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Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

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# GOING FORWARD

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1 January, 2023

For Immediate Release

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***W.'. Francis Parrella has laid down his working tools and gone to eternal rest***



## **A somber start to the new year.**

It would not feel right to wish everyone a happy new year today, given the sad and unexpected news we received yesterday regarding the passing of W.'. Parrella. So instead, may we offer our humble wish that the fraternal feelings of love and affection that bind us together as Masons should continue to grow and reach new heights of unity in this new year. May we increase our appreciation for one another through compassion, understanding, and forgiveness. May the teachings of Freemasonry and the divine love of Deity so enrich our hearts that we may benefit the world in the short time each of us has. And may the memory of our beloved Brother serve as a reminder of these aspirations and the sense of urgency which should accompany them.

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# SAD TIDINGS

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## W.°. FRANCIS PARRELLA



W.°. Francis Parrella  
May he rest in peace  
1968-2022

Brethren, with profound sadness, we report to you that our Worshipful Brother Francis Parrella III, Past Master of Suffolk Lodge No. 60, has passed into eternal rest. It was a sudden and swift cardiac event, and it does not appear that he suffered in the transition. Frank was dedicated to the study of the Craft and freely sharing that light.

Frank was born on 04/16/1968, Initiated at Suffolk No. 60, Port Jefferson, NY on 03/03/2005, Passed at Suffolk No. 60, Port Jefferson, NY on 04/07/2005, Raised at Suffolk No. 60, Port Jefferson, NY on 05/19/2005, and Passed to Eternal Rest on 12/31/2022.

Funeral Arrangements are forthcoming, but they will likely be at Roma Funeral Home on William Floyd Parkway in Shirley Tuesday or Wednesday. Once the arrangement details are confirmed, we will communicate them in a follow-up e-mail.

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# SICKNESS & DISTRESS

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## R.·W.·RAYMOND HOLMES



Brother, Ray's son, Greg Holmes has reported that Ray had been severely dehydrated last week. Once that was rectified he has been doing considerably better. Please keep our brother in your thoughts and prayers.

Greg said that everyone should feel free to send cards or visit. Visitation requires a rapid Covid test. Brothers can try reaching him by phone, but he is unlikely to pick up.

Oasis Rehab/Nursing.  
6 Frowein Rd.  
Center Moriches, NY



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

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# MORE LIGHT

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## THE ORNAMENTS OF A LODGE

BY JOEL H. SPRINGER, III ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY OF CALIFORNIA

submitted by W. M. Frank Miranda



In the traditional Master's Lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree, we learn that the ornaments of a Lodge are the Mosaic Pavement, the Indented Tessel, and the Blazing Star. In examining this motif, we must first explain why these features are called the "ornaments" of a Lodge. An ornament is a decoration that beautifies and adorns the object or structure on which it is placed. So it is that the Mosaic Pavement, the Indented Tessel and the Blazing Star in the center of the pavement beautify and adorn not only our Masonic Lodge rooms, but also Freemasonry as a universal institution.

The Mosaic Pavement and the Indented Tessel may be considered together. The Mosaic Pavement is said to be "a representation of the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple, and is emblematic of human life, checkered with good and evil. The Indented Tessel is a representation of the beautiful, tessellated border or skirting which surrounded the pavement, and is emblematic of the manifold blessings and comforts which surround us."

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Mosaics are works of art of surface decoration, composed of variously colored small pieces of glass, stone, ceramics, and other materials formed into patterns ranging from simple geometric designs to detailed realistic renditions of naturalistic scenes with human figures, animals, plants, and landscapes. Mosaics made with water-polished pebbles were created in Bronze Age Greece and the Middle East (1600 – 1000 BCE). Before the end of the 3rd Century BCE, the pebbles were replaced with cut or shaped pieces of marble, hard stone, glass, mother-of-pearl and enamels. The shaped pieces, cut in the form of small cubes, are called tesserae or tessellae—hence, the conception of the Tessellated Border surrounding the Mosaic Pavement.

The floors of many Lodge Rooms today purport to reproduce the Mosaic Pavement and the Tessellated Border, as they appeared in King Solomon's Temple. The Mosaic Pavement is laid out as black and white squares or tiles like a checkerboard, and indeed is surrounded by a border of smaller shapes in a contrasting and distinctive pattern. Such flooring is much more in the style of a 19th century English or American clubroom or entry hall, than it is of the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple. King Solomon constructed the Temple in Jerusalem sometime after 1000 BCE, when the materials and techniques for creating a Mosaic Pavement would not have lent themselves to creating the design we see in today's Lodge rooms.

