



Suffolk Lodge No. 60 F&AM

GOING FORWARD

27 November, 2022

For Immediate Release

THE 26TH ANNUAL PORT JEFF DICKENS FESTIVAL!



It's that time of year again! The Port Jefferson Dickens Festival kicks off next Friday night, Dec. 2nd and concludes Sunday evening. Once again, Suffolk Lodge is participating in the Festival by hosting Magic Shows and the Fezziwig Dance in our Temple room. Downstairs will be transformed into Mrs. Claus' Cookie Shop where visitors will be invited to partake of delicious fresh baked cookies, hot chocolate or hot cider. Participation for the Gingerbread Contest this year was less than we'd hoped but we will still have a few houses on display along with a model train generously donated by Bro. Stephen Kofert DSA of Smithtown Lodge 1127. We'll also have Mrs. Claus and some Gingerbread Men to entertain the kids! Please come help make this event a success by volunteering as staff or at least bringing your family down for some delicious treats!

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THIS WEEK

SAD TIDINGS

Masonic Funeral Service for W:. Henry W. Steiger

*At the request of the family and in accordance with our departed Brother's wishes, a Masonic funeral service for W:. Henry Steiger will be held **at the Port Jefferson Masonic Temple this Wednesday, Nov. 30th, 2022 at 7:30 PM.***

***Dress code:** Dark suits, NO pins, NO pocket squares, NO tuxedos, NO regalia.*

Light refreshments, cake and coffee to follow in the downstairs collation hall.

The interment will take place the following morning, Thursday, Dec. 1st at 10 AM at Calverton Cemetery. Those attending should assemble at the main entrance.

Please join us in coming together on this solemn occasion to pay our respects to our dearly departed W:. Brother, Hank.

THIS WEEK

MASONIC LABOUR

SUNDAY, NOV 27

11:00 AM - LODGE PREPARATION

Volunteers needed!

We will be cleaning and preparing the lodge for the upcoming Masonic Funeral Service for our dearly departed Brother, W:. Henry W. Steiger; date and time of service to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 30

7:30 PM - MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE

See "Sad Tidings" section for details of W:. Henry Steiger's funeral and burial services

THIS WEEK

MASONIC LABOUR

THURSDAY, DEC 1

7:30 PM - STATED COMMUNICATION

Dress Code: *Casual, since we will be focusing on decorating the lodge. Ugly holiday sweaters encouraged!*

A pre-meeting collation (pizza) will be served at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be very brief so that we can move on to the work of the evening, which will be completing the decorations and preparation of our building for the Dickens Festival, which begins the following evening. The Dickens Festival is our most important fundraiser of the year. Fundraising is crucial to our operations, with membership down significantly over the past decade. So, brothers, please seize this precious opportunity to help your lodge while representing Freemasonry in the best possible way to our Temple's neighbors and community.

FRIDAY DEC 2 - DEC 4

DICKENS FESTIVAL

Friday 6-8 pm will be final preparations for the Festival.

Lodge Staffing Hours:

Saturday 9am - 10pm, Sunday 9am - 6pm

THIS WEEK

MASONIC LABOUR

FRIDAY DEC 2 - DEC 4

DICKENS FESTIVAL FULL LODGE SCHEDULE

Friday	
6:30 - 8:30 pm	Set up for next morning ticket sales and food prep
Saturday	
9:30 am	Volunteers should aim to arrive by 9:30am to setup
11:00 am - 10:00 PM	Doors open to public for ticket and food sales. Downstairs Mrs. Clause Cookie Shop. Mrs. Clause poses for photos with kids.
12:00 - 12:50 pm	MAGICAL WIZARDRY OF STEVE RODMAN
1:20 PM – 2:10 PM	MAGICAL WIZARDRY OF STEVE RODMAN
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7:30 PM – 9:30 PM	FEZZIWIG'S DANCE PARTY
Sunday	
9:30 am	Volunteers should aim to arrive by 9:30am to clean and setup
11:00 am - 5:00 PM	Doors open to public for ticket and food sales. Downstairs Mrs. Clause Cookie Shop. Mrs. Clause poses for photos with kids.
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*Volunteers please email your availability to Bro. Intardonato:
jasoni@suffolk60.com*

THIS WEEK

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.

