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Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

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# GOING FORWARD

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## IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH



**Agape**, which is a key principle in Freemasonry, is a Greek term that is often translated as "unconditional love" or "selfless love." In the context of Freemasonry, it refers to the love that we have for our fellow human beings, regardless of their background or circumstances.

As Freemasons, we are taught to practice agape in all of our interactions with others. This means that we strive to show kindness, compassion, and understanding towards everyone we meet, and to always put the needs of others before our own.

One way that we can put this principle into practice is by showing charity towards those in need. In Freemasonry, the word "charity" refers to more than just financial assistance. It encompasses a wide range of actions, such as offering emotional support, volunteering our time, and helping those who are less fortunate.

It is important to remember that **in unity, there is strength**. By coming together and supporting one another, we can make a real difference in the world. We must strive for ever deeper understanding and realization of our principles and philosophy, and work towards creating a more loving and compassionate society.

The concept of agape is a central tenet of Freemasonry, and it is something that we should strive to embody in all of our actions. By showing selfless love and compassion towards others, we can create a more united and harmonious community, and make a positive impact on the world around us.

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# GOOD NEWS

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## HOLIDAY FEAST AT TOAST REVIVAL



What a wonderful holiday evening we had with brothers, their spouses, amazing food and drink!

*(courtesy of our own Brother Terry Scarlatos and his newly opened Toast Revival restaurant on East Main in Port Jefferson)*

Fifteen in all, gathered together in the spirit of the season to enjoy the warmth of each other's company, share stories, get to know one another better and celebrate our Masonic connection.

Many of us tried the tasting menu which featured several small courses of truly gourmet cuisine. Chocolate Fondue and fine wine rounded out an amazing dining experience.

How good and  
how pleasant it is  
for brethren to  
dwell together in  
unity





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# GOOD NEWS

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DICKENS FESTIVAL SUCCESS PROVES SUFFOLK 60 CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING WHEN WE WORK AS A TEAM!



## Over \$5K Raised!

This year's Dickens Festival was a big challenge. In the wake of COVID, we had to start from scratch and endeavor to recreate our past success. Our lodge's participation in the annual Port Jefferson Charles Dickens Festival has evolved over the past decade to be our most crucial fundraiser and our most direct opportunity to engage with the community.

Back in 2011, Bro. Gary Lindemann suggested that we hold a Gingerbread House Contest during the festival and maximize our opportunity to do fundraising. This idea has proved a brilliant strategy that has greatly benefited our lodge and enabled us to donate thousands to various local charities.

We could not hold a Gingerbread House Contest this year due to a lack of lead time to prepare and plan. However, by adjusting our strategy, overhauling our pricing, and adding a few new attractions like Mrs. Claus and a model train display, we still raised over \$5,000!

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This event was a success because the brothers used their health, strength, and ambition to find their plenty. Brothers volunteered their time, energy, resources, creativity, perseverance, and generosity of spirit to work together in unity for the common good.

Notably, our new Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts were major contributors to this work, and I wonder if we could have succeeded without their help. Brothers, young and old, were in attendance, along with spouses and children, to help see us through a very long weekend.

In the end, hundreds of smiling faces were moving through our Temple. Children were overjoyed to meet Mrs. Claus, and the news of our freshly baked cookies and hot cider was the talk of the town.

Thank you to everyone who helped this year! We are already planning for next year's event and expect it to be even bigger and better and to see the return of our Gingerbread House Competition.





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# MORE LIGHT

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## Freemasons and the Holiday Season

*by W.: Bro. Frank Miranda, Junior Warden*



by artist and Freemason Travis Simpkins, this image depicts the virtues of Faith, Hope & Charity as 'The Three Graces'.

During our Degree work the new Entered Apprentice is reminded of charity, and to practice it whenever possible. There's the monetary charity of that portion of our ceremony. And there's another kind. The one referred to in the Charge in the same degree which admonishes "do unto him as you would wish he should do unto you." Or in other words the Golden Rule.

Therefore, let this time of year serve as a reminder to all Masons to practice their faith, whatever it may be. Faith and Charity are names of principal staves or rounds on the Ladder you see every meeting on the Entered Apprentice Tracing Board.

Have a great holiday and may the Great Architect Bless and Keep you.

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# MORE LIGHT

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## Observing the Winter Solstice

*by W.: Bro. Jason Intardonato*



The Winter Solstice falls is this Wednesday, December 21st, 2022 at 4:47 PM.

