

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS INSTITUTED 1902

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April 2011

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 31, 2011

Brethren:

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

2184th STATED COMMUNICATION—SUMMONED


Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 7:30 PM

You are hereby **SUMMONED**, and you and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to attend the 2184th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No 839 F & AM, to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 in the Pearl River Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m.

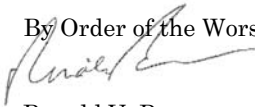
You are SUMMONED for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for 2012 in accordance with Lodge by-laws and for the purpose of conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on Candidates in waiting. W.: Ronald Pomerance will confer the Degree.

Officers Attire: Tuxedo or Dark Suit, with white gloves.

Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Attest: 
Ronald J. Steiner, Secretary

By Order of the Worshipful Master


Ronald V. Pomerance



2185th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

This meeting is postponed.



SAD TIDINGS

W.: Lawrence Kramer, father of **W.: Harry Kramer**, was called by the Great Architect on Friday March 11, 2011 after have been a Mason for nearly 64 years..

Bro. John Gebbia's cousin, Bro. **Billy Jahn** was called by the Great Architect on Friday, March 25. He was a member of Laurel Wreath Lodge # 149, in the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Please keep the Brothers, their families and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Michael Anthony DePaolo	Proposed by R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner 03/02/2011
Mr. Jason Willard Hoffman	Proposed by R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner 03/02/2011
Major Frank Letizia	Proposed by Bro. William Schroeder 04/02/2008
Mr. Robert E. Lysiak, Jr.	Proposed by Bro Howard Whitman 09/15/2008
Mr. Michael B. Seidenfrau	Proposed by Bro. Howard Whitman 07/10/2008

AWAITING ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Mr. Andrew Jersey Proposed by R.:W.: Gene Erickson Elected 04/15/08

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Bro. Anthony Barbato	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Seth Geffen	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Mathew Kerewski	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Joseph Chapley	Initiated 11/28/06
Bro. Seth Lee	Initiated 10/05/10
Bro. Brian Gonzalez	Initiated 10/05/10

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Eric Mateyka	Passed 01/11/2011
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Passed 11/16/2010
Bro. James T. Shanahan	Passed 11/16/2010

GLAD TIDINGS

Bea Oster is hopefully recovering from Blood Pressure Problems. Get Well Soon.

W.: Jay Helfgott is hopefully recovering from spinal surgery problems

Our Athelstane Lodge Brother **R.:W.: HARRY SKY** called from Israel to say hello and tell us how he much misses his Brothers. Harry is just out of the hospital after accumulating water in the lungs and around the heart, but he is on the mend and upbeat! Please keep R.:W.: Harry Sky in your thoughts and prayers.

GET WELL SOON !!!!:

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APOLOGIES & CORRECTIONS



In the March 2011 issue of the Athelstian when we published the smiling faces of some of the guys and gals at our January 5th Annual Florida Luncheon, we inadvertently misidentified one of our Brothers. The Brother identified as **JOE FELD** is actually Brother **BERNARD GOLD-BERGER**. Many apologies.

THE TLC PROGRAM

The first batch of Teddies is ready for presentation and we are awaiting an appointment with Good Samaritan Hospital to start the program.

THE FUTURE

- April 5** Fellowcraft degree.
- April 10** Annual Hospice Walk at Rockland Lake.
Contact Richie Schwartz - 845-354-2161
- April 14** Grand Lecturers Convention.
Hosted by Athelstane Lodge.
- April 19** Passover - Meeting Postponed- Happy Passover!
- April 24** Easter Sunday - Happy Easter!
"Here comes Peter Cottontail" ©
- May 2 & 3** Grand Lodge Annual Communication.
71 West 23rd Street, NY, NY
- May 2** Grand Master's Reception.
Russo's on the Bay - Formal - \$85 per person
- May 3** Election of Officers and presentation of reports.
- May 6** Entered Apprentice Degree at Garibaldi Lodge.
71 West 23rd Street, 3rd Floor, NY, NY, 7:15 pm
- May 17** Investiture of Master-Elect - 7:30 p.m.
Closed Meeting—Masters & Past Masters only.
- May 17** Open Installation of Officers
Immediately following Investiture.
- June 7** Unscheduled - Possible Degree Work.
- June 21** Annual Awards Dinner/Year End Party

