



Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

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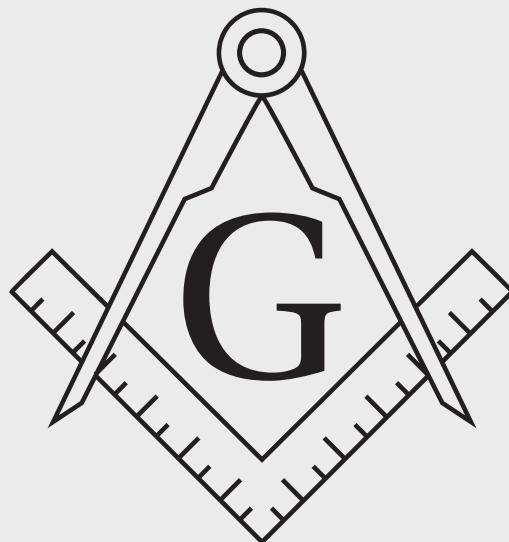
GLAD TIDINGS

SUFFOLK LODGE DONATES \$200 TO WELCOME FRIENDS SOUP KITCHEN



In the spirit of the holiday season and by order of W.: Connolly, a \$200 donation has been made to the Welcome Friends Soup Kitchen of Port Jefferson Station on behalf of Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM. The goal of the Welcome Friends Soup Kitchen is "...to continue feeding every needy person in our neighborhoods."

Any brothers wishing to make their own contributions to the Welcome Friends Soup Kitchen or to learn about their mission and volunteering opportunities may do so online by going to: <https://welcomefriendssoupkitchen.com>



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

R. . W. . RAYMOND HOLMES



Brother, Ray continues to have serious health challenges. R. . W. . Brovetto requests prayers for Ray's improved health.



Brother, Ray recently enjoyed a visit from R. . W. . Bob Brovetto, V. . W. . Bill DeBenedetto and W. . Mark Saidens.

MORE LIGHT

Applying the Gavel

BECOMING CONFRONTATIONAL

excerpted from "Practical Freemasonry" by Matt Gallagher

The common gavel teaches Masons that we must be confrontational; with the self, in circumstances where the good of the lodge or brother is concerned, and confrontational with others.

Confrontational is another term that gets a colloquial bad reputation because it is so often confused with aggression. Many of us know aggressive people, even aggressive brothers.

Confrontational vs. Aggressive

Confrontation is the process of openly and directly discussing a topic that, for one reason or another, is being avoided. Appropriate confrontation requires the competent execution of several virtues, and genuine care for, and empathy with, the other parties involved. A confrontational person takes upon themselves responsibility for the emotional tone of the conversation and, to an extent, the care for everyone's dignity.

Aggression is an attempt to assert one's will through fear and intimidation. It doesn't seek consensus or even truth. Aggression is a play for compliance.

The Virtues of Confrontation

When one is appropriately confrontational, they display and exercise several positive qualities that help them along their path to self-perfection.

The willingness to confront shows maturity. Children run and hide when something goes wrong. Because confrontation is so often imagined as pointing out someone else's failures, we forget that when a mature person admits his failures to his peers, he is also confronting those peers by putting himself up for judgement. A mature person does both. He owns up to his flaws, and he gently points out the missteps of his brothers when warranted, and that is appropriate confrontation.

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The willingness to confront shows courage. Cowards flee the scene of an accident. The meek avoid hard discussions with pained people. It takes a lot of courage to be the one to reach out, to be the first to extend your hand, or to stand up for what's right.

The willingness to confront shows honesty. Liars tell people what they want to hear. The obsequious kowtow to please and appease. Appropriate confrontation shows one's dedication to speaking the truth when the truth is not popular, and to hear the truth when the truth is not welcome.

The willingness to confront shows respect. Backstabbers smile, shake your hand and then plot against you in the dark. If you have an issue with someone, or if you know someone has an issue with you, appropriate confrontation (within the specific constraints of Masonic Conduct) shows not only that you respect that person enough to put yourself in the way of their criticisms, but that you respect your relationship enough to maintain it, and yourself enough to hear maybe not so good things about yourself.

The willingness to confront shows leadership. Followers wait for the other guy to stick his head out of the trench first to see if it gets shot off. Appropriate confrontation often puts a person in the position of unwitting shop steward because a question he has, or a problem he sees, is frequently shared by many other people in the room who are unwilling to speak up. As one finds themselves more and more speaking for the silent, the silent will more and more look to him as a leader.

The Dangers of Passivity

The best case for being more confrontational in our lives is showcasing the inverse, which is to be meek, passive-aggressive or disinterested. Now, by no means do all situations call for everyone in the room to stand and deliver. Often there are only two answers to any question: yes or no. But Freemasons focus so intently on the concept of maintaining harmony in the lodge, that they interpret this as "go along to get along" or "don't make noise," but people naturally have opinions, wants, and desires.

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And when people don't feel like they can safely speak their mind, they will either disinvest and not care, or they will go underground and surround themselves only with those who agree with their view. Neither of these responses creates true harmony, only a tense silence, and extreme behaviors.

Those who are too shy to speak their mind do not thrive, they relinquish control of their journey. This may be fine if you have identified a strong leader whose vision inspires you. In such cases, sit back, kick up your feet, and enjoy the ride. But you're just as likely to be led around by someone who doesn't have your best interests at heart. That doesn't mean they're being malicious, but how can someone best lead you if you don't tell them where you want to go?

Passive-aggressive people are a constant low hum of negative energy in a lodge. Without the willingness to speak openly, many fall back to lodge politics to exercise their will. There are plenty of brothers who would rather drop a black ball (reject a candidate) or call in surprise votes of long-lost brothers rather than directly confront a person about disagreements. Such backroom actions create a tsunami of discord in lodges.

CALENDAR

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



THURSDAY, DEC 29

SUFFOLK LODGE SOCIAL NIGHT

Terra Masonica Movie, snacks, libations and fellowship. Come down and toast to the new year!

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

When: Dec. 29, 2022 from 6:30-9:30 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, 2023 from 7-8 PM

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN 5

SUFFOLK LODGE - STATED COMMUNICATION

Opening on the 3rd degree. No collation, Light Business, Year in Review.

Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple **Attire:** Black/Dark Suit
312 Main St. Port Jefferson, NY

When: Jan. 5, 2023 from 7:30-9:00 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, 2023 from 6:30-9:30 PM

THURSDAY, JAN 12

SUFFOLK LODGE - SOCIAL NIGHT

Light refreshments and libations, Fellowship, Masonic Study and 2nd Degree Rehearsal

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

When: Jan. 12, 2023 from 6:30-9:30 PM

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN₁₉

SUFFOLK LODGE - STATED COMMUNICATION NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE, DINNER COLLATION

DATE CHANGED!

Opening on the 1st Degree - EAs and FCs welcome! Our second 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.

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Where: Port Jefferson Masonic Temple **Attire:** Black/Dark Suit
312 Main St. Port Jefferson, NY

When: Jan. 19, 2023 from 6:15-9:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JAN₂₂

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 **RSVP:** RSVP To Charlie Mendel
2402 Ocean Ave. Ronkonkoma, NY by 1/1/2023

When: Jan. 22, 2023, 631-464-5798
First Session: 1:00 PM captchasg@yahoo.com
Second Session: 3:00 PM

THURSDAY, JAN₂₆

SUFFOLK LODGE - SOCIAL NIGHT

Light refreshments and libations, Fellowship, Masonic Study and 2nd Degree Rehearsal

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

When: Jan. 26, 2023 from 6:30-9:30 PM

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 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

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>