

THE ATHELSTANIAN



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M.:W.: William J. Thomas
Grand Master of Masons
in the State of New York

R.:W.: Bruce M. Wiegand
District Deputy Grand Master
of the Orange-Rockland District

2269th STATED COMMUNICATION

Athelstane Lodge No. 839

Tuesday evening, March 17, 2015

Pearl River Masonic Temple
2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River N.Y.
Dinner and social hour begins at 6:30 PM
Lodge opens promptly at 7:30 PM

Brethren,

You and your Masonic friends are extended a most cordial and fraternal invitation to join us for an evening of Masonic fellowship and education, and for such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge. The program for the evening will be a presentation about the recently discussed Observant Lodge that could be established within the Orange-Rockland District soon. Brothers who will be presenting are to be determined.

Officers Dress: Business Suit



2266th STATED COMMUNICATION

Athelstane Lodge No. 839

A SUMMONED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday evening, April 7, 2015

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Brethren,

You are hereby **SUMMONED**, and your Masonic friends are extended a most cordial and fraternal invitation to join us at our 2270th Stated Communication, for the presentation, reading and adoption of our Athelstane Lodge Budget for 2015, the presentation of our calendar and activities for the balance of the Spring,

and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly and constitutional-ly be brought before the Lodge at this time.

Officers Dress: Business

Douglas Ward
W: DOUGLAS WARD
Master



Attest: *Ronald J. Steiner*
R. W.: RONALD J. STEINER
Secretary



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING BALLOT- DUAL MEMBER/AFFILIATE

Bro. Eugene Muller

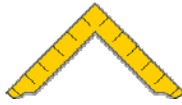
AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

- Bro. Daniel Edwin Badillo; Initiated 02/05/13
- Bro. Mihail Bajdechi; Initiated 03/20/12
- Bro. Pablo Sandoval; Initiated 10/16/12
- Bro. James Thomas Tribble; Initiated 11/05/13

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

- Bro. Salvatore Luppino; Passed 03/11/14
- Bro. Mark A. Persaud; Passed 03/04/14
- Bro. Roy Rizzotti; Passed 04/17/12

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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

I hope this Trestleboard finds you all well. The long winter is almost behind us and warm spring days await!

Taking a look back, it was a busy winter for Athelstane. ON January 6th, we presented a donation to Br. Mike Peters from the Military and Veterans Outreach Committee. I'm proud to say our donation will go towards purchasing many portable hearing aides for veterans. On January 20th, we had our traditional Robert Burns Night celebration. We enjoyed good food and drink as always, and enjoyed several readings from our Brothers and guests in attendance. Our February 3rd meeting included a presentation about the importance of the Masonic ID program in anticipation for our big event at RCC on February 7th and 8th (more on this below). And on February 17th, our Senior Warden Br. Dennis O'Connor ably graced the East in my absence and the Brothers in attendance enjoyed a Masonic-themed movie night!

We held a successful Masonic ID program on Saturday, February 7th and Sunday, February 8th at the RCC Home Show in Suffern, NY. We successfully processed 123 ID's thanks to the 20 volunteers (Brothers, friends, and family) who gave a combined 103 hours of their time. I want to extend special thanks to R.:W.: Bruce Klein who was once again there for the duration and without whom the program would not be possible. I also want to mention Br. Tom Damiani who had the second most volunteered hours by a wide margin. I know we do better in terms of broader participation from our Lodge, so let's do even better next year.

Peeking ahead on the calendar, on Tuesday March 17th we will have a presentation about the Observant Lodge that is potentially coming to the O-R District. Our April 7th will be an important Summoned Communication to review our Lodge's proposed annual budget.

Finally, most of you know that our Scribe and Secretary, R.:W.: Ron Steiner has been going through a very rough time health-wise. Ron, you are in our thoughts and prayers, and we know that you'll get through this and be back with us soon and better than ever.

Fraternally,

W.: Douglas Ward

FROM 'YE OLD SCRIBE ...

My dear Brothers , family and fiends of Athelstane Lodge ...

Please consider this more of a heartfelt personal note rather than the typical comments from Ye 'Old Scribe ...