FROM YE OLDE SCRIBE

NOBODY ASKED ME, BUT ... Spring arrived a week or so ago, shortly after Daylight Savings time gave us some extra hours of sunlight ... but obviously the weather has not yet caught up with the calendar here in the lower Hudson Valley. Nevertheless, there are obvious signs of nature's rebirth all around us even as our Masonic year is speeding to a conclusion. Our Lodge has been quite busy

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doing what our Charter from Grand Lodge has empowered us to do ... we have been making Masons. We have Initiated and Passed and Raised a number of good Brothers and we have been diligently working on their Masonic education as we all continue to learn; and our Lodge continues to be very active in service to the community. There is a lot to look forward to with great anticipation and enthusiasm. Now, if we can motivate some more of you who have been reluctant to come to Lodge to come out of "hibernation," I can assure you "you will be welcomed" ... welcomed like, "long lost Brothers." Need we say more? Come on down ... you'll be glad you did.

If you need a ride, transport is only a phone call away. Call me at (845) 354 - 4192 ... or our Master, W. Ron Pomerance at (917) 273-7020 or our Senior Warden, Bro Howard Whitman at (914) 772-4491.

From the Secretary's mailbag ...

Had a nice call from Brother **BOB CARMEN**, who is facing surgery but is very upbeat. Please keep Brother Bob in your thoughts and prayers. He is hoping to be able to travel north from Herndon Virginia join us for our Annual Awards Nite in June.

Had a nice note from Brother **TOV BROG** in Atlanta. He wishes all our Brothers well and we wish Brother Tov good luck in his new endeavors as an engineering consultant.

It was especially nice to see Brother **CURT BROWN**, DSA, back in Lodge at our last meeting. Curt is a "regular" and when he misses a meeting we miss him ! Likewise, we are looking forward to the annual migration of our Snowbirds back to Lodge from the warmer climes.

We were sorry to learn of the untimely passing of the cousin of our Brother **JOHN GEBBIA**, Brother **Billy Jahn**, a member of Laurel Wreath Lodge # 149, Grand Lodge of Maryland. The condolences of the Lodge are extended to Brother John and his family.

Congratulations to Athelstane Lodge for again winning the coveted **C. Reed Holden Attendance Award "for outstanding attendance and support to ORDMA"**. Although we again share this award this year with two other Lodges in the Orange Rockland District, Athelstane has been the recipient every year since the award was established a half dozen years ago.

And speaking of ORDMA ... the recent ORDMA Dinner Dance was well attended ... good food ... enjoyable dance music ... great comradery ... a special tribute paid to our most deserving ladies ... and just a few speeches. Here was the highlight in my eyes ...

"The Orange and Rockland County Masons and the Orange-Rockland District Masonic Association wish to praise, honor, and thank the women who support us, inspire us, and allow us to be the best men and Masons that we can be. We cherish you and appreciate all of you very, very much for everything that you do for us."

Amen and AMEN !!!

Elsewhere in this issue there is a calendar of future meetings and spe-

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cial events. Please note your calendar now and plan to be with us. SNOWBIRD ALERT ... the annual Athelstane Lodge year-end Awards Dinner will be Tuesday evening, June 19th. Details to follow.

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Fraternally,

Ron

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FROM THE EAST

♪ ♪ “Though April Showers may come Your way, They bring the flowers that bloom in May” ♪ ♪ (Al Jolson, 1920's, recorded 1932)

I am pleased to report that the **ORDMA** Dinner Dance was a resounding success. There were over one hundred Guests who ate and danced gaily to the music of the DJ. And the food was excellent. The Honorees were the Women of the Orange and Rockland District who help and support Masonry in all of its activities and without whom the Lodges could not be as successful as they are.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of R.:W.: Robert Morlang Jr.

