

# THE ATHELSTANIAN



## ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS INSTITUTED 1902

Naurashank Temple  
2 South Middletown Road  
Pearl River, NY 10965

Communications 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
Mailing Address: 18 Buena Vista Rd. Suffern, NY 10901

## January 2012

**M.:W.: Vincent Libone**  
**Grand Master of Masons**  
**in the State of New York**

**R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II**  
**District Deputy Grand Master**  
**for the Orange-Rockland District**

December 29, 2011

Brethren:

You are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the following communications:

**3001st STATED COMMUNICATION**

Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:30 PM

Business: Fellowcraft Degree  
Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY  
Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m.  
Attire: Business

**3002nd STATED COMMUNICATION**

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Business: Annual Robert Burns Ladies Night  
Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY  
Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Degree Begins at 7:30 p.m.  
Attire: Business



**On the Cover**

Fellowcraft Degree Tracing Board. Representation of King Solomon's Temple.  
Courtesy of Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon



## **WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD**

### **AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Roy Rizzotti

Proposed by R.:W.: Lou Irizarry II  
and R.:W.: Ron Steiner 10/4/2011

### **AWAITING ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE**

### **AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT**

Bro. Michael Anthony DePaolo	Initiated 10/18/11
Bro. Anthony Barbato	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Seth Geffen	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Brian Gonzalez	Initiated 10/05/10

### **AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON**

Bro. Mark Howard Burke	Passed 11/29/11
Bro. Seth Lee	Passed 11/29/11
Bro. Mathew Kerewski	Passed 04/05/11
Bro. Eric Mateyka	Passed 01/11/11
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Passed 11/16/10

## **THE FUTURE**

Jan. 3rd      Special Program - Honoring military brothers past and present. Bro. Glenn Zemanek, active duty U.S. Army, among others, will speak.

Dutch Treat Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m.

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# 2011 HOLIDAY PARTY



L - R: Yvonne and Curt Brown; Ron and Marion Pomerance.



L - R: Marvin Gess, Sally & David Richards, Louis & Wanda Irizarry, Carolyn Metlitz.  
Seated: Diane Gess



L - R: Glenn and Anastasia Zemanek, Peter and Cindy Dedel, Louis and Wanda Irizarry.



L - R: Margot Nelson and the Lees:  
EJ, Seth and Duncan.

## 2011 HOLIDAY PARTY



## 2011 United Hospice Tree of Life



Standing, L - R: Phil Nelson, Ron Pomerance and Mark Burke  
Seated, L - R: Ron and Joan Steiner.



Athelstane Lodge Brother Phil Nelson shown recently proudly displaying his 55 Year's of Service Award from Grand Lodge. Phil helped celebrate this milestone year with seven (7) hours of community service at our annual Athelstane "team" support for the Hospice Tree of Life effort at the Palisades Mall.

## **ATTENTION FLORIDA BROTHERS AND SNOWBIRDS ...**

**Athelstane 2012 Florida Luncheon**

**The plans have been finalized ... The contract signed ... the deposit made ...  
And now we are all set and ready to go. The annual Athelstane gathering of  
the "clan: in Florida will take place on:**

**Friday Afternoon - January 20, 2012**

**Benvenuto Restaurant Caterers**

**1730 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach, Florida  
(561) 364-0600**

**Noon to 3:00 p.m.**

**Athelstane Brothers - no charge Ladies - \$25.00 Guests \$35.00**

**Please confirm your reservation in advance by contacting**

**R.:W. Harold Dresdale**

**(561) 278-9507 OR (561) 400-1496**

**e-mail: luvsflog@aol.com**

### **FROM DE OLD SCRIBE ...**

This time of the year is filled with fond memories of good times we have shared this past year and we look with eager anticipation and great expectations for the Masonic year ahead. I always look forward to opening year end envelopes our Brothers have returned with dues and to read messages of glad tidings to share with our Athelstane Lodge "family.". "THANK YOU !" to all of you who have already sent your 2012 dues (now more than 50% of our members are paid for 2012 and current !!!!) and another "THANK YOU! " to each of you who sent in a little extra in the way of a financial contribution to your Lodge and/or a check for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund or a designated charity. So many of you have been so thoughtful and generous in your response. It is never to late to contribute to CHARITY.

**GLEANED FROM OUR MAILBAG, e-mails and phone calls ...**

**RW BRUCE KLEIN** on the mend after emergency gall bladder surgery right after his return home after hip replacement. No more medical adventures in 2012 Bruce !!!

