

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS INSTITUTED 1902

Naurashank Temple
2 South Middletown Road
Pearl River, NY 10965

Communications 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
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March 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

March 1, 2012

Brethren:

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

2205th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:30 PM

Balloting on Petitions for Affiliation and membership and Dual membership. Also, a presentation on Scottish Rite Masonry and the wonderful work of this concordant body.

Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, N.Y.
Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.
Attire: Business

2206th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree. Brother Douglas Ward will preside in the East to confer the Degree.

Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, N.Y.
Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Presentation begins at 7:30 p.m.
Attire: Officers - Formal with white gloves
Brethren - Business

On the Cover

Baal's Bridge Square.

This old brass square, recovered from the foundations of Baal's Bridge in Limerick in 1830, bears the inscription "I will strive to live with Love and Care Upon the Level By the Square" and bears the date, 1507. Kept in the archives of Antient Union 13 Lodge in Limerick, Ireland, this Square was presented to Brother Michael Furnell, Provincial Grand Master, by Brother James Pain, who had been the contractor for rebuilding the bridge in 1831. The date of construction of the "old" bridge has not been ascertained, but it is mentioned in records of 1558.

(From Provincial Grand Lodge of North Munster's Freemasonry Website)



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND ADVANCEMENT

Mr. Mihail (Michael) Bajdechi Petition to be read in Lodge

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION AND DUAL MEMBERSHIP

W. Alfred H. Denninger Petition to be read in Lodge

Bro. Benjamin Kotzker Petition to be read in Lodge

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Andrew T. Guarascio Presented by W.: Howard Whitman 02/07012

AWAITING BALLOT ON PETITION FOR INITIATION AND ADVANCEMENT

Mr. Roy Rizzotti Presented by R.W.: Ron Steiner 10/04/11

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. Eric Mateyka	Passed 01/11/11
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Passed 11/16/10

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THE FUTURE

- Mar. 6th Balloting on Petitions and Presentation on Scottish Rite Masonry
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 20th Entered Apprentice Degree
 Br. Douglas Ward will preside in the East
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 31st Annual ORDMA Dinner-Dance
 Honoring R.W.: Louis M. Irizarry II and R.W.: Bruce Weigand
 Casa Mia Manor House, Blauvelt, NY
 \$60.00 per couple (for Athelstane brothers)
 7:00 pm
- Apr. 12th Grand Lecturer's Convention
 West Point Lodge
 All Officers must attend; all brethren welcome.
 Dinner at 6:00p.m.
- Apr. 17th Fellowcraft Degree
 W.: Ronald Pomerance will preside in the East
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 22nd United Hospice of Rockland 3rd Annual Walk to Remember
 Rockland Lake State Park - Congers, NY
 Registration at 7:30 a.m.; Walk at 8:30 a.m.



HOSPICE WALK TO REMEMBER

Join the Athelstane Lodge family as we team together for “a walk, stroll or run” for a worthy cause. Brothers of Athelstane Lodge, their family and friends have been participating in this event since before it was renamed the “Walk to Remember”. Please help us continue our support of Untied Hospice of Rockland.

April 22, 2012
Rockland Lake State Park
Congers, N.Y.
Registration - 7:30 a.m.
Walk - 8:30 a.m.

For complete details see Bro. Richie Schwartz, D.S.A.
(845) 354-2161 or zjd10901@yahoo.com

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MASONIC SAFETY ID

Once again Athelstane Lodge, its Brothers, Brothers from other Lodges, friends, and family gathered together on February 10-12 at the Home and Garden Show at Rockland Community College to run Athelstane's annual Masonic Safety ID program. Thanks to their efforts 190 children were processed through the program.



At left:

R.:W.: Klein (standing)

R.:W.: Lou Irizarry

Below:

L-R: Bro. Jack Moore, R.:W.: Lou Irizarry, Bro. Steve Carobis, Gregg Carobis, W.: Howard Whitman; R.:W.: Bruce Klein and Danielle Klein.
Seated: R.:W.: Bill Plank



FROM DE OLD SCRIBE ...

