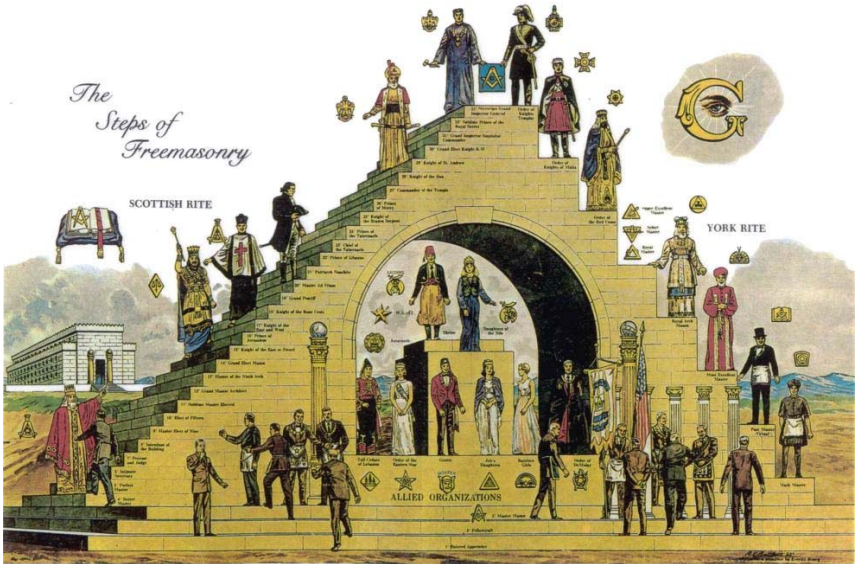


# THE ATHELSTANIAN



## ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS INSTITUTED 1902

Naurashank Temple  
2 South Middletown Road  
Pearl River, NY 10965

Communications 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
Mailing Address: 18 Buena Vista Rd. Suffern, NY 10901

April 2010

M.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert  
Grand Master of Masons

R.:W.: Robert Morlang, Jr.  
District Deputy Grand Master

March 29, 2010

Brethren:

### SUMMONED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.

You are **SUMMONED** and your Masonic friends and Brothers are extended a cordial and fraternal invitation to join us at the 2164th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM to be held on Tuesday evening, December 1, 2009 at the Pearl River Masonic Temple at 7:30 PM sharp for the purpose of discussion and vote on an amended Budget for 2010; receive reports of the Investigating Committee and Ballot on Petitions for membership; and to celebrate the 50th Masonic Birthday of our good Brother R.:W.: Harry Sky; as well as such other business as may be regularly and constitutionally brought before the Lodge. R.:W.: Robert E. Morlang, Jr., District Deputy grand Master of the Orange Rockland District, representing M.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York will be present and will present R.:W.: Harry Sky with his 50 Year Masonic Apron.

Reception starting at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM.

By Order of the Worshipful Master:

Attest:   
R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner, Secretary



### STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.

Officers Dress: Formal Attire  
Place: Masonic Temple, Pearl River, NY  
Business: The Sublime Degree of Master Mason  
Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Degree begins at 7:30 p.m.

#### On The Cover

##### The Steps of Freemasonry

The relatively famous depiction of the various "steps" of the concordant bodies of Scottish Rite and York Rite Freemasonry as well as the Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, et al., built upon the foundation of the three degrees of the Blue Lodge.



**Work on the Trestleboard**

**Awaiting Report of Investigation Committee**

Major Frank Letizuia	proposed by Bro William Schroeder	04/02/08
Mr. Michael B. Seidenfrau	proposed by Bro. Howard Whitman	07/10/08
Mr. Robert E. Lysiak, Jr.	proposed by Bro. Howard Whitman	09/15/08
Mr. Seth Patrick Lee	proposed by Bro. Duncan R. Lee II	10/20/09
Mr. Michael Albert Olno	proposed by Bro. Richard M. Butts, Jr.	10/23/09
Cantor Seth Jay Geffen	proposed by W.: David Richards	09/11/09
Mr. Anthony John Barbato	proposed by R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	11/21/09
Mr. Martin B. Lieberman	proposed by R.W.: Joel Rosenwasser	10/01/09
Mr. Brian Michael Gonzalez	proposed by R.:W.: Mel Birnbaum	01/04/10

**Awaiting First Degree**

Mr. Andrew Jersey Elected 04/15/08

**Awaiting Second Degree**

Bro. Joseph Chapley	Initiated 11/28/06
Bro. James T. Shanahan	Initiated 01/20/09
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Initiated 11/17/09
Bro. Eric M. Mateyka	Initiated 11/17/09
Bro. Dennis T.P. O'Connor, Jr.	Initiated 11/17/09

**Awaiting Sublime Degree of Master Mason**

Bro. Roy Richard Powell Passed 02/16/10



**HOSPICE WALK TO REMEMBER**

The annual Hospice Walk to Remember will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at Rockland Lake State Park in Congers, NY. The Athelstane team will assemble before 9:00 a.m. at Parking Lot #1. The walk is 3.1 miles. We walk in honor or memory of a loved one; we walk to raise much needed funds for one of Athelstane's favorite community outreach programs . . . United Hospice of Rockland.

