

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839

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Naurashank Temple
2 South Middletown Road
Pearl River, NY 10965

Communications each 1st and 3rd Tuesday
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April 2009

Brethren:

You are cordially invited to attend the:

2144th Stated Communication

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

- Officers Dress: Business Attire
- Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY
- Business: Regular business meeting,
- Program: Hon. Scott B. Ugell

The Lodge will open at 6:00pm with collation starting at 6:30pm and business beginning at 7:30pm. The Hon. Scott B. Ugell will be speaking on changes in the law that may affect you as well as taking your questions about things going on in the County.

2145th Stated Communication

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

- Officers Dress: Tuxedo
- Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY
- Business: The Master Mason Degree

The Lodge will open at 6:00pm with collation starting at 6:30pm followed by business at 7:30pm. The Business for the evening will be the Third Degree. .

Special Communication

Saturday, April 18, 2009

- Officers Dress: Tuxedo
- Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY
- Business: The Entered Apprentice and the Fellowcraft Degrees

We will be conferring the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees on duly qualified candidates. The Lodge will open at 9:00am.

Awaiting Degrees

Mr. Daniel Mateyka	Entered Apprentice
Mr. Eric Mateyka	Entered Apprentice
Mr. Andrew Jersey	Entered Apprentice
Mr. Dennis O'Connor	Entered Apprentice
Bro. James Shanahan	Fellowcraft
Bro. Roy Powell	Fellowcraft
Bro. Joseph Chapley	Fellowcraft
Bro. Douglas Ward	Master Mason
Bro. Christopher Considine	Master Maosn
Bro. Frank Sparaco	Master Mason

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE AND BALLOT

Mr. Michael J. Joy: proposed by RW Mel Birnbaum 1/27/09
Major Frank Letizuia: proposed by Bro. William Schroeder 4/2/08
Mr. Robert E. Lysiak, Jr.: proposed by Bro. Howard Whitman 9/15/08
Mr. Michael B. Seidenfrau: proposed by Bro. Howard Whitman 7/10/08

CONGRATULATIONS

Bro. Manual Norat who was duly elected to affiliation with Athelstane Lodge on March 17, 2009.

GLAD TIDINGS

ADAM KLEIN, son of our Athelstane Brother R.:W.: **BRUCE** and **RHONDA KLEIN**, was called to the Torah on March 6, 2009 as a Bar Mitzvah to mark his coming of age as a man in the Jewish tradition. We wish Adam, his parents and his entire family "Mozel Tov!!!" on this joyous occasion and we wish them all a long, healthy and happy journey through life as a loving family.

PHILIP BLEIWAS, son of Brother **HOWARD** and **CYNTHIA BLEIWAS** has stepped up to the starting-line and will be the driver in our Athelstane Lodge entry in the June 7th **Soap Box Derby** to be run in Pearl River. Bring home the gold Philip !!!! The Soap Box Derby is sponsored annually by the Pearl River Rotary and our Athelstane Lodge blue and gold official entry has been maintained and upgraded through the years by our Brothers R.:W.:s **EUGENE ERICKSON** and **MARVIN GESS**.

Did you know that **BRIAN BIDNICK**, son of Athelstane Lodge Brother and Past Grand Master M.: W.: **NEAL BIDNICK** and **JOYCE**, is the New York State Master Councillor of DeMolay? Brian will be hosting a DeMolay 90th Anniversary celebration in Grand Lodge later this month. The apple does not fall far from the tree !!!

Pardon our pride ... **COURTNEY LAURA STEWART** celebrated her 17th birthday March 11th. Courtney is the beautiful daughter of our Athelstane Lodge Brother **RONALD STEWART** and **SHERRI** (our daughter) and granddaughter of my girlfriend and bride of almost 50 years **JOAN STEINER** and yours truly. Time really does fly.

Brother **R.:W.:** **Harry Sky** was in Good Samaritan Hospital but has now been released. He is now in enjoying himself in Israel.

BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE

Congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrate their birthdays this month:

Morton Barron	4/18/1918
Jorge Cupeles	4/12/1980
Charles Dunlop	4/22/1929
Stephen Katof	4/15/1944
Harry Kramer	4/26/1952
James Lenna	4/02/1928
Daniel Lesser	4/11/1927
Aimond Pepper	4/08/1927
Giles Purvis	4/09/1931
Barry Ronner	4/10/1950
Alan Shoemaker	4/16/1937



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Brother **R.:W.: Gene Erickson** is now home from rehab at Helen Hayes Hospital and is doing well after his heart valve replacement.

Diane Gess, wife of our treasured Brother **R.:W.: Marvin Gess**, is recuperating from knee replacement surgery and is now in rehab at Helen Hayes Hospital in Haverstraw. Gee, maybe we should endow a bed at Helen Hayes with all the activity we have had there this past month.

