



Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

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CORRECTIONS



Brethren, it was reported last week under glad tidings that V.:W.: DeBenedetto had received his 32° degree of the Scottish Rite. This information was incorrect. V.:W.: DeBenedetto received his 32° degree in 1986. We apologize for the error and acknowledge V.:W.: DeBenedetto's attendance at the degree and nearly 40 years of service to the Scottish Rite.

MORE LIGHT

THE IMPORTANCE OF SHOWING UP

Submitted by W. . Jason Intardonato

In Freemasonry, we use the symbolism of the rough and smooth ashlar to represent the transformative journey that we undergo as members of this noble institution. The rough ashlar represents our unrefined state, while the smooth ashlar represents our perfected state. This symbolism reminds us that as we progress in our Masonic journey, we are continually shaping and refining ourselves.

Similarly, the importance of staying regularly involved with your lodge can be likened to the process of refining a rough ashlar. Attending stated communications and participating in lodge activities help to refine and shape us into better versions of ourselves. By showing up and participating, we are able to transform ourselves into smooth ashlars, polished and perfected in our craft.

Attending stated communications is crucial for our growth and development as Freemasons. These communications provide a forum for us to discuss important topics, conduct necessary business, and connect with our brethren. By attending these meetings regularly, we are able to refine our understanding of the principles of Freemasonry and gain valuable insights from our fellow brethren.

Participating in the activities and events organized by the lodge is equally important. These events provide opportunities for us to put into practice the values of Freemasonry and make a positive impact in our local community. By participating in these events, we are able to refine our skills, deepen our connections with people from diverse backgrounds, and further our journey towards perfection.

The symbolism of the rough and smooth ashlar serves as a powerful reminder of the transformative journey that we undergo as Freemasons. Staying regularly involved with your lodge is crucial in shaping and refining ourselves into smooth ashlars. By attending stated communications and participating in lodge activities, we are able to refine our understanding of the principles of Freemasonry, deepen our connections with our brethren, and make a positive impact in our local community. We encourage all brethren to continue on this transformative journey and to stay regularly involved with their lodges.

MORE LIGHT

"THE MEN'S HOUSE"

Excerpted from *The Philosophy of Masonry in Five Parts* by Roscoe Pound,
Submitted by W. J. Jason Intardonato

Anthropologists and sociologists have shown us that next to the family, which indeed antedates society, the most primitive and most universal of social institutions is the association of grown men in a secret society. The simplest and earliest of the institutions of social man is the "men's house"—a separate house for the men of the tribe which has some analogies among civilized peoples of antiquity, e.g. the common meal of the citizens at Sparta, the assembly of the men in the agora in an ancient Greek community and the meeting of the Roman citizens in assembly in the ancient polity of the Roman city. In this men's house of a primitive tribe is the center of social life. Here the most precious belongings of the community, its religious emblems and its trophies taken in war, are preserved. Here the young men of the tribe gather as a visible token of their separation from their families and their entrance upon the duties and responsibilities of tribal life. Here the elders and leaders have seats according to their dignity and importance. Women and children may not enter; it is the house of the grown men. This widespread primitive institution develops in different ways. Sometimes it results in what are practically barracks for the fighting men of the community, as at Sparta and among some primitive peoples today. Sometimes it becomes a religious center and ultimately in substance a temple. Usually it becomes the center of another stage of social development, that is, of what anthropologists call "the puberty initiation ceremonies" and thence of still another stage, the primitive secret society. And as these societies develop, replacing the earlier tribal puberty initiations, the men's house, as the seat of these organizations, becomes the secret lodge. Hence in this oldest of social institutions, rather than on the highest hills and in the lowest dales of our lectures, we may find the first Masonry.

It is a natural instinct, so sociologists tell us, that leads men of the same age, who have the same interests and the same duties, to group themselves accordingly and to separate to some extent from other groups. In obedience to this instinct, we are told that four classes of the male members of a tribe set themselves off:

- 1) The boys who have not yet arrived at puberty
- 2) unmarried youths
- 3) mature men on whom the duties and responsibilities of tribesmen rest, and
- 4) old men, the repositories of tribal wisdom and the directors of the community.

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On the attainment of puberty, the boy is taken into the men's house and as it were initiated into manhood. In due time he becomes tribesman and warrior. In process of time his eldest son has himself reached manhood and the father becomes an elder, retired from active service. Thus the men of the tribe become in substance a secret association divided into two or three grades or classes out of which, we are told, as a later development, grow the degrees of primitive secret societies. For the passage from one of these classes to another almost universally among primitive peoples is accompanied by secret initiatory ceremonies, and among almost all primitive peoples, the initiatory ceremonies at puberty are the most solemn and important event in a man's life. Usually they are more or less dramatic. They begin with some sort of ordeal. Often there is a symbolic raising from death to life to show that the child is dead and that a man has risen in his place. Often a great deal of symbolism is employed and there follows something very like a lecture, explaining the ceremony. Always they involve an impressive instruction in the science and the morality of the tribe and an impressive inculcation of obedience.

MORE FUN

Retaining Younger Brethren How to stop them leaving the Lodge



Submitted by W. Frank Miranda

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

THURSDAY, MAR 9

SUFFOLK LODGE - SOCIAL NIGHT

Fellowcraft Study, Fellowship

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

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

Attire: Casual

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. 9, 2023 from 7:30-8:30 PM

Attire: Casual

TRESTLEBOARD

CANCELLATIONS: The Saturday 4th 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...

Sunday, Mar 12, 2023: St. Patrick's Day @ Jephtha
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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