



Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

GOING FORWARD

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For Immediate Release

Superbowl LVII
The Ancients and
Human Nature

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ATTENTION

**DUES FOR 2023
WERE DUE ON
JAN 1ST**

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!

FUN & FELLOWSHIP



Hello Brothers!

We are running an Online Super Bowl Squares Contest at Suffolk 60! We're also gathering to watch the big game at the Lodge on Sunday February 12 at 5:00pm for the 6:30 kickoff. Pot luck apps and snacks, with cash bar.

Each square costs 50, and we will be awarding up to 2750 in total prizes. Please share with all your Masonic Brothers, family and friends...the more squares we sell, the bigger the prizes and the more we raise for the Lodge!!

If you are interested in joining, please click the link below. If you are asked for the Contest Password, the password is Suffolk60.

<https://superbowlpoolsite.com/contest/471097>

To pay for you square(s), see me or click here:

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/Y6YLKPLQT7WEIYPS6QITJI7H>

Thanks, and good luck!

**W:. Gary Gudzik DSA
631-406-9757**

MORE LIGHT

THE ANCIENTS AND HUMAN NATURE

Excerpted from 'The Initiatic Experience' by Robert Herd, Submitted by W. Jason Intardonato

From time immemorial initiations or rites of passage have been performed by nearly all cultures, races, religions, and philosophical orders.

The event and purpose is sometimes as simple as initiating a boy into manhood, or as complex as ritualistically initiating priests into higher, more complex levels of priesthood. Mankind has carried out this practice throughout all of time to assist in answering those eternal questions... Who are we? What are we? Can we change who and what we think we are?

Where does it all come from, this quest, this need to solve life's mysteries where the simplest of questions can never be answered? Why are we here? What is the soul? Many different initiatic orders have formed over the millennia to assist in the quest to search for more light.

How we go about this is similar in many cultures. Usually, in case of natural events, we celebrate these changes and these stages of life. Some cultures even have rituals right from the start at birth.

Ancient people believed that the one who had no name was not yet truly born, and that the human journey began as soon as the child received a name at birth. The bestowing of the name marked the advent of a new existence and was an important ritual. They believed, as some still do today, that the name had power and could have a lot to do with one's destiny. Many child naming ceremonies exist in several different cultures to this day.

The first main human change we undertake personally, the advent of puberty, is accompanied by physical as well as psychological metamorphoses of such a nature that a new being seems to emerge from the protective shell of our childhood.

Marriage also creates a new phase of existence. Doesn't the life of the couple require the creating of a subtle and permanent harmony between bodies and souls, a sort of mutual metamorphosis?

MORE LIGHT

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As for the slow process of aging, this also presents new problems. Faculties become impaired. From then on life is more demanding and different. In order for man to subsist without a feeling of despair, he must have wisdom. Long ago man realized these things and we have very old examples of how he even put forth warnings to future generations about this stage. Our Great Light and Lodges use one example in particular:

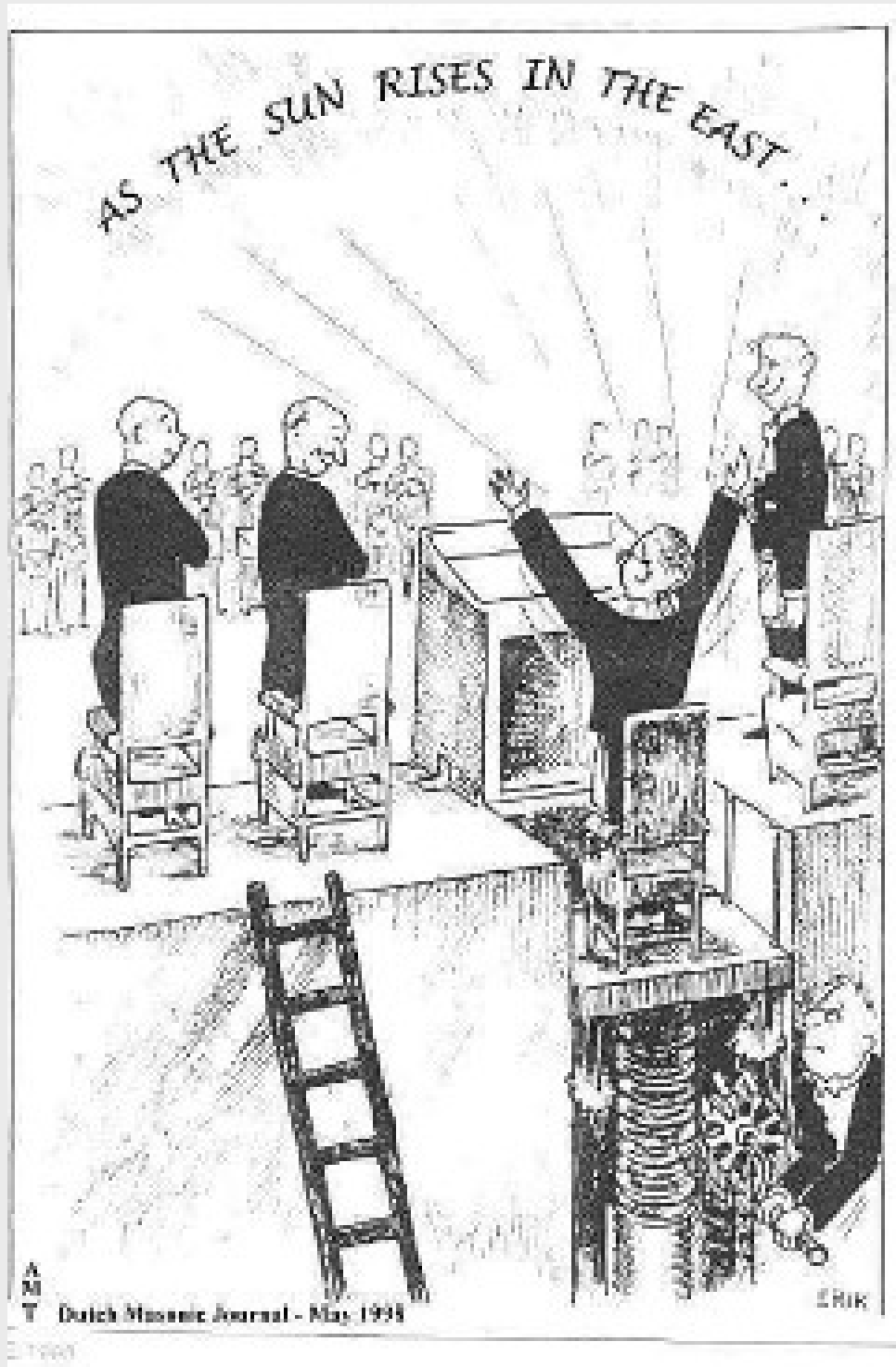
Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, And the doors shall be shut in the streets when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Finally death comes. We must face it without fear and, without regret, give life up.

In this manner, birth, puberty, marriage, aging, and death have always depicted unavoidable trials. Whether we face them happily or despairingly, whether we celebrate them or let them go unnoticed, they map the path of human life. With each test completed, a new phase of existence begins. At the end of each season of life, the outline of a new being emerges.

MORE LAUGHS



Submitted by W. Frank Miranda

TRESTLEBOARD

WEDNESDAY, JAN 25

DDGM & STAFF OFFICER VISIT AT SMITHTOWN 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 Smithtown Lodge
No. 1127

Where: Smithtown Masonic Temple 34 River Rd Smithtown NY

When: Jan. 25, 2023 from 6:30-9:30 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

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>

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