I am happy to report that fully 2/3 of our membership have paid their 2012 Athelstane Lodge Dues and are current in their financial obligations to the Lodge. However, there are still some sixty (60) who have not paid their 2012 dues ... Dues were due December 31st last ... and if you have not as yet paid, you are now delinquent. It is frustrating and costly to the Lodge to have to send repeat billings and reminders. Please ... if you do not have a 2012 Athelstane Lodge Dues card in your wallet, send your check today so we do not have to send another mailing next month. If there is a financial reason to delay, please communicate with us so we can help resolve the problem. Thanks !!!

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FEBRUARY 7th WE WELCOMED THREE TO ATHELSTANE LODGE ...

We have two new Master Masons among us ... we welcome Brothers **SETH LEE** and **MATHEW KEREWski** to the Athelstane family and to our Line of Officers. Both Seth and Mathew were appointed by our Master, W.: **HOWARD WHITMAN**, as Stewards of the Lodge after receiving their Third Degree on February 7th/ They will be Installed in their office at our next meeting. Congratulations and continued success Brothers. And congratulations too, to our Brother **DUNCAN LEE**, who is the proud father of Seth, but was unable to be with us on the special nite because of prior unavoidable commitments. The Degree work was "WELL DONE" and all who participated were congratulated and thanked by our Master.

We have a new **Honorary Member of Athelstane Lodge** and our extended Masonic family. At our February 7th meeting, W.: **MARK HANSON**, current Master of West Point Lodge No 877, our sister Lodge, was presented with a beautiful framed certificate of Honorary Membership and welcomed into the Athelstane family by our Master, W.: **HOWARD WHITMAN**. W.: Mark is well known, respected and admired by the active Brothers of our Lodge. He attends most of our meetings and has contributed greatly to the ritual presentations of our Lodge. We welcome W.: Mark and his lovely wife Charlotte and wish them both many more years of a warm close relationship with our gals and guys of Athelstane Lodge.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH ...

THE ATHELSTANE LODGE TEAM SCORED ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS ...

The Masonic Safety ID (Child ID) on February 10-12 at the Home and Garden Show at RCC was another great success thanks in large measure to our Athelstane Lodge team headed by R.: W.: **BRUCE KLEIN** (and **DANIELLE** !!!). Here, in case you missed it, is the "**THANK YOU** !!!" and summary as e-mailed earlier ...

(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)

**3-DAY ROCKLAND MASONIC SAFETY ID AT HOME & GARDEN
SHOW SERVES 190 CHILDREN
CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE !!**

The parents of some 190 youngsters are grateful to the Masons of the lower Hudson Valley (Westchester-Putnam and the Orange-Rockland Districts) for the comfort of knowing that their children are now protected by up to date and complete identification data in the event the child goes missing. Again organized by Athelstane Lodge (Pearl River), we enlisted some 26 individual volunteers from our collective Masonic families to staff the MASONIC SAFETY ID booth at the 25th Annual Home and Garden Show at the Rockland Community College Field House on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 10,11,12, 2012. Together, the team put in an estimated 184 hours during the long 3 day period of the event.

*R..W.: Bill Plank, Regional Masonic Safety ID coordinator, was with us to lend a valuable hand (as usual) as were R.;W.: Bruce Klein, District ID Chair, and a number of "regulars" at these important community outreach programs. A complete list of the volunteers who formed our team is listed below. On behalf of our Committee and our Lodge we extend most sincere and heartfelt thanks to each for all of the time, effort and work that went into this massive, successful undertaking. It was truly a demonstration of Masonry in action and a "job well done!!!" **You should all feel very proud of what we have accomplished for our community.***

Fraternally,

*W..Howard Whitman, Master
RW Bruce Klein, O-R District ID Chair.*

Volunteers ... (Athelstane Lodge No 839 unless otherwise noted ...):

Bill Plank (2 days), 1155; Joan Steiner; Ron Steiner (2 days); Richie Schwartz; Mel Birnbaum,; Dennis O'Connor; Richie Butts; Doug Ward (2 days); Danielle Klein (3 days); Bruce Klein (3 days); Rolf Schuetz, 313; Mark Hanson, 877; Tom Lorenz, 313; Joan Miller, 313; John Gebbia III, 839/721; Chandra Tidwell, 839/721; Lou Irizarry II; Jack Moore, 877; Steve Carrobis, 544; Greg Carrobis (son); Simon Kramer (DeMolay); Will Munoz (DeMolay); Seth Lee; Jay Helfgott; Susan Helfgott, Howard Whitman; and Harry Kramer.