I am sorry my usual upbeat reports on the happenings, glad and sad tidings and related news of our extended Athelstane Lodge family has been tardy of late ... but this has been a rough two months for Joan and me and we are not quite out of the woods yet ...

After Joan's prolonged back and nerve problems floored her, I developed a similar problem but more along the lines of a classic bruised sciatic nerve with excruciating pain and an inability to walk or even support my own body weight. After two epidermal injections into the spine I have some relief, but I am still not functioning at a level I can really cope with and consider normal.

I am due for another procedure this week. Hopefully there is a light at the end of this path ... thanks to you for all of the messages of support, prayers and good wishes ... they and you are very meaningful to me ... and to Joan! Especial gratitude has been extended to those of you who have gone out of your way to lend physical assistance ... even when unsolicited. Just another reminder about what Masonry is all about and why we cherish our relationships. I will keep you posted.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ...I met Dr. Norman Vincent Peale many years ago and became a decuple of his "The POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING." I have always been grateful to have had the unique good fortune to meet him a number of times and get to know him personally before he passed on. I considered him not just a distinguished Masonic Brother but also a concerned and interested friend! Such was one of the many benefits I have enjoyed along my 60 year Masonic career. So know that I am continuing to think positive and we will overcome.

A few important reminders ...

There are still about 20% of our Brothers who are in arrears on payment of 2015 Athelstane and / or Grand Lodge dues. Please help us control the expense of repeat mailings if you are not holding a 2015 Dues card. Dues for 2015 were due and payable December 31st 2014 ... so please ... handle this today.

Reminder for Children and Grandchildren of Brothers who are entering college this fall ... or are still pursuing higher education. Application forms for the **Grand Lodge Educational Assistance Program** are available on line on the Grand Lodge website. The application will require the signature of the Master and Secretary and the seal of the Lodge before the April 1st deadline. Let me know if further assistance is needed. Also, applications for the Athelstane **2015 Educational Assistance** grants in Memory of R.:W.: Fred Dresdale, Clarence Erickson and Marty Lindenberg are available from R.:W.: Bruce Klein, Chairman, or myself. Last call for this year.

From Ye Old Scribe (Cont.)

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

BEA OSTER on the mend after another fall and fractures this time. **SAM NIXON** home but optimistic and thinking positive with lots of love and physical therapy in the offing following amputation of a leg. **GENE ERICKSON** still not up to par after a fall at home and then diagnosis of a blood clot on the brain. Marty and Gene bouncing colds back and forth now. Add a painful gall bladder to medical list compiled by Brother **STEVEN MARCUS**. Hang tough Brother Steve.

GLAD TIDINGS

LOU III HAD HIS BARIATRIC SURGERY MARCH 2ND AND LOU II SAYS IT WENT WELL AND LOU III HAS ALREADY BEEN UP AND WALKING! WAY TO GO LOU III !!!!!

Always good to talk with and/or hear from **W. GEORGE LIBERIS, BOB CARMEN, STAN DRESCER, DAVE TALLMAN, HAL DRESDALE, STEVE** and **BRENDA KATOV, SUSAN** and **JAY HELFGOTT, JONATHAN KAUFMAN, R:W.: AL MEALEY, R:W.: HARRY ANDERSON, THOM DAMIANI, MAL BLOTNER, R:W.: BILL MAURER,** and of course our dear friend and neighbors **SUSAN** and **RICHIE SCHWARTZ ...add ART GUNTHER, W. HARRY KRMAER, DAVID GOLDMAN, CURT BROWN, AND R:W.: SCOTT KLEIN,** among others. **W. HOWARD WHITMAN** and I had a chance to meet and schmooze with our dear Brother **BILL THORNE** on his visit up here from Georgia last week.

PLEASE REMEMBER ...

THERE IS MORE TO BEING A BROTHER OF ATHELSTANE LODGE THAN SIMPLY PAYING DUES. BE ACTIVE and KEEP IN TOUCH !!!

We are family. Even if your cable tow is such that you cannot attend Lodge, please keep in touch. We are concerned.

