

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
Mailing Address: 18 Buena Vista Rd. Suffern, NY 10901

March 2013

M.:W.: James E. Sullivan
Grand Master of Masons
in the State of New York

R.:W.: John Cola
District Deputy Grand Master
for the Orange-Rockland District

March 1, 2012

Brethren:

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

2225th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 7:30 PM

The 2225th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM is to be held in the Pearl River Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, March 5, 2013 promptly at 7:30 PM. The work of the evening will be a Military Table Lodge and a Brother-Bring-A-Friend Night! Brethren, fellow Masons, prospective candidates, and friends are all welcome!

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

2226th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

The 2226th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM is to be held in the Pearl River Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, March 19, 2013 promptly at 7:30 PM. The work of the evening will be the Degree of Fellowcraft. Brother Douglas Ward, Senior Warden, will preside in the East. The Middle Chamber lecture will be presented by V.:W.: Mark Hanson.

Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, N.Y.
Time: Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m.
Attire: Officers - Formal Attire w/ White Gloves
Brethren - Business Attire

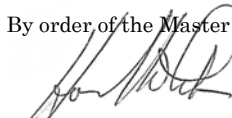
Attest:



R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner
Secretary



By order of the Master



W.: Howard Whitman



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Richard Cespuglio, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 05/23/12
Mr. Mecene J. Jourdain, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 07/21/12
Mr. Jonathan Kaufman, proposed by W.: Jay Helfgott, 08/10/12
Mr. Yitchak Langsam, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 06/14/12
Mr. Timothy James Pitiger, proposed by R.:W.: Ron Steiner, 12/04/12
Mr. Alan DeJesus Santiago, proposed by R.:W.: Ron Steiner, 12/04/12
Mr. Moshe Surkis, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 06/14/12
Mr. James Thomas Tribble, proposed by Bro. Seth Lee, 12/04/12

AWAITING DEGREE OF ENTERED APPRENTICE

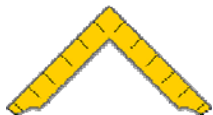
Mr. Mark A. Persaud; Elected 12/04/12

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Bro. Daniel Edwin Badillo; Initiated 02/05/13
Bro. Mihail Bajdechi; Initiated 03/20/12
Bro. Daniel Daneshrad; Initiated 02/05/13
Bro. Marc Andre Jean-Baptiste; Initiated 12/04/12
Bro. Edward Lawrence Jones, Jr.; Initiated 10/16/12
Bro. Brian Anthony Restivo; Initiated 12/04/12
Bro. Pablo Sandoval; Initiated 10/16/12

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Michael Anthony DePaolo; Passed 04/17/12
Bro. Eric Mateyka; Passed 01/11/11
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka; Passed 11/16/10
Bro. Roy Rizzotti; Passed 04/17/12



FROM THE EAST

My Brothers:

February was an eventful month for the Lodge. On February 5th, we completed the Historical Lecture, Q +A, and Why's and Wherefore's for the two of our EA Brothers, Brother Daniel Badillo, and Brother Daniel Daneshrad. We also had a special presentation on Masonic Education by R.:W.: Scott Alan Klein, and V.: W.: Mark Hanson that was interesting and informative.

On February 19th, we had our President's Day meeting with a special presentation Honoring our Brother W.: George Washington. The program was put together for us by R.:W.: Bill Maurer, and performed by Officers of the Lodge.

March will be a fun month, starting with our meeting on March 5th, which will be a Military Table Lodge which will also be a Brother Bring a Friend Night. This is our first Military Table Lodge in a number of years, and we hope for a large turnout. On March 19th, we will be holding a Fellowcraft Degree with Brother Doug Ward sitting in the East.

In April, we will be having a Summoned Communication for our Annual Budget Presentation, and also hold a Master Mason's Degree.

And a little note from W.: Dick Fassberg:

Dear Howard,

I was extremely surprised and pleased when I found out that all of the money donated to the Brotherhood Fund at this year's Florida Reunion Luncheon was given in my honor. It is my hope that all of my brothers will read this note and accept my humble and heartfelt thanks. Special thanks go to Ron Steiner, Harold Dresdale and Jack Greene who engineered my birthday celebration.