Please contact Brother Richard Schwartz, DSA for more details and to sign up, (845) 354-21651.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16th	Grand Lecturer's Convention Hoffman Lodge, Middletown, NY	7:30 p.m.
April 18th	Hospice Walk to Remember Rockland Lake State Park, Congers, NY	9:00 a.m.
April 20th	Sublime Degree of Master Mason Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY	7:30 p.m.
April 21st	Road to The East (Part I) Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY	7:00 p.m.
April 24th	Road to The East (Parts II & III) Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY	8:00 a.m.
May 3rd & 4th	229th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge Masonic Hall, New York, NY	
May 4th	Election of Officers, Report on Grand Lodge Proceedings and welcome of the new District Deputy Grand Master. Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY	7:30 p.m.
May 20th	Entered Apprentice Degree or Installation of Officers Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY	7:30 p.m.
June 1st	Stay tuned	
June 15th	Annual Athelstane Lodge Awards Dinner DaNina's, Suffern, NY	6:30 p.m.



## JAWONIO GOLF OUTING

The 22nd Annual Jawonio Golf Outing will be held on **Monday, June 7, 2010** at Dellwood Country Club in New City. For more information call (845) 708-2000 ext 1329.

Jawonio is asking for hands-on assistance with this outing. We are looking for about a half-dozen volunteers to help with registration, etc. on that day. Please notify R.:W.: Ron Steiner if you can help.



## HAITI RELIEF

Please remember . . . **M:W. Edward G. Gilbert**, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York has established a Special Haitian Relief Fund under the umbrella of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund.

Checks and Money Orders should be made payable to the **Masonic Brotherhood Fund** earmarked for the **Special Haitian Relief Fund** and mailed to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, 71 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10010.



### The Searchers Club



Our own **R:W. Ronald J. Steiner** will be presenting a Q&A discussion entitled “**Everything and Anything You’ve Always Wanted to Ask About Masonry . . .**” on **Monday, April 19, 2010** at 6:00 p.m. at the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library, Masonic Hall, 71 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor. An after-gathering will be held at the Limerick House next door to Masonic Hall.

Come out and reap the benefit of 55 years of Masonic experience with in the Lodge, District and Grand Lodge. It is reported that Brother Ron will keep talking as long as questions are being asked.

### Spring Valley Masonic Guild

The annual meeting of the Spring Valley Masonic Guild was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 8:45 p.m. at the Naurashank Temple in Pearl River, NY. Louis M. Irizarry, II, Guild President, presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read at that time. Treasurer Marvin Gess gave the financial report. The Guild’s financial holdings have decreased in value which is a reflection of the downward trend in the stock market. The Guild is still in good financial shape, but in light of reduced anticipated income an amended budget has been drafted and will be presented to the membership for action. Secretary Ronald Steiner gave an overview of membership, as of January 1, 2010 our Lodge (and the Guild) has 205 members (a net loss of eight over last year).

The following officers and trustees were nominated and elected:

President	David Richard	Trustee	Alexander Mulgrew
Vice-President	Bruce Klein	Trustee	Thomas Sassone
Treasurer	Marvin Gess	Trustee	Ronald Pomerance
Secretary	Ronald Steiner	Trustee	Howard Whitman

## SECRETARY'S MAILBAG

**MARTHA ERICKSON**, wife of our genial **R:W:EUGENE ERICKSON**, was the author of quite a "Community View" editorial in the Sunday, March 28, 2010 Opinion Page of the Journal News. Her topic was , "Closing historic sites cuts us off from history." Marty is an historian and writer of some renown; she is a regent of the Shatemuc Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, historian of the local Brick Church and she and Gene have a long history of involvement with activities involving the DeWint House, our George Washington Headquarters National Historic Site and Masonic Shrine to the memory of our Brother and first President.

Congratulations to **ESTELLE EISENKRAFT**, wife of long time Athelstane Brother **ALLAN EISENKRAFT**, on being honored by the JCC (Jewish Community Center of Rockland) at their annual Donor Recognition luncheon for her long time role in JCC, her involvement in bringing JCC to Rockland, her tenure as a Board Member of Hadassah, and her multiple contributions to the enrichment of the Jewish community and cultural life in Rockland.

Had a nice conversation with our former Athelstane Lodge Historian, Brother **BOB CARMEN**, who just returned to his home in Herndon, Virginia after a visit and pleasure trip to the Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica New York ... something Bob said he had been wanting to do for a long time. Bob said every Brother should make that trip to see what a wonderful facility we Masons have there.

