



Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

GOING FORWARD

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For Immediate Release

2023

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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!

SAD TIDINGS

W.: FRANCIS PARRELLA



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

Last week W.: Parrella was laid to rest. W.: Bradley Hubbard, W.: Robert Previto, and Bro. Arthur Rosen of Alycone Lodge No. 695 conducted the Masonic Funeral Service with the grace, dignity, and respect befitting our dear departed Brother. The service was very well attended, with many brothers from multiple lodges in attendance.

W.: Hubbard sent a letter to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Suffolk Lodge No. 60 afterward. It is attached to the end of this newsletter for your convenience.

NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE

On Jan. 19th, at Suffolk Lodge No. 60's Stated Communication, there will be a night of remembrance for all the brothers we have lost over the past few years. We will be paying tribute to W.: Parrella and many others. Brethren of all lodges are cordially invited to attend and participate. Please see the Trestleboard below for more information.

GLAD TIDINGS

W.: THOMAS PACE HAS COME HOME



We are thrilled to announce that W.: Tom Pace has re-affiliated with our lodge and will once again be an active member of our fraternity.

W.: Brother Tom has been a valuable asset to our lodge for the past 15 years, and we are fortunate to have him back with us. His passion and aptitude for excellence in Masonic ritual are unmatched, and he has consistently demonstrated a genuine care for his brothers. His leadership skills have been evident in the various roles he has held within the lodge, and he has been a driving force behind many of the improvements and innovations that have taken place within our building.

In particular, W.: Brother Tom's contributions to the structure of our building itself have been numerous. He designed and constructed our bar, and his artistic talents are on full display in the beautiful paint job he did on our collation room and foyer. He has also been a pioneer in our use of music during degrees, adding an extra layer of beauty and meaning to our ceremonies.

We are truly blessed to have W.: Brother Tom back with us, and we look forward to many more years of his positive influence and contributions to Suffolk Lodge No. 60.

GLAD TIDINGS

THANK YOU FROM WELCOME FRIENDS SOUP KITCHEN

We received the following letter from the Welcome Friends Soup Kitchen

January 2, 2023

Thank you for your donation of \$200 to support the feeding of our needy neighbors in the Port Jefferson community on behalf of Suffolk Lodge No. 60 Free & Accepted Masons, Port Jefferson, NY.

Our volunteer staff serves over 200 meals a week, and because we have no administrative offices, paid employees or other similar expenses, all donations are dedicated to securing and preparing food. We provide hot nutritious meals served with dignity and respect, in a welcoming environment that help our guests to enjoy being part of our Greater Port Jefferson Community.

We appreciate your kindness, caring, and generosity.

Sincerely,

Karen Loomis
Assistant Treasurer

GLAD TIDINGS



MAINTAINING OUR TEMPLE

Over the weekend work was done at the building to begin repairs to our side door. Our side door is very old and will eventually need to be replaced. A loose panel which was letting in cold air was repaired and new wood panelling was applied to the exterior surface to replace the old panels which had begun to rot. New weather stripping and paint will be added later this week.

In the main room, the incandescent overhead bulbs were replaced with color changing LED bulbs which will help us reduce our electrical usage as well as provide some nice atmospheric options for different events.

Eye bolts which had been used for Royal Arch ceremonies were removed. The remaining holes will be patched later this week.

MORE LIGHT

A FEW WORDS ABOUT RE-AFFILIATION

As members of a Masonic Temple, it is our duty to uphold the values of brotherhood, charity, and truth. These values extend not only to our active members, but also to those who have temporarily stepped away from the craft but are now seeking to re-affiliate.

It is important that we graciously welcome back these brothers with open arms, as they have made the decision to return to our community and continue their journey in Masonic teachings. We should not view their temporary departure as a sign of weakness or lack of commitment, but rather as a natural part of life that may have been necessary for them to attend to personal or professional matters.

By showing our support and appreciation for these brothers, we not only strengthen the bonds of our own fraternity, but also demonstrate the inclusivity and acceptance that is at the heart of Freemasonry.

So let us embrace these brothers with the same warmth and brotherly love that they have always known within our Masonic Temple, and support them in their continued growth and development as members of our fraternity.