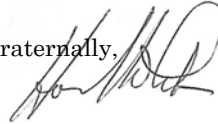
Dick Fassberg

And, finally, congratulations to Bro. Eli Mallon on the recent publication of two articles: *Healing Prayer*, Jewish Post and Opinion, Jan. 16, 2013 (both online and by mail) and *Prayer and the Knowledge of G-d*, Nectar of Non-dual Truth: A Journal of Universal Religious and Philosophical Teachings, #28, 2013 (by mail but also archived online).

(From the East, Continued)

We look forward to seeing any Brothers who haven't been able to attend our meetings this year.

Fraternally,



W.: Howard Whitman

THE FUTURE

- Mar. 5th** **Military Table Lodge & Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night**
- Mar. 19th** **Fellowcraft Degree**
- Mar. 23rd** **ORDMA Dinner Dance**
Otterkill Country Club, Campbell Hall, N.Y.
Athelstane will be subsidizing one-half the ticket price.
\$55.00 per couple.
Contact R.W.: David Blasch: (845) 392-3728
- Apr. 16th** **Master Mason Degree**
- Apr. 21st** **Annual Hospice WALK TO REMEMBER**
Please contract Bro. Richie Schwartz, DSA (845) 354-2161
- June 18th** **Annual Athelstane Awards Night & Dinner**

FROM DE OLD SCRIBE ...

LET'S START WITH GLAD TIDINGS ...

So very happy to report that Brother **MAL BLOTNER, DSA** is now home from the hospital and from rehab and is enjoying the "TLC of his full time PDN (private duty nurse)" **DOTTY**. That is Mal's quote! Mal sounds great and is gaining his strength daily! Way to go Brother Mal !!!

Brother **PHIL NELSON** continues to make good progress after his recent medical miracle surgery for three heart valve replacements ... and then rehab. Have spoken to Phil several times and he is so grateful for all of the encouragement of his Athelstane Brothers.

(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)

Grandpa **R.: W.: LOU IRIZARRY, II** got the good news that his knee problem will not require surgery for now. Our Treasurer, **R.:W.: MARVIN GESS** reports that his lovely wife **DIANE** is now about ready to go dancing after follow up foot surgery. How about we trip the light fantastic at the **ORDMA DINNER DANCE ???**

SAD TIDINGS ...

Our Athelstane Lodge family was saddened by the sudden passing last week of **MR. JOSEPH MINAROVICH**, the father-in-law of our **W.: ALEXANDER MULGREW**, and the dear dad of **JENNIFER**. Our hearts go out to **JENNIFER** and her family. We pray that they know no more sorrow for a long time to come!

COMMUNICATIONS ...

Had a call from Brother **STAN SHWIDOCK** (Baltimore), who sends regards to all his Brothers of Athelstane. Stan also has some family and individual grave plots available at Cedar Park and Beth El Cemetery in Paramus, NJ for purchase at a very good price. If you are interested, call Stan at: (410) 327 - 0409

CONGRATULATIONS ... AND GOOD LUCK

To Brother **DENNIS O'CONNOR** and Brother **SETH LEE** on their new employment ... now stay well and enjoy good fortune!

To Brother **WARREN WANG** on the relocation of his New City, NY CPA office to nearby NJ. ... new phone number : (201 - 660-7578

A QUICK LOOK BACK ...

The completion of the Entered Apprentice Degree conducted at our meeting of February 5th went very smoothly and we know EA Brothers **DANIEL BARDILLO** and **DANIEL DANESHRAH** were greatly impressed by the outstanding "work" conveyed by **V.: W.: MARK HANSON** and Brothers **DOUG WARD, JOHN GEBBIA** and **R.: W.: MARVIN GESS**. Well done Brothers!

The Masonic Safety ID at the Home and Garden Show at the **RCC EUGENE LEVY** Field House (named in memory of our Past Master), was abbreviated to one day, Sunday, February 10th because of the snow storm (remember?). Nevertheless, our 8 Brothers and **JOAN BIRNBAUM** from Athelstane aided by 4 other Brothers (see below) processed 61 children.