Bro **HOWARD BLEIWAS** home after surgery to repair prior spinal surgery. Stay well Howard ! Ditto Brother **STEVEN MARCUS** on the mend after multiple surgeries to alleviate spinal pain and allow him to stand and walk again !!! Our good Brother **GEORGE LIBERIS** was scheduled for knee replacement ... hope all is well !!!

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*(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)*

Brother **GUY MALEBRANCHE** sends his warmest regards and affection to all his Brothers from sunny Florida ... ditto Brother **DAVID BLOCK** .... and ditto from Brother **STAN DRESCHER** and ditto from Brother **MANNY TORRES** who writes from chilly (correction ---make that *cold* and *white*!) Anchorage Alaska.

#### **GLAD TIDINGS ....**

We were so happy that **EJ**, wife of Brother **DUNCAN LEE** and mother of FC Brother **SETH LEE**, undergoing chemotherapy, is making good progress and felt well enough to join us at our Holiday Party. We all hope and pray that you continue to make good progress EJ and we all wish you a speedy and complete return to good health !!

#### **RECAP ...**

Please look elsewhere in this Athelstania for the smiling faces captured in a moment of time at our 2011 Annual Athelstane Holiday party held at the Casa Mia Manor House on December 20th. We all rejoiced that Brother **GLENN ZEMANEK** and his wife **ANASTASIA** were able to join us as guests of the Lodge for this wonderful night before he returns later this month to his active military duty assignment in Afghanistan. We all pray for his well being and a safe return to his family and loved ones. Amen !!! Aside ... we heard one happy comment offering kudos to the committee who pulled together one of the nicest holiday parties we ever enjoyed. I'll second that !!!

Thanks again to all of the Athelstane Family Team who assisted at the annual **Hospice Tree of Life** at the Palisades Center on Saturday, December 17th. The full story is printed elsewhere in this *Athelstania* ... but the satisfaction of a great effort lingers on. **WELL DONE !!! THANK YOU! THANK YOU !! THANK YOU !!!**

#### **COMING EVENTS**

##### ***FLORIDA LUNCHEON ...***

Florida Brethren, snowbirds, and our surviving spouses are reminded that you are invited to our Athelstane Lodge annual Florida luncheon as guests of the Lodge. The date is Friday, January 20th. Please see details in the ad elsewhere in this issue of the *Athelstania* and call **RW HAL DRESDALE** to reserve your spot. A good time will be had by all !

##### ***PAST MASTERS' MEETING ...***

Our Master, **W HOWARD WHITMAN**, has scheduled an early meeting of the Past Masters of the Lodge to be held Monday, January 16th at 6:30 at daNina in Suffern. Past Masters please call our Secretary (845) 354 - 4192 to confirm your participation and to allow us to make proper arrangements.



*(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)*

**MASONIC SAFETY ID PROGRAM-CHILD ID SET ...  
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS !!!**

One of our major community service outreach programs each year is the very popular Masonic Safety ID Program ... not just a Child ID ... which we help provide each year at the **SPRING HOME AND GARDEN SHOW** ...

please mark this date now and sign on to volunteer as part of our *Athelstane Masonic Family Team*:

**25TH ANNUAL ROCKLAND HOME AND GARDEN SHOW  
MASONIC SAFETY ID PROGRAM  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 10-11-12, 2012  
EUGENE LEVY FIELD HOUSE at Rockland Community College  
(Gene Levy was a Past Master of Athelstane Lodge)**

**Please call RW BRUCE KLEIN to volunteer - -- schedule hours at your convenience. (cell) 845-642-5559**

**JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER ...**

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012** ... we return to our labor. Special Masonic Program honoring our Military members past and present. Brother **GLENN ZEMANEK**, among others, will speak Pre-meeting Dutch treat dinner and social hour at 6:30 PM. Lodge opens at 7:30 PM Sharp !

**Monday, January 16th ... PAST MASTERS' MEETING** ... see notice above.

Please RSVP ... call our Secretary, RW Ron Steiner (845) 354 - 4192

**Tuesday, January 17TH ... OUR ANNUAL ROBBY BURNS LADIES NITE** .... for all Athelstane lads and lassies and guests as we pay tribute to our Masonic poet laureate in fellowship, good food and traditional beverages. Do plan to join us. Kilts not required.