On vacation ... **R:W: MARVIN GESS** and his bride, **DIANE** enjoying sunny Italy with their granddaughter. Safe travels folks.

We want to acknowledge with thanks the communications and notes we in the mail this week from Brothers **PAUL TENDLER**, **BARRY RONNER**, **ARTHUR KLEIN**, and **HOWARD BLEIWAS**. And thanks too to Brother **STEVEN MARCUS** for his informative e-mail. Also the phone call from Brother **FRANKLIN GARDNER**, who wishes all his Brothers and their families Happy Holidays (pick 'em ),

Keep those communications coming my Brothers. It is always good to hear from you , especially with glad tidings ....



### 2010 DUES



If you have not already done so, please send your payment for 2010 dues. If you do not have a dues card for the 2010 year, you have not paid your dues yet! Dues for Regular Members are \$105.00; dues for Life Members are \$30.00 (the Grand Lodge per capita). Please send your check payable to "Athelstane Lodge" to:

Ronald Steiner, Secretary  
18 Buena Vista Road  
Suffern, NY 10901-1730

## The Master's Station

I hope this trestleboard finds you all enjoying a wonderful holiday! Whether it is Passover or Easter, I hope that you and yours have a happy and healthy holiday.

On Tuesday, April 6th our meeting will include a presentation to R.:W.: Harry Sky in celebration of his 50th masonic birthday. Brother Harry will be moving to Israel before the end of the year, so please join us in honoring him for his years of service to the Craft. R.:W.: Robert E. Morlang, Jr. District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange Rockland District and R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II, Grand Director of Ceremonies while be present to help celebrate this momentous occasion.

On Thursday, April 15th the Orange-Rockland District will be holding its Grand Lecturer's Convention at Hoffman Lodge No. 412 in Middletown, NY. All brothers are welcome and invited to attend an evening of masonic education with R.:W.: Charles Toombs, Grand Lecturer. The work for the evening will include opening of the lodge; the first section of the Degree of Entered Apprentice, including the changeover and up to but not including the obligation; and closing of the lodge. All officers are reminded of their obligation to attend. Open forum beginning at 4:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Convention begins at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 20th Athelstane Lodge will be conferring the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on our Fellowcraft Brother Roy Powell. I will be sitting in the East for the degree and the usual cast of characters will be assuming their roles for the Hiramic Drama. All are invited to join and assist in this special night.

I am working to restart the activity of Athelstane Lodge's Safety ID Program. I hope to have a program scheduled for sometime in May at Jawonio. The program will be held on a weekday, during school hours. For those interested (and able) in helping out please contact me.

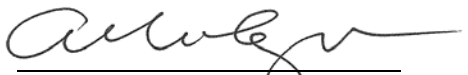
## Sickness and Distress

**W.: Thomas Sassone's** father, Thomas M. Sassone, passed away on March 11th. The funeral was held on Saturday, March 13, 2010.

**R.:W.: Martin Lindenberg** is in in Nyack Hospital with renal failure. R.:W.: Marty is reported to be comfortable and receiving dialysis, but not up to visitors at the moment. Also **Irene Lindenberg**, wife of R.:W.: Martin Lindenberg is recovering after surgery to repair a broken leg suffered on March 15th. **Marty and Irene** have recently moved. Well-wishes can be sent to them at 101 Gedney Street, Apartment 6D, Nyack, NY 10960-2213.

**Brother Lawrence Kramer**, father of **W.: Harry Kramer** is hospitalized in Florida with pneumonia.

Please keep these brother and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



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Alexander Mulgrew, Master

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## Past Masters

Thomas Sassone	2008-09	R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979	Jay Helfgott	affl.
David Richards	2007-08	R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977	George Liberis	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07	Norman J. Greenberg *	1976	Nate Metlitz	affl.
R.: W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06	R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976	M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05	R.: W.: Martin Lindenberg	1975	R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Harry F. Anderson	2002-03	Sander A. Lefkowitz *	1974	R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02	Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74	R.: W.: Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
R.: W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01	Leonard J. Plotch *	1972	R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00	Henry Morris	1972, 1985		
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98	R.: W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971	* Tappan Zee Lodge No. 1125	
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99	Charles K. Dunlop *	1969		
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	Murray Kaplowitz *	1965		
Anthony Urbinato	1987-88, 1990	Robert Maidman *	1958		
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992	M.: W.: Neil I. Bidnick	affl.		
V.: W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94	R.: W.: Robert Blanke	affl.		
	1998-99	R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.		
Richard H. Fassberg	1984, 1991	R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.		
Gerald P. Rickard	1983	Alvin M. Russell	affl.		
Harold N. Eder *	1981	Stuart Sindell	affl.		
Barry Ronner	1980-82	Arthur S. Vener	affl.		
Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979	Harry Sky	affl.		