(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)

A significant effort, for which we are most appreciative. Thanks again to our Brothers R.:W.: **BILL PLANK**, Briarcliff Lodge # 1155; and W.: **GREG SCHAEFFER**, **CARL STOVELAND**, and Brother **LOUIS CUEVAS** of Jerusalem Temple Lodge # 721; and our Athelstane crew consisting of R.:W.:’s **BRUCE KLEIN**, **MEL BIRNBAUM** and **JOAN, RON STEINER**, W.: **HOWARD WHITMAN**, and Brothers **RICHARD SCHWARTZ, DSA**, **MICHAEL OLMO** and **MARC JEAN-BAPTISTE**.

R.: W.: **BILL MAURER** chaired a special program at our meeting of February 19th to honor the memory of our Brother **WORSHIPFUL GEORGE WASHINGTON**. A great presentation by our "*resident Historian*" ... well done Brother Bill !!! We also enjoyed an enlightening Masonic quiz pertaining to the work of the Entered Apprentice Degree conducted by R.: W.: **SCOTT KLEIN** for the enlightenment of all the Brothers. It too was well received.

BRO STEVEN MARCUS is now a published author ... his book "**SEDUCED BY THE MOB - A TRUE STORY**" is now being sold on Amazon.com as a Soft Cover Book for \$12.99 + \$4.98 Shipping. Interesting reading. "*Author, Author!!!!*"

UPCOMING EVENTS ... FOR YOUR CALENDAR ...

Tuesday, March 5th Athelstane Lodge ... Our Annual Athelstane **TABLE LODGE** and *Brother Bring a Friend Nite*. Come and enjoy an evening of good food, fun and fellowship !

Tuesday March 19th Athelstane Lodge Fellowcraft Degree

Sunday, March 22nd Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23rd **ORDMA Dinner-Dance**. Otterkill County Club. Our own Brother R.:W.: **SCOTT ALLAN KLEIN** is one of the Honorees. . The Lodge will be subsidizing half of the ticket price.\$55 per couple. Contact R.:W.: **DAVID BLASCH** for tickets :(845) 392 - 3728

Monday, March 25 Passover begins at sunset ... May all of our Jewish Brethren and their loved ones enjoy a sweet Pessach !

Sunday, March 31st Easter ... May all of our Christian Brethren and their family enjoy a holy and beautiful day !

Tuesday April 2nd Athelstane Lodge meeting

Tuesday, April 16th Athelstane Lodge Third Degree

Sunday, April 21 Annual Hospice **WALK TO REMEMBER** ... please contact Bro Richard Schwartz, DSA (845) 354 - 2161

(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)

Tuesday, June 18th Annual Athelstane Awards Night and Dinner at the Lodge, honoring our 50 Year - 55 Year - 60 Year Brothers. Save the date !!!

REMINDERS ...

SOAP BOX DERBY ...

Our Athelstane Lodge entry will be ready to roll if we have a driver age 8 to (but not older than) 16. Anyone who knows of a youngster who would like to participate, contact R.:W.: **EUGENE ERICKSON** (845) 356 - 7429. Registration will be March 21 and 28. Practice run (In Pearl River) on May 19th and Coaster Car Derby Day on Central Avenue in Pearl River will be Sunday, June 2nd.

SCHOLARSHIPS ...

Deadline for scholarship application submissions is April 1st. Contact your Secretary for applications for both Grand Lodge Educational Assistance and our Athelstane Lodge Scholarships in Memory of R.:W.:’s **FRED DRES-DALE, CLARENCE ERICKSON** and **MARTY LINDENBERG**. Time is short For further information, please call our Scholarship Chairman R.:W.: **BRUCE KLEIN**: (845) 426-5858

DUES ...

We have about thirty (30) Brothers still in financial arrears. If you have not yet sent your Dues for 2013, please do so now. Dues were due and payable December 31, 2012. Please help us avoid the expense of costly followup reminders. Thanks for your consideration..