**Friday, January 20th ... OUR ANNUAL FLORIDA LUCHEON** ... see reminder above.

**REMINDERS PLEASE ....**

**SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE \$\$\$ REMINDERS ...**

Submissions for the **TOTTEN ESSAY CONTEST**, open to High School Seniors who are children and grandchildren of Masons planning to enter college in 2012 note the deadline for mailing is early January. See *ESM Magazine* for details. So far only one essay has been sent with the required seal of the Lodge.

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*(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)*

**NY GRAND LODGE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE** applications now available from the Secretary. Open to children, grandchildren, and widows of NY Masons for up to four years of undergraduate and graduate studies or training at accredited colleges, universities or vocational schools. Complete details in ESM Magazine or online at [www.nymasons.org](http://www.nymasons.org). Contact RW Ron Steiner, Secretary for applications.

**ATHELSTANE LODGE 2012 LINDENBERG EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS...** for children and grandchildren of Athelstane Lodge members ... applications are now available from the Secretary.. Contact RW BRUCE KLEIN for complete details: (845) 642 - 5559 or via e-mail : [bdkesq1@aol.com](mailto:bdkesq1@aol.com)

\* If you have not already mailed your dues for 2012, please do so today.

\* If you have not already sent a charitable donation, please consider this now.

\* If you know of a worthy member of your family, a friend, or member of our community who wishes more information about our gentle craft ... the time to discuss this is NOW !

*and finally ....*

**PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS MORE TO MASONRY ... THERE IS MORE TO BEING A BROTHER OF ATHELSTANE LODGE ... THAN SIMPLY PAYING YOUR DUES.**

*With warm fraternal regards,*

*Ron*

Fraternally,

RON STEINER

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## **FROM THE EAST**

My Brothers:

We close 2011 on some very high notes in December. We had an extremely successful homecoming ceremony with our own DDGM Louis Irizarry, II on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This was a well attended meeting, and we had a number of visiting Dignitaries from Districts, and other Lodges in the Orange/ Rockland District.

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, under the leadership of RW Ron Steiner, Brothers, Wives, and Friends of Athelstane Lodge were able to raise a record \$ 4418 for United Hospice's "Tree of Life" fundraiser at the Palisades Mall in West Nyack, NY.

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, we held a special joint Degree at West Point Lodge, where Brothers Mark Burke and Seth Lee were passed to the Fellowcraft Degree. We held our Holiday Party on December 20<sup>th</sup> at Casa Mia Manor House in Orangeburg, NY. This Gala was also a milestone for our Lodge, as it was our 3000<sup>th</sup> Communication. We had 51 Brothers, wives, and Friends attending, and a wonderful time was had by all of us.

On a more somber note, four of our Brothers laid down their working tools in the second half of the year.

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Brother Glenn Zemanek will give a talk on his experiences in the military. This should prove to be a very informative lecture. On January 17<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Robert Burns Night at an Open Meeting and dinner for our wives and guests. This event is always well attended and great fun for all who come.

In February, on the 7<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Master Mason Degree. We have a number of Brothers awaiting the Fellowcraft Degree, so 2012 should prove to be a productive year for new Master Masons to be added to Athelstane Lodge's roster.

I look forward to the New Year, and your participation in the exciting Lodge events planned for 2012.

Cordially and Fraternaly,

W:. Howard Whitman

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2011 - 2014

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2010 - 2013

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Ronald Pomerance	2010-11	Richard H. Fassberg	1984, 1991	M.: W.: Neil I. Bidnick	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10	Gerald P. Rickard	1983	R.: W.: Robert Blanke	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09	Harold N. Eder *	1981	R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
David Richards	2007-08	Barry Ronner	1980-82	R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07	Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979	Alvin M. Russell	affl.
R.: W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06	R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979	Stuart Sindell	affl.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05	R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977	Arthur S. Vener	affl.
R.: W.: Harry F. Anderson	2002-03	Norman J. Greenberg *	1976	Harry Sky	affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02	R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976	Jay Hellgott	affl.
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Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00	Sander A. Letkowitz *	1974	Nathan Metlitz	affl.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98	Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74	Mc.W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99	Leonard J. Plotch *	1972	R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
R.: W.: Glen L. Weinberg *	1994-97	Henry Morris	1972, 1985	R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95	R.: W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971	R.: W.: Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97	Charles K. Dunlop *	1969	R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
Anthony Urbinato	1987-88, 1990	Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969 *	* Tappan Zec Lodge No. 1125	
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992	Henry Chait *	1967		
V.: W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94	Murray Kaplowitz *	1965		
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