Brother **W.: Richard Fassberg** was hospitalized in Florida and was in the intensive care unit because of complications following surgery. He is now home and making progress.

Brother **Arthur Klein** is also a rehab patient in Helen Hayes after heart surgery .

Sandy Tandler, wife of our good Brother **Paul Tandler**, had some surgery to remove a blood clot and is doing well at home in Lake Worth, Florida. That was a really nice feature story in Monday's Journal News about Paul on his retirement as CEO at Jawonio last month

Brother **Jery Schecker** who had a double valve replacement on February 25th , has had a bit of post-op difficulty. He and his wife *Joy thank everyone for their continued prayers and good wishes.*

Grand Master, **M:W. Edward G. Gilbert** continues to be hospitalized after complications from his recent 3 vessel by-pass coronary surgery.

Sandy Weinberg, wife of our Brother **R:W. Glen Weinberg** has been reported that his Alzheimers condition is progressing and Bro. Glen is not doing well.

Estelle Fass, wife of our Brother **Irving Fass** has reported that Bro. Irving is unfortunately in advanced Alzheimers. Estelle is looking at facilities in Florida for his care.

Please keep these Brothers and their families ion your prayers.

Athelstane Lodge Brother **IVAN HEMENDINGER** was called to the great Architect last November. Ivan and his wife Sally had lived the last number of years in Boynton Beach, Florida. Ivan was raised in Athelstane Lodge in 1976. Sally advises he passed away on November 7, 2008. The Lodge's alter will be draped for a period of 30 days and a page set aside in the Minute Book in his memory. A contribution will also be made to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund in his memory. May his memory be a blessing to all who loved him.

HOSPICE RUN/WALK

Get Ready for the 2009 Hook Half Marathon & HOPE 5K Run/Walk, Presented by the UNITED HOSPICE OF ROCKLAND and Rockland Road Runners on Sunday, April 26 at Rockland Lake State Park. Form a Team or walk/run on your own. Run/Walk begins at 8:30; Kids Fun run begins at 8:00 am.

Anyone interested in participating please contact Br. Richard Schwartz at 845-354-2161 or by e-mail at zjd10901@yahoo.com.

SAFETY ID PROGRAM AT JAWANIO

On March 27, 2009 the Lodge held a Safety ID program at Jawanio in New City. It was an extremely successful event for Masonry. Over 100 children were processed that day. Special thanks to brothers John Gebbia and Ronald Steiner who worked diligently to schedule and coordinate the event.

Thank you to brothers Alec Mulgrew, Richard Schwartz, Al Oster, Douglas Ward, Richard Butts, Duncan Lee, Ken Merring, Bill Plank and Gene Glaser who assisted. A very special thanks to Joan Steiner and Bea Oster for helping once again.



Part of the Team: L-R, F-B: Gene Glaser, Bill Plank, Alec Mulgrew, Doug Ward, Richard Schwartz, Joan Steiner, Ron Steiner, John Gebbia, Al Oster, Tom Sassone







SECRETARY'S MAILBAG

Nobody asked me ... BUT ...

From time to time I am "inspired" to relate some personal feelings or observations that I hope our readers can relate to on a personal basis.

As I have now passed the 75th Anniversary of my birth (I surmise that means I now have the "spirit" of '76 ... my chronological age that is) and my 55th Masonic Birthday is closer than the summer solstice, I guess I see a lot of things from a very different perspective than the younger Brothers I meet while attending Lodge these days.

Our Masonic Year is almost at an end and we will soon be **Summoned** to the "Annual Meeting" of our Lodge the first meeting after Grand Lodge in May to hear the reports of our various Lodge Committees and elected Officers and Trustees, and to fulfill our obligation to elect our new Lodge Officers for the ensuing year.

While I try to regularly attend every meeting of each of the three Blue Lodges in which I proudly hold membership (Joseph Warren-Gothic Lodge No 934 in the Seventh Manhattan District, the successor to my "Mother Lodge" - Nathan Straus No 1114; Athelstane Lodge No 839 in the Orange-Rockland District, of which I am Secretary; and my newest affiliation ... historic West Point Lodge No 877, also in O-R), a **SUMMONED COMMUNICATION** is something extra special. Why? Because traditionally most Brothers really try to attend and make it to a **SUMMONED COMMUNICATION** if they are within reasonable traveling distance.

We usually get a bigger turnout of Brothers at a Summoned Communication and we get a chance to break bread with a lot of "old timers" we do not get the pleasure of seeing on a more regular basis. I am sure each of our readers can recall the words of the Master in the Second Degree when he addresses the newly passed Fellowcrafts and he explained in detail the propriety of answering **SUMMONSES** ... as we all had solemnly promised. It was certainly appropriate that these instructions were given on the night we became "fellows of the craft."