REMEMBER

THERE IS MORE TO BEING A MEMBER OF ATHELSTANE LODGE THAN SIMPLY PAYING DUES !!!

Stay well ... keep in touch ... and hope to see you at Lodge.

Fraternally,

Ron Steiner
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Secretary,
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BURNS NIGHT DINNER



Enter the Haggis!

Bro. Seth Lee and Bro. Richie Schwartz, DSA.

Addressing the Haggis.

Bro. John Gebbia



Serving the Haggis.

Bro. Seth Lee and Bro. Richie Schwartz, DSA.



**We didn't eat the Haggis!
(hence the smiles)**

W.: Howard Whitman,
W.: Louis M. Irizarry III, and
Bro. Seth Lee.

Waiting to be served.
Assembled Brethren and
guests, awaiting the Haggis!



To a Mouse!

Susan Schwartz reads the
Burns classic; W.: Howard
Whitman looks on.



Usquebaugh !

W.: Louis M. Irizarry III and
Bro. Seth Lee pour a wee dram
of the Water of Life.

Ode to the Bard.

R.:W.: David Richards reads a
selection of the Bard's work.



KNEES!

Yes, Bro. Seth Lee, to his
credit, did wear a kilt!

Officers
2012 - 2013

W.: Howard Whitman (Joan) (914) 772-4491 hmwhit@gmail.com	Master
Br. Douglas Ward (Tracy) (845) 304-9003 douglas.ward@ms.com	Sr. Warden
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Br. Richard M. Butts, Jr. (Eraina) (845) 356-1238 buttie735@msn.com	Steward
Br. Mark Burke (Caryn) (845) 544-7080 mbsales@aol.com	Steward
Br. Matthew Kerewski (914) 419-5403 mkerewski@gmail.com	Steward
Br. Michael Olmo (Natalie) (845) 825-7637 athelstane0839oes371@yahoo.com	Marshal
W.: Nathan Metlitz (Carolyn) (570) 409-6623 acm783@aol.com	Marshal
R.: W.: Scott Allan Klein (845) 359-6787	Tiler
Br. Franklyn Gardner (Harriet) (845) 359-3238 hleeagar@verizon.net	Lead Conductor
R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale (Karen) (561) 278-9507 luvsflog@aol.com	Secretary Emeritus

Trustees

W.: Alexander Mulgrew
2012- 2015

R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser
2011 - 2014

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

Living Past Masters

Ronald Pomerance	2010-11	Gerald P. Rickard	1983	Jay Helfgott	Affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10	Barry Ronner	1980-82	Benjamin Kotzker	Affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09	Eugene Foadlare, DSA *	1979	George Liberis	Affl.
R.: W.: David Richards	2007-08	R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979	Nathan Metlitz	Affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07	R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977	Alvin M. Russell	Affl.
R.: W.: Bruce D. Klein	2005-06	Norman J. Greenberg *	1976	Stuart Sindell	Affl.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05	R.: W.:Harrold J. Dresdale	1976	R.: W.:Ronald J. Steiner	Affl.
R.: W.: Harry Anderson	2002-03	Sander A. Leikowitz	1974	Arthur S. Vener	Affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02	Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74	M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
R.: W.: Peter J.D. Dedel	1999-01	Leonard J. Plotch	1972	R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00	Henry Morris	1972, 1985	R.: W.: Robert Blanke	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98	R.: W.:Eugene W. Erickson	1971	R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99	Charles K. Dunlop *	1969	R.: W.: Albert Mealey	Hon.
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95	Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969	R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97	Henry Chait *	1967		
Anthony Urfanato	1987-88, 1990	Murray Kaplowitz *	1965		
George Biechki	1986, 1989, 1992	M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick	1967		
R.: W.: Scott Alan Klein *	1984, 1992-94, 1998-99	R.: W.:Daniel E. Jonas	Affl.		
		Alfred H. Denninger	Affl.		
Richard H. Fassberg	1984, 1991				

* Tappan Zec Lodge No. 1125