MORE LIGHT

ESOTERIC OR EXOTERIC?

Submitted by W. Thomas Pace

Esoteric knowledge is a term used to describe knowledge that is meant to be understood and pursued by a select few, rather than by the general public. This type of knowledge is often associated with spiritual or mystical traditions and is thought to be profound or deeply meaningful. In contrast, exoteric knowledge is knowledge that is meant to be understood and pursued by a wide audience, and is generally considered to be more practical or worldly in nature.

Freemasonry is an organization that has been associated with both esoteric and exoteric knowledge. On the one hand, Freemasonry has been known for its use of symbolism and allegory in its rituals and teachings, as well as for its use of secret handshakes and signs, which are meant to be understood only by members of the fraternity. These elements of Freemasonry could be considered examples of esoteric knowledge, as they are meant to be understood and pursued only by a select few.

On the other hand, Freemasonry also has a number of exoteric aspects, in that it is an organization that welcomes all good men and that seeks to impart practical, moral lessons to its members. For example, Freemasonry teaches the importance of honesty, integrity, and charity, and encourages its members to live up to these values in their everyday lives. These elements of Freemasonry could be considered examples of exoteric knowledge, as they are meant to be understood and pursued by a wide audience.

Overall, it is important to note that Freemasonry is an organization that has a rich and complex history, and that it has been associated with both esoteric and exoteric knowledge. While some aspects of the organization may be more focused on spiritual or mystical matters, others are more practical and worldly in nature, and both types of knowledge have played important roles in the development and evolution of Freemasonry over time.

MORE LAUGHS

The initiation ceremony was being carried out with dignity and aplomb and then we realised that the apron didn't fit.



TRESTLEBOARD

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



TUESDAY, JAN 17

DDGM & STAFF OFFICER VISIT AT RIVERHEAD 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 Riverhead Lodge No. 645

Where: Riverhead Masonic Temple
1246 Roanoke Ave P.O. Box 731
Riverhead NY 11901

When: Jan. 17, 2023 from 6:30-9:30 PM

TRESTLEBOARD

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

Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

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

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Credit transactions incur a service charge.

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SUFFOLK 60 LAPEL PIN

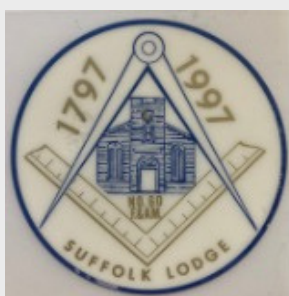


Item: Suffolk #60 Lapel Button

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>

The **Going Forward** Weekly Newsletter is edited by W.⦿ Frank Miranda and W.⦿ Jason Intardonato under the direction of W.⦿ Christopher Connolly, Master of Suffolk Lodge No. 60 AYM, F&AM. Please submit any questions, corrections, announcements, or other suggested content to secretary@suffolk60.com.



6 January 2023

To the Master, Wardens, and Brothers of Suffolk Lodge No.60,

Fraternal greetings on behalf of Alcyone Lodge No.695! We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming support shown by our Suffolk 60 Brethren at the funeral of W:. Francis Parrella last Thursday evening. Not only was your Lodge called from a Stated Communication to attend in large numbers, but you were gracious enough to bring additional aprons and gloves which were generously shared with other attendees after ours were depleted. This had not gone unnoticed by those present.

The spirit of brotherhood among men and Masons displayed that evening was an expression of the highest virtues one could hope to witness in the Craft. Despite his unquestionable dedication to Freemasonry, Worshipful Parrella was seen by some as a polarizing figure. There was no evidence of any such sentiment at his service and all came together with the singular purpose of honoring the memory of a Brother who was called from his earthly labors. Your membership should be proud of the dignity and decorum brought to the ceremony as a result of their participation as I know Frank, who always held Suffolk 60 close to his heart, would have likewise been.

In closing, a Lodge which is known to regularly extend its support to neighbors “without the hope of fee or reward” can surely expect the same in return. If the occasion should arise where we may be of practical service to Suffolk 60, please don’t hesitate to call upon us.

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity.”

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BRH' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bro. Bradley R. Hubbard

Master, Alcyone Lodge No. 695