# GOING FORWARD

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# ITS ALWAYS SUNNYIN PHILADELPHA



Entrance to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia..

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On Feb. 20th, 2023 W.:. Phil Lunarola, W.:. Jason Intardonato, W.:. Gary Gudzik and W.:. Tom Pace traveled to Philadelphia to visit with the brethren of Columbia Lodge No. 91. Shortly after arriving in Philly we quite unexpectedly and quite literally bumped into another brother from Suffolk Lodge! Bro. Brian Rathburn and his wife, Kathleen were in town for a little sight-seeing. We took this as a sure sign that providence had smiled on our endeavors that day.



As further evidence of the Great Architect's blessing, at our first (of three) stops for Philly Cheesesteaks we were greeted by a welcoming brother who happened to work at the restaurant. Upon seeing our emblems he extended his fraternal greetings and told us about his lodge which meets in the Egyptian room of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

After a quick cheesesteak break at Marino Bros. we took a tour of Independence Hall, the birthplace of American Democracy.



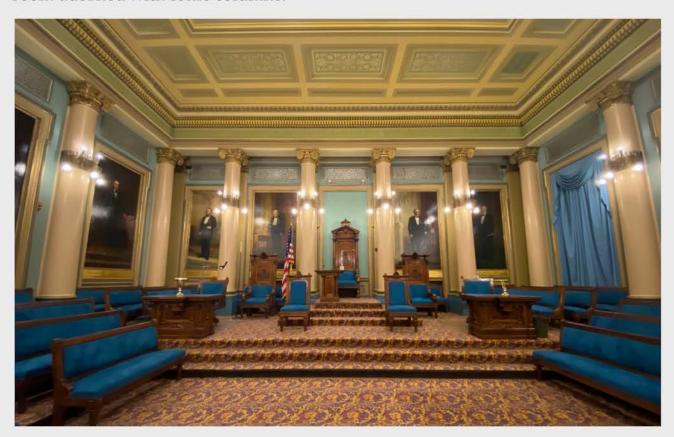
"Independence Hall is the birthplace of America. The Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution were both debated and signed inside this building. The legacy of the nation's founding documents - universal principles of freedom and democracy - has influenced lawmakers around the world and distinguished Independence Hall as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Construction on the building started in 1732. Built to be the Pennsylvania State House, the building originally housed all three branches of Pennsylvania's colonial government. The Pennsylvania legislature loaned their Assembly Room out for the meetings of the Second Continental Congress and later, the Constitutional Convention. Here, George Washington was appointed Commander in Chief of the Continental Army in 1775, the Articles of Confederation were adopted in 1781, and Benjamin Franklin gazed upon the "Rising Sun" chair in 1787."





Then we headed over to Maggiano's Restaurant to break bread with our brothers from Columbia No. 91 and proceeded on to the Grand Lodge for their communication. Columbia No. 91 meets in the Ionic Room, an exquisite meeting room adorned with Ionic columns.



During their meeting we were treated to a fascinating lecture given by Michael D.

McKee, Executive Director of the Grand Lodge about its history, physical structure and vast repository of lodge archives. Bro. McKee allowed each of us to handle actual letters written by George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette. Thrilling!





After the meeting we were given a tour through the many astonishingly impressive lodge rooms.











After a very educational and enjoyable visit with Columbia Lodge No. 91, there was one more thing we had to do before leaving Philadelphia and heading back home. Head over to Pat's and Geno's to see who makes the better Philly Cheesesteak!







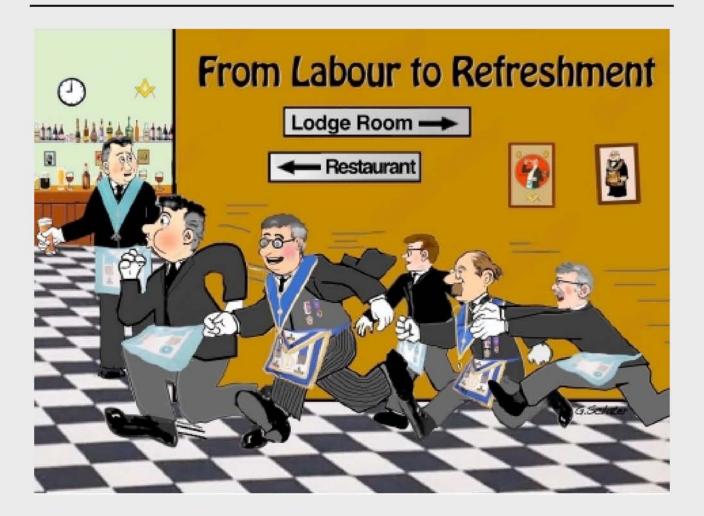


# **GLAD TIDINGS**

Congratulations to R.'.W.'. Santorello, V.'.W.'. DeBennedetto, W.'. Miranda, W.'. Connolly, Bro. Frank Granati and Bro. Arthur Rosen of Suffolk Lodge No. 60 on receiving the 32° of the Scottish Rite and joining the Valley of Rockville Centre.



# MORE FUN



## **ATTENTION**



Brethren, if you have not yet paid your dues for 2023, they are now past due. Please pay them as soon as possible.

## THANK YOU!

# TRESTLEBOARD

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

#### ROAD TO THE EAST COURSE I - BABYLON LODGE NO. 793

This class reviews the qualifications, duties, responsibilities of the Worshipful Master's Chair. All Mason's desiring to ascend to the East are required by GLNY to have this qualification.

Where: Babylon Masonic Temple 250 W. Main St Babylon, NY

**When:** March 1, 2023 from 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Dress Attire: Casual

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

#### SUFFOLK LODGE - STATED COMMUNICATION

Lodge opening on the MM degree. Business meeting with a lecture to follow.

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

When: March. 2, 2023 from 7:30 PM-9:30 PM

Dress Attire: Business Attire, Black or Dark Suit recommended

Collation: Yes, South open at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4

#### ROAD TO THE EAST COURSE I - RIVERHEAD LODGE

This class reviews the qualifications, duties, responsibilities of the Worshipful Master's Chair. All Mason's desiring to ascend to the East are required by GLNY to have this qualification.

Where: Riverhead Masonic Temple 1246 Roanoke Ave. Riverhead, NY

When: March 4, 2023 from 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM

Dress Attire: Casual

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#### ALSO IN MARCH...

SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2023 - St. Patrick's Day @ Jeptha

WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2023 - 2023 RTE Course 2 – Babylon Lodge

SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2023 - 2023 RTE Course 2 – Riverhead Lodge

THURSDAY 23RD MARCH 2023 – Brother Bring A Friend Table Lodge @ Smithtown Lodge

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2023 - 2023 Suffolk District Grand Lecturer's Convention

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023 - 2023 Order of the Eastern Star & Masonic Family Breakfast with Easter Bunny @ Amityville Lodge

TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 2023 - 2023 Adah Chapter #52 Order of the Eastern Star Annual Once Upon a Tea

WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 2023 - RTE Course 3 – Babylon Lodge

# 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: <a href="https://store.suffolk60.com">https://store.suffolk60.com</a>

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 200thAnniversary window decal Cost: \$ 5:00 - <u>available online</u>

#### 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

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# 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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