THIS WEEK

MASONIC MINUTE

The Observant Lodge

Excerpted from 'Observing the Craft' by Andrew Hammer, published 2010 by Mindhive Books

In seeking to define an observant Lodge, some will ask if what we are talking about here is what is known as a traditional observance lodge. The answer is that this is not the term by which such Lodges should be known, for precisely the reason encountered by the reader in the opening pages of this work. The traditions of Masonry include Lodges assembled in taverns for no other purpose than conviviality. The traditions of Masonry include men being made Masons at sight, in one day, indiscriminately and with wrong motives.

There is really no such thing as 'traditional' observance, because that which has the stamp of time attached to it which allows it to be labeled traditional, is not of a unified nature, but rather contains both forms of what are opposing traditions. If this was not true, then we would not have a 300-year history of brethren writing missives against laxity, superficiality and triviality among the Craft. The fact is that what is traditional in Masonry cuts both ways historically, and therefore it is impossible to only define the pursuit of quality in the Craft as 'traditional'.

For that reason, I have simply chosen the adjective observant to define the whole of what I have presented in this book, without exception. For example, an observant Lodge founded a year ago can say that it is being traditional, but what does that mean if we find tavern Lodges making Masons at sight in 1730? At the same time, an existing Lodge founded in 1730 cannot become traditional; it merely is by virtue of nothing more than the involuntary accumulation of its age. But what both Lodges can choose to be is observant. Observant is the optimal word because this word alone denotes the idea of diligence and attention to Masonic labour.

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MASONIC MINUTE

The Observant Lodge

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It might be argued that the word ‘observant’ is no more accurate than ‘traditional’, because those who might wish to follow the traditions of social Lodges could be said to be observing that tradition as well. But what we are looking at in the use of the term is intent. The intent of those men who founded Freemasonry was not to have a jovial supper club. It was to contemplate and discuss the meanings of things philosophical as well as empirical and to establish a space where that might be done in freedom and tolerance. So in this sense, what one claims here is that there was a clear intent on the part of those men who shaped the Craft to make it a thing of earnestness, piety and decorum. Therefore, only those Masons who seek to pursue that intent can be called observant, because that intent is what is being observed.

THIS WEEK

UPCOMING EVENTS

DICKENS FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
DEC 3RD & 4TH, 2022
SAT: 11AM - 9PM
SUN: 11AM-6PM**

WWW.DICKENS-FESTIVAL.COM
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
W:.INTARDONATO:
631.388.0948 | JASONI@SUFFOLK60.COM

LONG ISLAND PAST MASTER'S DINNER

**BLACK TIE EVENT!
LIVE MUSIC/DJ**

**A NIGHT OF DINNER & DANCING
WITH YOUR MASONIC FAMILY**

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 12, 2022
DINNER STARTS
AT 6PM
\$175 PER COUPLE
\$90 PER PERSON**

PRESENTED BY LIPMA
SUFFOLKMASONS.COM FOR
TICKETS/QUESTIONS

FLOWERFIELD PREMIER CATERING
199 MILLS POND ROAD
ST. JAMES, NY 11780

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MARIA:
631-862-0100 | FLOWERFIELD.COM

THIS WEEK

UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 FESTIVAL OF TREES

**SATURDAY
DEC 1ST, 2022
5PM**

AT THE PORT JEFFERSON VILLAGE
CENTER
E. BROADWAY, PORT JEFF, NY 11777

BRETHREN, SUFFOLK LODGE NO. 60 IS
ONCE AGAIN PLEASED TO BE A SPONSOR
IN THE PORT JEFFERSON FESTIVAL OF
TREES. YOU ARE CORDIALLY AND
FRATERNALLY INVITED TO TAKE PART IN
DECORATING OUR TREE WITH MASONIC
AND GINGERBREAD ORNAMENTS. FESTIVE
CLOTHING ENCOURAGED! THE WORK WILL
TAKE ABOUT AN HOUR FOLLOWED BY AN
OFFSITE COLLATION AT THE STEAM ROOM
IN PORT JEFF. THIS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY
EVENT. BRING THE KIDS!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH SANTA

**SATURDAY
DEC 17TH, 2022
12 NOON**

**BRING THE KIDS DOWN FOR AN
AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT,
GAMES, MUSIC, FOOD & A GIFT FROM
SANTA!**

PORT JEFFERSON MASONIC TEMPLE
312 MAIN ST. PORT JEFF, NY 11777

PLEASE RSVP TO W.:PHILIP LUNAROLA:
516-315-4982 | FLIP767@HOTMAIL.COM

THIS WEEK

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

THIS WEEK

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>