OUR LADIES NITE AND DINNER OF FEBRUARY 21ST ...

We enjoyed another social success with a warm gathering of the gals and guys of our Athelstane Lodge family on February 21st. The food and company was enjoyed by all and we had the pleasure of listening to

(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)

MARTY ERICKSON talk about the **SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.**

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ...

Thanks to Bro **BILL THORNE** for this information about another scholarship opportunity for a Rockland High School Senior. The Rockland Community Foundation awards a scholarship to a promising Rockland high school senior in need of financial aid or assistance with costs for attending a college of his or her choice. Check this website for information and application for the **CHAZEN SPIRIT OF ROCKLAND SCHOLARSHIP:**

www.rocklandgives.org

ON THE TRESTLEBOARD ...

TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH ... Balloting on Petitions for Affiliation and Membership and Dual Membership. There will also be an interesting presentation on Scottish Rite Masonry and the wonderful work of this concordant body... a worthwhile program that merits your attendance and participation. Dinner at 6:30 PM; Lodge opens at 7:30 PM.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH ... The work this evening will be the Entered Apprentice Degree with Brother Douglas Ward sitting in the East to confer the First Degree in his usual "masterful style." Do plan to join us and help us as we bring a new class of candidates to "Masonic light" in Athelstane Lodge. And ... you don't have to be Irish to enjoy St Patrick's Day ... so do join us for a special pre-meeting, post St Patty's Day corned beef dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner and social hour at 6:30 PM. Lodge opens at 7:30 PM.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST ... ANNUAL ORDMA DINNER-DANCE ...

There is still time for you to obtain tickets for the annual ORDMA Dinner-Dance honoring one of our own, **THE R. W. LOUIS M. IRIZARRY II**, for his work as District Deputy Grand Master these past two years. Tickets for members of our Lodge are specially priced at \$60 per couple as the Lodge is subsidizing this affair to encourage maximum participation. The affair will be on Saturday evening at the nearby Casa Mia Manor House in Blauvelt, where we have had so many enjoyable evening in the past. Do plan to join us. Tickets are available from our Master, **W. Howard Whitman ...** call him: (914) 772 - 4491.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH ... GOOD FRIDAY ... PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH ... EASTER SUNDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 12TH ... THE GRAND LECTURER'S CONVENTION will be held on April 12th in nearby West Point Lodge in Highland Falls. This is a "must" for our OFFICERS in order to qualify for the prestigious POTTS AWARD to be presented by the Grand Master at Grand Lodge in May. However, the evening is also open to ALL BROTHERS and promises to be enjoyable and interesting and a learning experience for everyone. Reception and dinner at 6:00 PM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 ... The work this evening will be the Fellowcraft Degree with W.: Ron Pomerance gracing the East. We also plan to have as guest a distinguished ritualist for the presentation of the Middle Chamber lecture. Don't miss this one. Dinner at 6:30 PM; Lodge opens at 7:30 PM.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND ... ANNUAL HOSPICE WALK/RUN FOR LIFE ... at Rockland Lake State Park. Join our Athelstane Lodge family team for a walk, stroll or run for a very worthwhile cause. For complete details please see or call or e-mail Bro. **Richie Schwartz, D.S.A.** (845) 354- 2161, e-mail: zjd10901@yahoo.com .

TUESDAY, MAY 1ST ... SUMMONED COMMUNICATION ... BUDGET MEETING with presentations by the Treasurer and Secretary and review of our Lodge's finances by Brother Warren Wang, CPA. Following discussion we will vote on the Budget for current year. Dinner at 6:30 PM Lodge opens at 7:30 PM.

