



Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

GOING FORWARD

5 December, 2022

For Immediate Release

FROM THE EAST



Great success brothers! The annual Dickens Festival was extremely successful despite the inclement weather on Saturday. Sunday's gorgeous day made up for it and the many brothers who came down and worked feverishly in the quarries contributed to an excellent weekend.

Brotherhood, friendship and morality were in full force at this truly Masonic event, where all our teachings and philosophies came together.

Thank you to all the brothers and their families who assisted.

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THIS WEEK

MASONIC LABOUR

TUESDAY, DEC 6

7:00 PM - SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Riverhead Lodge

WEDNESDAY, DEC 7

**6:30 PM - OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE DDGM &
STAFF OFFICER**

Peconic Lodge

THURSDAY, DEC 8

**7:30 PM - SOCIAL NIGHT, CLEAN UP DICKENS
DECORATIONS, MASONIC DOCUMENTARY +
EDUCATION**

Suffolk Lodge

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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.

THIS WEEK

MASONIC MINUTE

Bring the Line up to the Standard

Excerpted from 'Laudible Pursuit' by Knights of the North, published 2005

"Hasn't the so-called 'Century of the Common Man' contributed to making our fraternity a little too common?"

We did a great disservice to ourselves by expunging the word Temple from our buildings, as a reaction to clucking from the profane world. It's not a clubhouse, it's a temple of learning, a temple of ideas, a temple of friendship. It is where we go to celebrate our Brotherhood. Masonic Lodges are children of the Enlightenment, and it is time to start treating them that way again. Benjamin Franklin, Voltaire, Mozart all joined a Masonic Lodge to be with gentlemen who would debate the great questions of the day. We do not even understand who we are, or from where we've come. Masonry as philosophy needs to make a comeback.

Each lodge should adopt *some* kind of dress code. If a man can't be bothered to wash his face and put on a clean pair of pants before walking through the door of a Masonic Temple he doesn't need to be there. If you don't care whether a man looks uncaring or unkempt when he walks through the door of your temple, YOU don't need to be there. We need to grow up and discover the joys of gentlemanly behavior. Not northern snooty phony gentlemanliness, but a genuine southern genteel gentlemanliness. If we cannot bother to put on a coat and tie at least when initiating, passing and raising a candidate, just how important an event will it strike that new man?

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Where is our concentration on gentlemanliness? Why do we allow rude, coarse behavior among Masons? A recent internet forum seriously discussed whether it was appropriate to turn away a brother who showed up at a funeral home to perform the solemn Masonic funeral service in jeans and a golf shirt! This is madness even to discuss, and pathetic that such disrespect to the deceased brother and his family would be so condoned by thinking Freemasons. "Hey! At least he showed up," is no excuse for crass disrespect of a solemn service.

It has been argued that society is less formal, more casual now, and that it is "the internal, not the external qualifications of a man that Masonry regards." True enough. But is it not also true that we say that we are making good men better ones? It is not our job to polish our rough ashlar into a perfect one? It is not true that we are expected to conduct ourselves as the BEST men in society, instead of aping the behavior of the common herd? If the world around us is rude and common, is it not our stated purpose to improve that world by improving men?

In Europe, Freemasonry is taken seriously because Freemasons take themselves seriously. European society takes solemn "secret society" accusations to be plausible, because European Freemasons really do believe their fraternity is solemn, noble, exclusive, dignified and special. In America we are invisible and ignored. Perhaps it is because we no longer regard our fraternity with the respect and dignity the rest of society once did.

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This does NOT mean that as a Temple, a lodge should be a stern, joyless place of dour ritualistic. A lodge is, first and foremost, a place of Brotherhood, of friendships and close personal bonds. If it is nothing more than a degree mill to be opened, closed and fled, it is a failure. Again, our brethren outside of the U.S. never drove the fun out of their lodges, and as a result never saw the need to create Grottos and Shrines. The degrees of Masonry should be solemn. The business meeting should be brief. The feast should be the centerpiece.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LONG ISLAND PAST MASTER'S DINNER

**BLACK TIE EVENT!
LIVE MUSIC/DJ**

**A NIGHT OF DINNER & DANCING
WITH YOUR MASONIC FAMILY**

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 12, 2022
DINNER STARTS
AT 6PM
\$175 PER COUPLE
\$90 PER PERSON**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH SANTA

SATURDAY
DEC 17TH, 2022
12 NOON

BRING THE KIDS DOWN FOR AN
AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT,
GAMES, MUSIC, FOOD & A GIFT FROM
SANTA!

PORT JEFFERSON MASONIC TEMPLE
312 MAIN ST. PORT JEFF, NY 11777

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THIS WEEK

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

THIS WEEK

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>