



Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

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His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

RAYMOND A. HOLMES II
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SAD TIDINGS



R.:W.: Raymond A. Holmes II, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan near the Grand Lodge of New York and Chaplain emeritus of Suffolk Lodge No. 60 has laid down his working tools and passed to eternal rest.

Brother Ray was raised in Potunk Lodge No. 1071 in 1969, and affiliated with Suffolk Lodge in 1977. He served as Master of Suffolk Lodge twice, and was Chaplain for many years. He was a member of the American Lodge of Research, and a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Brother Ray was a beloved mentor to many Masons, and his knowledge and skill in reciting the Standard Work and Lectures of the Craft were an example to us all. His ritual work was always perfect, and he was always willing to assist a Brother with learning the work, or offering friendly and constructive advice. A true gentleman and upright man and Mason, Ray despised the use of the word “guys” in the Lodge, and often reminded us that Masons are all “Brothers,” not “guys.” His warm smile, caring nature and concern for others was always evident when he inquired about Brothers’ wives and children by name.

A crack shot and champion pistol shooter, Ray had many trophies earned in competition, including several from the National Matches at Camp Perry. Although never one to brag, Ray demonstrated his prowess with firearms many times over the years in friendly competitions with Brothers.

Ray is survived by his beloved wife Diane, sons Ray (Christine) and Greg (Jill), and grandchildren Amber and Henry Holmes. Although but one man among many, his profound influence on those with whom he came in contact will be felt for many years to come. ***“Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”***

SAD TIDINGS



Above: Brother Ray leading the left column of Suffolk 60 during the Port Jefferson 4th of July Parade. Always an upright man and Mason! Below: Ray with his wife Diane and sons, Ray and Greg.



MORE LIGHT

MATTHEW 25:21

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by Robert Elsner, Submitted by W. Jason Intardonato

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Let's Look at this in Context:

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

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27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

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This verse has a few words that are almost impossible to translate, as we do not have the concepts in English. The term Well done (Εὖ in Greek), for example, does not translate the force of intent here. This is the verbal equivalent of a standing ovation. A master of slaves would rarely say such a forceful thing, so this was a radical idea that God would be this enthusiastic about humanity doing anything. This was a message of deep relationship that even Israel was not used to. The term “enter into the joy of thy Lord” was also a set of words too strong for the fit of this parable, as it was unimaginable that any servant could be welcomed into the house of his master as if a full and beloved member of the family. This is the fullness of heaven that God is promising. This brings the rest of the parable into perspective, especially the ending where Jesus is telling us that it is the accumulation of our actions that represent the fruits of our hearts. If our hearts are pure, our actions will be loving and kind, but sometimes our actions are only seemingly loving or kind, but for ulterior motives. God sees the truth of what we intend as what we are doing.

Elsner, Robert. Bible Study for Freemasons: Exploring the Scriptural Bases of Masonic Work (pp. 227-228). Kindle Edition.

ATTENTION

**Yeah, so if you could just go ahead and
pay your 2023 dues now**



That would be great

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

MONDAY, MAR 13

SUFFOLK LODGE - MM DEGREE REHEARSAL

All Officers with parts in the degree are required to attend

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

When: Mar. 13, 2023 from 7:30-8:30 PM

Attire: Casual

WEDNESDAY, MAR 15

MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE FOR BRO. HOLMES

All members of Suffolk 60 are called on to attend this service if able.

Where: [Branch Funeral Home, Miller Place, NY](#)

When: Mar. 15, 2023 from 7:30-8:30 PM

Attire: Black Suit, White Gloves, White Aprons. NO tuxes, NO pins, NO regalia. Arrive by 7:30. Service at 8.

THURSDAY, MAR 16

SUFFOLK LODGE - STATED COMMUNICATION

Open to Fellowcrafts, Business Meeting, Education on the Middle Chamber Lecture

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

When: Mar. 16, 2023 from 7:30-9:30 PM

Attire: Black or Dark Suits

TRESTLEBOARD

THURSDAY, MAR 23

SUFFOLK LODGE - SOCIAL NIGHT

MM Rehearsal, Fellowcraft Study, Fellowship

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

When: Mar. 23, 2023 from 7:30-9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

SATURDAY, MAR 25

ALYCONE LODGE - GRAND LECTURER'S CONVENTION

MAGLA Competition, Dinner to follow after the meeting

Where: Alcyone Masonic Temple Northport NY

When: Mar. 25, 2023 from 2 PM

Attire: Business Attire

[Click here for more info](#)

MONDAY, MAR 27

SUFFOLK LODGE - MM DEGREE REHEARSAL

All brothers with parts in the degree are required to attend. This includes conductors.

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

When: Mar. 27, 2023 from 7:30-8:30 PM

Attire: Casual

TRESTLEBOARD

THURSDAY, MAR 30

SUFFOLK LODGE - SOCIAL NIGHT

MM Rehearsal, Fellowcraft Study, Fellowship & Preparation for DD Visit

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

When: Mar. 30, 2023 from 7:30-9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

SUFFOLK LODGE - DISTRICT DEPUTY VISIT

Business Meeting, Education on the Middle Chamber Lecture

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

When: April 6, 2023 from 7:30-9:30 PM

Attire: Officers wear Tuxedos, brothers Black or Dark Suits

Collation: **RSVP FOR DINNER STRICTLY REQUIRED!**

RSVP to secretary@suffolk60.com

THURSDAY, APR 13

SUFFOLK LODGE - SOCIAL NIGHT

MM Rehearsal, Fellowcraft Study, Fellowship

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

When: April 13, 2023 from 7:30-9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

TRESTLEBOARD

FRIDAY, APR 14

DISTRICT DINNER - GET DETAILS...****

MM Rehearsal, Fellowcraft Study, Fellowship

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

When: April 14, 2023 from ...

MONDAY, APR 17

SUFFOLK LODGE - MM DEGREE REHEARSAL

All brothers with parts in the degree are required to attend. This includes conductors.

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

When: April 17, 2023 from 7:30-8:30 PM

Attire: Casual

THURSDAY, APR 20

SUFFOLK LODGE - STATED COMMUNICATION

Master Mason Degree

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

When: Apr. 20, 2023 from 7:30-9:30 PM

Attire: Casual

TRESTLEBOARD

CANCELLATIONS: The March 18th March, and 1st April sessions of the Road to the East (RTE) in Riverhead have been cancelled. Brothers needing this course must attend the Wednesday sessions at Babylon Lodge

ALSO IN MARCH...

Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023: RTE Course 2 – Babylon Lodge
Saturday, Mar 18, 2023: Port Jefferson Chili Crawl (Community Event)
Thursday, Mar 23, 2023: Brother Bring A Friend Table Lodge @ Smithtown Lodge
Saturday, Mar 25, 2023: Suffolk District Grand Lecturer's Convention
Sunday, Mar 26, 2023: Order of the Eastern Star & Masonic Family Breakfast with Easter Bunny @ Amityville Lodge
Tuesday, Mar 28, 2023: Adah Chapter #52 Order of the Eastern Star Annual Once Upon a Tea
Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023: RTE Course 3 – Babylon Lodge

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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 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

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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