TUESDAY, MAY 15TH ... ANNUAL MEETING ... REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICERS AND ELECTION FOR MASTER, WARDENS, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND TRUSTEES.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH ... INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR THE COMING MASONIC YEAR AND OUR ANNUAL ATHESTANE LODGE AWARDS DINNER. This will be our traditional year end ladies night with an open invitation to family and friends as we honor our Officers and Years of Service Award recipients. This year it will be held at our Lodge and it promises to be something special ... and not to be missed. Plan now ... more details in the April *Athelstanian*.

TUESDAY JUNE 19TH ... Special program to be announced.

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REMEMBER PLEASE ...

**THERE IS MORE TO BEING A MASON THAN
SIMPLY PAYING YOUR DUES.**

All the best !!!

Fraternally,

Ron Steiner

R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner
Secretary,
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FROM THE SOUTH

(Taken from the Grand Lodge of Scotland's website)

For many years Freemasons have followed three great principles:

Brotherly Love

Every true Freemason will show tolerance and respect for the opinions of others and behave with kindness and understanding to his fellow creatures.

Relief

Freemasons are taught to practice charity and to care - not only for their own - but also for the community as a whole, both by charitable giving and by voluntary efforts and works as individuals. To the Freemason relief (charity) is not just putting money in a collecting tin - it is much more than that. Charity in its widest sense is about relationships between people, how they treat each other, the need to respect one another and tolerance of the

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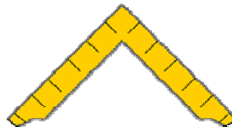
differences between people. Practical assistance such as giving money is important but it is a charitable attitude which is paramount and it is this that Freemasons are taught in their Lodges.

Truth

Freemasons strive for truth, requiring high moral standards and aiming to achieve them in their own lives. Freemasons believe that these principles represent a way of achieving higher standards in life.

Fraternally,

Bro. Douglas Ward
Junior Warden



FROM THE EAST

My Brothers:

February was a busy month for Athelstane Lodge. On February 7th, we raised two Brothers, Matthew Kerewski and Seth Lee to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The participants in the Degree Work did an outstanding job.

On February 21st, we had an informative presentation about the Daughters of the American Revolution given by Marty Erickson, wife of our own R.:W.: Gene Erickson.

On March 6th, we will be having a lecture given by Brothers James Curry and Oscar Alleyne on what the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is, and how it supports our Symbolic (Blue) Lodges, and how it furthers a Master Mason's search for more light.

On March 20th, we will be having an Entered Apprentice Degree, with Brother Douglas Ward sitting in the East.

We look forward to seeing you at these Communications, to strengthen our Fellowship, and to see old friends.

Fraternally,

W.: Howard Whitman

Officers 2011-2012

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Trustees

W.: Alexander Mulgrew
2011 - 2012

R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser
2011 - 2014

Br. Richard Schwartz D.S.A.
2010 - 2013

Past Masters

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.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09	Harold N. Eder *	1981	R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
David Richards	2007-08	Barry Ronner	1980-82	Alvin M. Russell	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07	Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979	Stuart Sindell	affl.
R.:W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06	R.:W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979	Arthur S. Vener	affl.
R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05	R.:W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977	Jay Hellgott	affl.
R.:W.: Harry F. Anderson	2002-03	Norman J. Greenberg *	1976	George Liberis	affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02	R.:W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976	Nathan Metlitz	affl.
R.:W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01	R.:W.: Martin Lindenberg	1975	M.:W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00	Sander A. Letkowitz *	1974	R.:W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden	1997-98	Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74	R.:W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.:W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99	Leonard J. Plotch *	1972	R.:W.: Albert E. Mesley	Hon.
R.:W.: Glen L. Weinberg *	1994-97	Henry Morris	1972, 1985	R.:W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95	R.:W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971	R.:W.: Robert Blanke	Hon.
R.:W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97	Charles K. Dunlop *	1969	* Tappan Zee Lodge No. 1125	
Anthony Urbinato	1987-88, 1990	Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969		
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992	Henry Chait *	1967		
V.:W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94	Murray Kaplowitz *	1965		
	1998 - 99	Robert Maitman *	1958		