On the reality of Masonic work - - It was a real thrill to present our Master Mason degree on March 15, with such flawless and smashing success. Realistically it was one of the more exciting and awe inspiring events that I can remember having in Masonry in a very long time and it could not have been accomplished without the hearty and eager cooperation by all the brothers who participated both from Athelstane Lodge and from Warwick Lodge who were partners in this dramatic event. Special thanks to **W.:Luke Gordon** and the Brothers of Warwick Lodge not only for their participation in the degree but also for making their Lodge Hall available for the two rehearsals - - - also for the excellent pizza. Even more special thanks to **Bro. Mark Hanson**, who once again came riding in from the North (West Point Lodge) on his “fighting steed” and baled us out of a time in need. Congratulations to new **Brothers Christian Jacques Perron** and **Peter James Troxell** from Warwick Lodge and to **Dennis O'Connor** and **Michael Olmo** from Athelstane Lodge. We wish all of you the best of good fortune, good health and lots of success in your future Masonic careers and in all your undertakings throughout life. The degree was masterfully put on by our now “internationally acclaimed degree team” (maybe not quite, but we are getting there). **W.: Ron Pomerance** (Athelstane) sat in the East and

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conferred the degree on the new brothers. **Bro. Howard Whitman** (Athelstane) sat in the West. **W.: Luke Gordon** (Warwick) sat in the South. **Bro. Richie Butts** (Athelstane) was the Senior Deacon doing that job magnificently and perfectly once again. **Bro. Randy Faurot** (Warwick) was Junior Deacon. **Randy** also presented the working tools. Also participating flawlessly were **Bro. John Gebbia** (Athelstane) Sr. MC and **Bro G. Anthony Luhs** (Warwick) as Junior MC. Our regular Jr MC **Bro. Richie Schwartz** (Athelstane) and **Bro Steve Carrobis** (Warwick) were the Stewards. **W.: Alec Mulgrew** (Athelstane) was the Chaplain and **R.:W.: Marvin Gess** (Athelstane) was our official prompter - and for those who don't realize it that's a very difficult job involving making instantaneous decisions without which confusion would be rampant. **W.: Nate Metlitz** (Athelstane) was the Marshall **V.:W.:Scott Alan Klein** (Athelstane) was the Tyler. In the second section thanks to **R.:W.: Bruce Klein** (Athelstane) for again serving as Senior Deacon. The Ruffians were **Bro. Frank Gardner**, **W.: Lou Irizarry 3**, and **R.:W.:Lou Irizarry 2** (Athelstane) . Finally in the Drama, **R.:W.:Joel Rosenwasser** (Athelstane) was MEKS, **R.:W.:Ron Steiner** (Athelstane) was HKT and "good old" **Richie Butts** (Athelstane) was GMHA. **Richie** is becoming a "pro" at die-ing - almost "professionally".. **W.: Luke Gordon** (Warwick) was the Seafaring Man and also the Narrator. **W.: William Howell, Jr** (Warwick) was the Secretary. **Bro. John Gebbia** (Athelstane) was First Craftsman, **Bro. Doug Ward** (Athelstane) was Second Craftsman and **Bro Howard Whitman** (Athelstane) was third Craftsman. And who triumphed in the Historical Lecture - Why none other than "Knight on his steed" "good Ole" **Bro. Mark Hanson**. Supporting the entire operation was **W.: Peter Goydich** (Warwick). It was a real treat to work together between our two Lodges. On a personal level I look forward to doing this again.

We are now entering a hectic schedule for Athelstane Lodge (So what else is new?? - Its always hectic here at Athelstane). On April 5, we have a SUMMONED Communication, for the dual purpose of considering the Budget and also for the conferring Fellowcraft degrees on several EA Brothers. The meeting of April 19 will have to be postponed because it conflicts with a Passover Seder night.

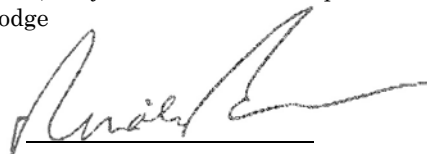
Once again, I earnestly reach out to all of you, especially to those Brothers who we have not seen in a while. Come to Lodge. We miss you, we want you here and we need you. Please help us make Athelstane Lodge even more of a success than it already is.

Finally to all of our Brethren who celebrate Passover, Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday for you, your families and loved ones.

To all of our Brethren who celebrate Easter, Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday for you your families and loved ones

Thank you in advance, my Brothers, for your interest and cooperation. We look forward to seeing you regularly at Lodge

God Bless America!!



Ronald V. Pomerance, Master

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