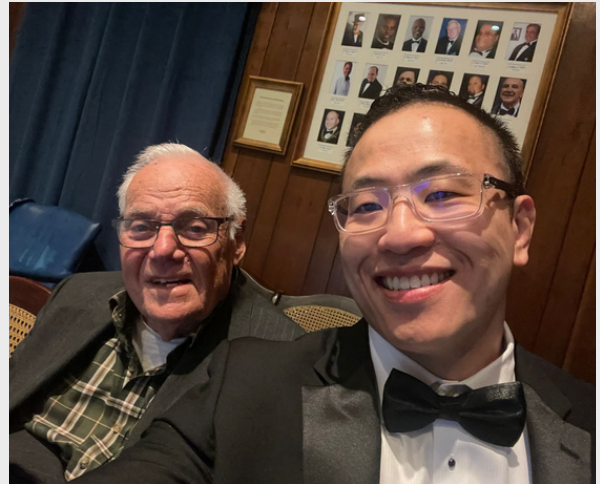


Several Lodges from the Suffolk Masonic District were well represented, with fifty Brothers in attendance. Smithtown Lodge No. 1127 had enough Brothers present to win the Traveling Trowel after an exciting season of official visits. Another highlight of the evening was the recognition of A. Richard Cox, DSA, Past Master of Suffolk Lodge, for seventy—yes 7-0!—years in the Craft! Bro. Cox shared some memories of his many years in Masonry, and received a standing ovation in addition to Grand Honors.

The District Deputy presented Suffolk District lapel pins to two of our own Fellowcrafts, Brothers Jay Kirwan and Emilio Thorpe, who were attending their first official visit. Several of the dignitaries delivered their messages to the assembled Craftsmen, and Masonic Light shone brightly throughout the meeting. The festivities were preceded by a delicious feast and followed by dessert, coffee, and a long night of social intercourse among the Brethren. A grand time was had by all.

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THE SILVER CORD

Submitted by W.°. Jason Intardonato

Ecclesiastes 12:6-14 is a passage from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) that has been subject to various mystical interpretations throughout history. The passage speaks of the transitory nature of life and the ultimate importance of fearing God and keeping his commandments. One interpretation of the passage is that it speaks of the journey of the soul after death.

The silver cord mentioned in verse 6 is interpreted as the connection between the soul and the body, which is severed at death. The broken pitcher represents the body, which is fragile and ultimately shatters. The well represents the source of life, and the wheel represents the cycle of birth and death.

The interpretation suggests that the passage is a warning to live a good life and prepare for the afterlife. Another interpretation is that the passage speaks of the journey of the mystic towards union with God. The silver cord is seen as the mystical connection between the soul and God, which is severed during the mystical experience. The broken pitcher represents the ego or false self that must be shattered in order for the mystic to attain union with God. The well represents the source of divine wisdom and the wheel represents the cycle of spiritual growth.

Yet another interpretation is that the passage is a metaphor for the process of spiritual purification. The silver cord represents the divine spark within each person, which must be nurtured and protected. The broken pitcher represents the impurities and sins that must be shattered and discarded in order for the divine spark to shine through. The well represents the source of divine wisdom and the wheel represents the cycle of purification and growth. The Masonic interpretation of Ecclesiastes 12:6-14 is one that emphasizes the importance of living a virtuous life and preparing for the afterlife. Masonic teachings draw heavily on symbolism and allegory, and this passage is no exception.

THE SILVER CORD

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In Masonic tradition, the silver cord is seen as the symbol of the bond between the body and the soul, which is severed at death. The broken pitcher represents the frailty of human life and the inevitability of death. The well represents the source of spiritual knowledge, which must be sought after diligently in order to prepare for the journey after death. The wheel represents the cycle of life and death, and the need to continuously strive towards spiritual growth.

The Masonic interpretation emphasizes the importance of moral living and adherence to the principles of the Masonic fraternity, including brotherly love, relief, and truth. The passage is seen as a warning to Masons to live a virtuous life and to prepare for the ultimate judgment after death.

Furthermore, the Masonic interpretation also emphasizes the importance of the Lodge as a place of spiritual growth and enlightenment. The well symbolizes the source of knowledge that can be found within the Lodge, and the wheel represents the continuous cycle of growth and learning that takes place within the Lodge.

Overall, the Masonic interpretation of Ecclesiastes 12:6-14 is one that emphasizes the importance of moral living, spiritual growth, and preparation for the afterlife. It is a call to Masons to live virtuously and to seek after the truth that can be found within the Masonic fraternity.

IN FELLOWSHIP

Poem from 1915 by Freemason C. M. Boutelle

My foot to thy foot, however thy foot may stray;
Thy path for my path, however dark the way.
My knee to thy knee, whatever be thy prayer;
Thy plea my plea, in every need and care.
My breast to thy breast, in every doubt or hope;
Thy silence mine too, whatever thy secret's scope.
My strength is thy strength, whenever thou shalt call;
Strong arms stretch love's length, through darkness, toward thy fall!
My words shall follow thee, kindly warning, fond,
Through life, through drear death-and all that lies beyond!

TRESTLEBOARD

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/>

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

TRESTLEBOARD

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>

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