And speaking of family ...

Joan and I hope you and yours enjoy a beautiful Passover and / or Easter Holiday. We hope you will participate in the Athelstane Lodge events on our calendar and you continue to enjoy the fellowships, and opportunities your Masonry affords.

With warmest personal and fraternal best wishes ...

Ron

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ATHELSTANE LODGE

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015 ... Athelstane Lodge 2269th Stated Communication ... program will be a presentation about the proposed Observant Lodge. Should be most interesting to learn about. Dinner and social hour starting at 6:30 PM, with meeting to follow at 7:30pm. Do join us!

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015 Past Masters Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Ocean Empire Chinese Restaurant.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015.....Passover Holiday begins at sundown, a good holiday to all who celebrate. Good Friday is also observed.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015.....EASTER SUNDAY.....HAPPY EASTER!

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015.....Athelstane Lodge 2270th Stated Communication, a SUMMONED COMMUNICATION for the annual budget presentation. Please don't miss this important meeting so you can see what our Lodge's projected income and expenses will be going forward.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015.....ORDMA Dinner Dance at Colden Manor at Spruce Lodge, Montgomery, NY.....**ATHELSTANE SUBSIDIZES 50% OF THE COST** so it's only \$27.50 pp, \$50 per couple for a fantastic event! This is ORDMA's only major fundraiser.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015.....Annual Election of Officers.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015.....Annual Installation of Officers.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015.....Year-End Awards Dinner and Reception, more details to come soon.

ROBERT BURNS NIGHT



Above: R.:W.: Luis M. Irizarry II reads the Rpoticol abnd Etiquette for the evening.



Above: Bro. Seth Lee presents the Haggis.

ROBERT BURNS NIGHT



Above: Bro. Franklyn Gardner reads “My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose”.



Above: Bro. Dennis O'Connor saying the Selkirk Grace.

MASONIC SAFETY ID PROGRAM



Standing (L to R): Bro. Tom Damiani, W.: Douglas Ward, Bro. Steve Carrobis (Warwick Lodge), W.: Howard Whitman.

Seated (L to R): Naomi Kramer, R.:W.: Bruce Klein, R.:W.: Luke Gordon (Warwick Lodge), Sarah Gordon.

FLORIDA LUNCHEON



Left to Right: Ronnie Fassberg, Hank Morris, Claire Freed, Jack Greene, Bobbi Greene, Janet Russell, Alvin Russell, Karen Dresdale, Harold Dresdale, and Sandy Weinberg.

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R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale (Karen) (561) 278-9507 luvsflog@aol.com	Secretary Emeritus

Trustees

W.: Alexander Mulgrew
2012 - 2015

Br. Richard Schwartz , D.S.A.
2013 - 2016

R.: W.: Bruce D. Klein
2014 - 2017

Past Masters

Howard Whitman	2011-13 Gerald P. Rickard	1983 Alfred Deninger	affl.
Ronald Pomerance, DSA	2010-11 Harold N. Eder *	1981 Jay Helgott	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10 Barry Ronner	1980-82 R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09 Eugene Foldare, DSA *	1979 Benjamin Kotzker	affl.
R.: W.: David Richards	2007-08 R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979 George Liberis	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07 R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977 Nathan Metlitz	affl.
R.: W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06 Norman J. Greenberg *	1976 Alvin M. Russell	affl.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05 R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976 Stuart Sindell	affl.
R.: W.: Harry F. Anderson	2002-03 Sander A. Lefkowitz *	1974 R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02 Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74 Arthur S. Vener	affl.
R.: W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01 Leonard J. Plotch *	1972 M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00 Henry Morris	1972 R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98 R.: W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971 R.: W.: Robert Blanke	Hon.
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99 Charles K. Dunlop *	1969 R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95 Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969 V.: W.: Mark Hanson	Hon.
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97 Henry Chait *	1967 R.: W.: Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
Anthony Uribinato	1987-88, 1990 Murray Kaplowitz *	1965 R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992 Robert Maidman *	1958	
R.: W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94 Irwin W. Clements	affl. *	Tappan Zee Lodge No. 1125
	1998-99		