I sincerely hope you will remember those words and find it within the length of your cabletow and the square and angle of your work to join us at our next **SUMMONED** Communication so we will have

the opportunity to reach out to each other as Brothers and reaffirm our personal and fraternal ties ... ties that bind and reach out across the years to remind us that we have walked the same path and faced the same challenges in life that are so troublesome to so many of our younger Brothers in these days of severe economic and social stress.

Also, about this time of year, many Lodges have a special night to present **Years of Service Awards** ... most notably 50 Year (and up) Awards in the form of Grand Lodge Certificates and Pins. How many times I have seen Brothers come home to Lodge on such an occasion to say, " thank you for the honors ... time has gone by so quickly ... it was like the blink of an eye ... gee I wish I had been in Lodge more often."

Well, my Brother, that is really up to you. Masonry is indeed a Brotherhood and while we reach out our hand to you and offer the warm embrace and grip of a Master Mason, it is also up to you to reach back to us as well. So, come home to Lodge ... let us have the pleasure of your company ... at least on one of these important nights upcoming.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Ron Steiner

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 04/07/2009 | Hon. Scott B. Ugell |
| 04/18/2009 | 1st and 2nd Degrees |
| 04/21/2009 | 3rd Degree |
| 05/05/2009 | Brother Bring a Friend Night (Open) |
| 05/16/2009 | Safety ID Program @ New Life Pentecostal Church, Spring Valley |
| 05/19/2009 | Election of Officers |
| 06/02/2009 | Installation of Officers |
| 06/16/2009 | End of Year Party (Open) |

The Master's Station

I want to congratulate Br. Richard Butts who was appointed and installed as the Junior Deacon of the Lodge on March 17th. Brother Butts has shown exemplary enthusiasm in his several times in which he took the position on behalf of Br. David McKeown whose cabletow during this economic downturn has kept him from regular attendance. I am personally honored to have such a fine brother setup to the responsibility in our time of need.

GRAND LECTURER'S CONVENTION

On March 26, 2009 the officers of the Lodge attended the annual Grand Lecturer's Convention held at Hoffman Lodge in Middletown NY. The work that evening was a review of the opening and closing of a lodge. The Grand Lecturer, R.W. Br. Charles Tooms, presented the lecturer this year.

While the Lodge did not win the Potts Award for attendance we were honored by the exemplary performance of Br. Richard Butts, our newly installed Junior Deacon who assumed the post of Junior Deacon for the lecturer. I do not believe anyone could have done a better job than Br. Rich.

Overall there were 140 attendees amongst the various lodges. Our own V.W. Br. Scott A. Klein, A.G.L. along with V.W. Robert Adams A.G.L. and R.W. Robert Morlang, D.D.G.M was instrumental in putting together the evening which was a great success.

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

The Empire State Mason for the last 12 years has been talking about the half a million dollars given each year to children and grandchildren of NY Masons. Go on line to www.nymasons.org and you can find details on the NY Grand Lodge Masonic Educational Assistance program.

We currently have \$3,000 available each year in Lindenberg Scholarships for our own children and grandchildren. Contact RW Brother Bruce Klein for details and applications.

Reminder: If you haven't done so already, please consider getting the Trestleboard by email rather than by regular mail. The savings will be allocated for Charity use. Please e-mail a note stating you want to participate. My e-mail is tomsassone@optonline.net.



Thomas Sassone, Master

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Past Masters

David Richards	2007-08	R.W. Giles M. Purvis	1977	Jay Helfgott	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07	Norman J. Greenberg *	1976	George Liberis	affl.
R.W. Bruce Klein	2005-06	R.W. Harold J. Dresdale	1976	Nate Metlitz	affl.
R.W. Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05	R.W. Martin Lindenberg	1975	M.W. Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
Harry F. Anderson	2002-03	Sander A. Lefkowitz *	1974	R.W. Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02	Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74	R.W. Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.W. Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01	Leonard J. Plotch *	1972	R.W. Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00	Henry Morris	1972, 1985	R.W. Norman E. Moon	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98	R.W. Eugene W. Erickson	1971		
R.W. C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99	Charles K. Dunlop *	1969	* Tappan Zee Lodge No. 1125	
R.W. Glen L. Weinberg *	1994-97	Allen P. Oster	1969		
R.W. Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95	Henry Chait *	1967		
R.W. Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97	Morton Baron	1967		
Anthony Urbinato	1987-88, 1990	Murray Kaplowitz *	1965		
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992	Robert Maidman *	1958		
V.W. Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94	M.W. Neil I. Bidnick	affl.		
	1998-99	R.W. Robert Blanke	affl.		
Richard H. Fassberg	1984, 1991	R.W. Daniel E. Jonas	affl.		
Gerald P. Rickard	1983	R.W. Ronald J. Steiner	affl.		
Harold N. Eder *	1981	Alvin M. Russell	affl.		
Barry Ronner	1980-82	Stuart Sindell	affl.		
Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979	Arthur S. Vener	affl.		
R.W. Marvin R. Gess	1979	Harry Sky	affl.		