**As Freemasons, the winter solstice holds a special place in our symbolism and teachings.**

This time of year is a reminder of the enduring cycle of life, the importance of self-improvement, and the values of brotherhood and charity.

One of the main symbols associated with the winter solstice within Freemasonry is the sun. The winter solstice marks the shortest day of the year, when the sun is at its lowest point in the sky. After the winter solstice, the days begin to get longer again, symbolizing the return of the sun and the rebirth of the natural world.

The sun is a powerful symbol within Freemasonry, representing knowledge, enlightenment, and the pursuit of truth. It is a reminder of the importance of seeking knowledge and understanding, and the role that education and personal growth play in our fraternity. The winter solstice serves as a reminder of the need to continue on this path of self-improvement and enlightenment.

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# MORE LIGHT

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## Observing the Winter Solstice

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Another important symbol related to the winter solstice within Freemasonry is the point within a circle. This symbol is often associated with the winter solstice because it represents the sun at the solstice, with the point representing the sun and the circle representing the earth. The point within a circle also symbolizes unity and the continuity of life, as the sun and the earth are connected and dependent on one another.



Another esoteric meaning of the winter solstice within Freemasonry is the idea of rebirth and renewal. The winter solstice marks the end of one cycle and the beginning of another, symbolizing the possibility of new beginnings and the opportunity to start fresh. This idea of rebirth and renewal is closely tied to the concept of self-improvement, which is central to the teachings of Freemasonry.

As Freemasons, the winter solstice is a time for us to come together and celebrate the enduring cycle of life, the values of brotherhood and charity, and the importance of self-improvement. It is a time for us to reflect on the symbols and teachings of our fraternity and recommit ourselves to these values. The winter solstice is a time of renewal and a reminder of the infinite possibilities that lie ahead.

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# CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, DEC 22

## SUFFOLK LODGE SOCIAL NIGHT

*Gather with your brothers before the holidays for a cup of holiday cheer as we screen a holiday movie downstairs.*

*The Sanctuary and Chamber of Reflection/ Prep Room will be also open for Brother's desirous of rehearsing their work for the upcoming FC Degree.*

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

**When:** Dec. 22, 2022 from 6:30-9:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, DEC 28

## SMITHTOWN & DONGAN PATENT PINT WOOD DERBY

*Come fulfill your childhood dream of winning the Pinewood Derby! Only this time, amongst Brothers, family and friends! It will be Potluck style and a local Masonic brewer on-site*

**Where:** Smithtown Masonic Temple  
34 River Rd, Smithtown, NY

**When:** Dec. 28, 2022 from 5-10 PM



WEDNESDAY, JAN 4

## LODGE CLEAN UP

*Many hands make light work. Please come down for an hour and help us straighten up any remaining holiday decor and clean the lodge for the following night's communication.*

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

**When:** Jan. 4, 2022 from 7-8 PM



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THURSDAY, JAN 5

## SUFFOLK LODGE - NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE

*Our first stated communication of the new year will be a night of remembrance where we celebrate the lives and memories of those dear brothers who put down their working tools during the past few years. Dinner will be served at 6:15 PM. Brothers from all lodges are invited to attend. Please RSVP for dinner to our Junior Warden.*

*[frank.miranda@suffolk60.com](mailto:frank.miranda@suffolk60.com)*

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

**When:** Jan. 5, 2022 from 6:15-9:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JAN 11

## DDGM & STAFF OFFICER VISIT AT BABYLON LODGE

*Official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: Jeffery G. Santorello and R.:W.: Robert J. Licata, Grand Sword Bearer Staff Officer to Babylon Lodge No. 793*

**Where:** Babylon Masonic Temple  
250 W Main St, Babylon, NY 11702

**When:** Jan. 11, 2022 from 6:30-9:30 PM

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WEDNESDAY, JAN 22

## ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE - OES

*Need an escape from the everyday? You need an escape room challenge!*

*Join Suffolk District Order of the Easter Star for their 1st annual Escape Room Challenge!*

**Where:** PadLocked Escape Room  
2402 Ocean Ave. Ronkonkoma, NY

**When:** Jan. 22, 2023,  
First Session: 1:00 PM  
Second Session: 3:00 PM

**RSVP:** RSVP To Charlie Mendel by 1/1/2023  
631-464-5798  
captchasg@yahoo.com

# THIS WEEK

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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.*



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# THIS WEEK

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## 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 CHALLENGE COIN**



Item: Suffolk #60 2022 Polo Shirt

Description: The 2022 Suffolk Lodge #60 Polo Shirts is 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

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## 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>