On another level, the Mosaic Pavement and the Indented Tessel, whether actually part of King Solomon's Temple or not, do convey a philosophical, moral and ethical view of the world. The late 18th century redactors of our ritual viewed human life as starkly white and black, "checkered with good and evil." They worked during a time whose thought was influenced by the two Great Awakenings in the United States, and immediately following the American and French Revolutions. Moral and religious fervor was high in people's minds, and it was politically important "to chose sides" in the great debates of the day. And human life was precarious; life expectancy was half what it is today, infant mortality was high, and the concept of leisure time did not exist for the ordinary citizen.

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I would suggest that for 21st century Freemasonry, that we re-cast the appearance of Mosaic Pavement and the Indented Tessel. Because of advances in artistic skill and technology, contemporary mosaics can be made of many small bits of an almost unlimited range of materials. I recently saw a reproduction of the Mona Lisa, which on close examination had been computer-generated from the artist's photographic collection, miniaturized and arranged to create a larger impression of light and shadow. The whole was greater than the sum of its parts, yet each part was important because it was the photograph of one human being.

This is the meaning of the Mosaic Pavement and the Indented Tessel for Freemasonry in the 21st century. In its true and noblest form, Freemasonry is the only men's institution in the world based on universal eligibility for membership. There are no tests for political affiliation, religious belief, race, nationality, ethnic origin, or language. We ask only that the prospective members profess a belief in a supreme being and a future existence beyond physical death, and we respect the individual's own conceptions of the substance of those beliefs. Freemasonry therefore has for its fundamental basis the great Mosaic Pavement of humankind, with all its glories, noble ideas, passions, prejudices, adversities, and tragedies, each tile in the Mosaic representing an individual brother whose very life is a contribution to the richness of the Fraternity. Masonry teaches not tolerance for individual differences, nor does it teach toleration—Freemasonry rightfully conceived teaches us to accept and respect the unique character and role of each member in creating the living Mosaic Pavement.

While the "manifold blessings and comforts which surround us" (represented by the Indented Tessel) have grown exponentially since the 18th century, we face now not so much human lives checkered with good and evil, but rather textured with the availability of many good things on the one hand, which should be tempered on the other by the knowledge that unforgiving adversity can still enter our lives at a moment's notice. Time has not expanded, yet the number of careers, interests, and entertainments which we and our families can or might wish to enjoy has increased, and in our desire to "have it all," there is the danger of seeing only the light and shadow and not the details of our lives and the lives of our fellowmen and women in the great Mosaic of human life.

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As Masons we are under the moral imperative to "aid, support and protect each other," and duty-bound "to relieve the distressed." We must not forget, in the living of our 21st century lives, to soothe the troubled minds of the unhappy and actively sympathize and ameliorate their misfortunes. In the last six months, how many times have you visited a sick Brother, spoken to a Masonic widow or driven her to the store, or spoken kind words to a troubled friend?

The Master's Lecture states that we hope to enjoy the blessings and comforts which surround us by a faithful reliance on Divine Providence, represented by the Blazing Star in the center of the Mosaic Pavement. Each Mason conceives of Divine Providence in his own way. Acknowledging the existence of Divine Providence is Freemasonry's way of recognizing and reminding us that we still do live in a world of "blessings and adversities," no matter how intellectually, morally, or technologically sophisticated we think we are on the threshold of the 21st century.

The Mosaic Pavement, the Indented Tessel, and the Blazing Star beautify and adorn our Lodges, and they grace the Fraternity. Think of the power to create positive change in one person at a time, held by an institution ornamented with these universal and compassionate symbols, whose members by their actions live these ideas in their everyday lives.



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# CALENDAR

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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

THURSDAY, JAN 5

## SUFFOLK LODGE - STATED COMMUNICATION

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

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

**Attire:** Black/Dark Suit

**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



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THURSDAY, JAN<sub>12</sub>

## 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



THURSDAY, JAN<sub>19</sub>

## 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.

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

**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

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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

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

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

THURSDAY, JAN 26

## 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

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# BUSINESS

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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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# STORE

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## SHOPPING

### **SUFFOLK 60 LAPEL PIN**

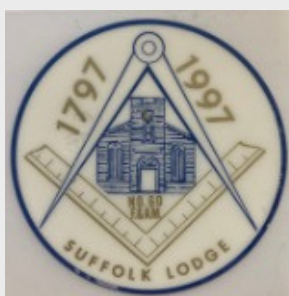


Item: Suffolk #60 Lapel Button

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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# REFERENCE

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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>

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