

THE ATHELSTANIAN



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February 2011

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in the State of New York

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

January 28, 2010

Brethren:

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

2181st STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, February 1 , 2011 at 7:30 PM

Officers Dress: Formal or Dark Business Attire with white gloves
Place: Masonic Temple, Pearl River, NY
Business: **Master Mason Degree.**

Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m.

2182nd STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Officers Dress: Business Attire
Place: Masonic Temple, Pearl River, NY
Business: **Rendezvous with Treason** - Public Meeting.

Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m.

On The Cover

King Athelstane ordering the Bible to be translated into the Saxon language.
Photo courtesy of R.:W.: C.F. William Maurer III



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Major Frank Letizia Proposed by Bro. William Schroeder 04/2/2008
Mr. Robert E. Lysiak, Jr. Proposed by Bro Howard Whitman 09/15/2008
Mr. Michael B. Seidenfrau Proposed by Bro. Howard Whitman 07/10/2008

AWAITING ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Mr. Andrew Jersey Proposed by RW Gene Erickson Elected 04/15/08

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Bro. Anthony Barbato	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Seth Geffen	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Mathew Kerewski	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Joseph Chapley	Initiated 11/28/06
Bro. Seth Lee	Initiated 10/05/10
Bro. Brian Gonzalez	Initiated 10/05/10

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Eric Mateyka	Passed 01/11/2011
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Passed 11/16/2010
Bro. Dennis T. P. O'Connor	Passed 11/16/2010
Bro. Michael Albert Olmo	Passed 11/16/2010
Bro. James T. Shanahan	Passed 11/16/2010

SAD TIDINGS

MARY ELLEN BLANKE, wife of **R.:W.: BOB BLANKE** has been diagnosed with Lung Cancer and is receiving Chemotherapy

Bro. STEVEN MARCUS still fighting the pain and complications of neuropathy.

Bro. DONALD ROMAN on the loss of his Mother.

Please keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

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GLAD TIDINGS

W.: AL OSTER DSA successfully completed his total hip replacement at the Hospital for Special Surgery and is recuperating at Woodcliff Lane Nursing Home.

R.:W.: BILL MAURER is home recuperating from a broken toe from a work accident

WANDA IRIZARRY wife of **R.:W.: LOU II**, and mother of **W.: LOU III**, is recovering from pneumonia .

We all wish a Speedy Recovery to all.

Special Congratulations to **R.:W.: BOB** and **MARY ELLEN BLANKE** on the birth of their grandson. May you all have long happy and healthy lives.

THE TLC PROGRAM

The TLC program is flourishing, under the watching command of **Bro. Colin Okenfull**, under the auspices of our DD, **R.:W.: Louis Irizarry II. Athelstane Lodge**, as well as several other Lodges in this district have contributed for boxes of Teddy bears for the kids. The program is in its initial stages. We will keep everyone advised on the progress.

THE FUTURE

Tuesday, February 1st ... MASTER MASON DEGREE.
Dinner at 6:30. Lodge opens at 7:30. Join us as our Athelstane Lodge ritual team **shines again**.

Friday, February 11 - Sunday February 13 ... MASONIC SAFETY ID AT RCC HOME AND GARDEN SHOW ...
please mark this on your upcoming calendar ... we will need all the help we can get to process and ID children at this very popular and heavily trafficked event.

Tuesday, February 15th ... OPEN MEETING ... DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT ... "Rendezvous With Treason" ... an evening you are sure to enjoy. A wonderful opportunity to bring some friends and potential members.

From Ye Old Secretary ...

By the time you get to read this we will hopefully be enjoying warm balmy Caribbean breezes aboard the Norwegian Dawn sailing out of Miami with Joan and me aboard.

Friday January 21st was our annual Athelstane Lodge Florida Luncheon and we will be breaking bread with our Florida brethren and their ladies as well as our snowbirds. Can't say we will miss this January

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(From *Ye Olde Secretary, Continued*)

weather back home ... it has been cold and all too white. Also expect to see some of our old friends at the Grand Lodge luncheon in Lake Worth on Saturday the 22nd. We will try to take some pictures for the next *Athelstani-an*.

Lots of Get Well Wishes ... **WANDA IRIZARRY** wife of **R:W: LOU II**, and mother of **W: LOU III**, recovering from pneumonia. **W: AL OSTER**, our SW recovering from hip replacement surgery, **Bro. RONNIE STEWART**, recovering from surgery to repair a rotator cuff after being rear ended in a car accident, **MARY ELLEN BLANKE**, wife of our cherished Ritualist **R:W: BOB BLANKE**, battling lung cancer, and **Bro. STEVEN MARCUS** still fighting all the pain and complications of neuropathy. We sure hope you get well completely and quickly.

Condolences from the entire Lodge extended to **Bro. DONALD ROMAN** on the loss of his dear mother. May you know no more sadness Donald.

February promises to be a very busy month and we sure hope you will be able to participate as we gear up for a **Third Degree** on February 1st

We have a really wonderful treat in store at our open meeting and Ladies Night on February 15 when we have the history drama presentation of **Rendezvous With Treason** ... this much acclaimed two man show was previewed by some of us last year at the DeWint House for the George Washington Birthday celebration and it was TERRIFIC. The play dramatizes the events leading up to the infamous Benedict Arnold - Major Andre collaboration to surrender the plans for West Point. A standing room only gathering at the last year tremendously enjoyed that production. Don't miss this presentation at our Lodge. Bring your family and friends - Its FREE

Please mark your calendar to help us with the Masonic Safety ID Program (**Child ID**) on February 11-12-13 at the RCC Field House. This Friday, Saturday, Sunday event is sure to keep us busy and we can use all the volunteers we can get to assist. Please call Bruce Klein (845) 426-5856 or Ron Steiner (845) 354 - 4192 to tell us you can help.....

Sunday, February 27th we will celebrate George Washington's Birthday at the DeWint House at 2:00 PM with a sequel to **Rendezvous With Treason***The Enemy within: Arnold Returns Home*, featuring **Gary Petagine (Benedict Arnold)** and **Sean Grady (Captured Soldier)**, featured last year and again February 15th in our Athelstane production of their much acclaimed production of **RENDEZVOUS WITH TREASON** - Be sure to plan to be with us. The price is right - **FREE**

Thanks to all the Brothers who have sent in their **2011 DUES**, which were due 12/31/2010. More than 60% of our Brothers now have their 2011 Athelstane Lodge Dues card. Hope you are among them. Not withstanding this appeal for your dues payment ... I saw this line recently and thought I would share it with you ...

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REMEMBER ... BEING A MASON IS MORE THAN JUST PAYING YOUR DUES

Hope to see you at Lodge and/or one or more of our Lodge activities this month.

All the best !

Fraternally, *Ron Steiner*

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Special Communication January 11, 2011



In deference to the impending snow storm of January 11 which was already coming down quite hard, we were only able to get one quick photograph before we all had to flee. From left to right, R.:W.: Federico Larrinaga, Bro. Frank Gardiner, R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser, FC Bro. Daniel Mateyka, (New) FC Bro. Eric Mateyka, Bro. Doug Ward.

FROM THE EAST

We roared into 2011 starting withour traditional and wonderfully successful and memorable **Robert Burns Supper** on January 4, MC'ed by **Bro. John Gebbia** - where did he get that Scottish accent?? As also where did **Bros. Frank Gardner** and **Doug Ward** get their accents?? We all had great fun with readings from **Bro. Robert Burns'** extensive library. He had quite an interesting life and got as far a Senior Warden in his Lodge, Apparently he never made it to WM - He may have been over-expended (yes, I meant "expended", in several respects) by that time. Anyhow, we would like to thank our wonderful guests from Tappan Zee Lodge and give especial thanks to **Brother Bill Thorn** who gave us some magnificent

(From The East, Continued.)

readings and even (believe it or not) **Bro. Bill** led is in Auld Lang Syne - that was a "Sound to Behold". The walls shook - lightening came from the sky - the earth trembled - Seriously, it was great and unique. Thanks **Bill** and all of our brothers from Tappen Zee Lodge.

We followed on January 11 with a special meeting to confer a Fellowcraft degree on **Bro. Erik Mateyka** an active duty member of the military, who is presently between deployments, so time was an issue. Hence the necessity for the special meeting. We succeeded in the face of a snowstorm. The degree team was great. **W.: Ron Pomerance** conferred the degree, **Bro. Howard Whitman**, SW sat in the West, **R.:W.: Marvin Gess** sat in the South (subbing for **W.:Al Oster** who is on "medical leave" - Get back soon Al). **Marvin** also was our prompter "Par excellence". **Bro. Richie Butts** was Senor Deacon and **Bro. Doug Ward** was the Junior Deacon. **Bro. Job Gebbia** was Marshall and also did the "Q" of the "Q & A" with **Bro. Ward**, which they performed flawlessly. **R.:W.: Federico Larrinaga** was th Senior MC and also doubled as Chaplain. **Bro. Richie Schwartz** was Junior MC.. **R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser** did his usual superlative job in the middle chamber lecture. Thanks to all for a magnificent job .

The weather roared again on January 18, this time forcing us to postpone our FC degree. I hated to do that but the combination snow and ice, made the roads so dangerous, that it was not worth the risk to life and safety to hold the degree in such inclement weather. It will be rescheduled in the near future.

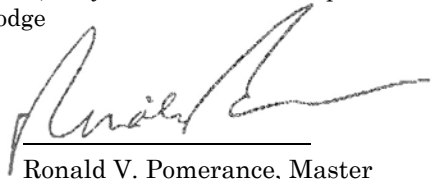
Right now we have a Master Mason degree for February 1 to be followed by **RENDEZVOUS WITH TREASON** on February 15.

We still have more Entered Apprentices and more Fellowcrafts to move up so we will be busy with degrees in the next few meetings during March and April. Also in April and very important the Grand Lecturers Convention will be held at **Athelstane Lodge** on Thursday, April 14, 2011. Since this Convention is at our own Lodge, it would be very appropriate and appreciated if we could have an exceptional turnout. Lets all do our best to attend. Please diary and save the date - it is very important

Again, I earnestly reach out to all of you, especially to those Brothers who we have not seen in a while. Come to Lodge. We miss you, we want you here and we need you. Please help us make Athelstane Lodge even more of a success than it already is.

Thank you in advance, my Brothers, for your interest and cooperation. We look forward to seeing you regularly at Lodge

God Bless America!!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ronald V. Pomerance', written over a horizontal line.

Ronald V. Pomerance, Master

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