

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS INSTITUTED 1902

Naurashank Temple
2 South Middletown Road
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Communications 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
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April 2012

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 29, 2012

Brethren:

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

2207th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:30 PM

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend a presentation by **R.:W.: Robert Stack**, Past Grand Treasurer and for many more years the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Brotherhood Fund and the Masonic Brotherhood Foundation, on the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and the charities it supports; also the presentation to Brother Edwin Murdock of his **50 Year Apron and Pin** by DDGM, R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry, II.

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

2208th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree. W.: Ronald Pomerance will preside in the East to confer the Degree.

Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, N.Y.
Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Presentation begins at 7:30 p.m.
Attire: Officers - Formal with white gloves
Brethren - Business

On the Cover

Stained glass window from the Alcove in the House of the Temple, Washington, D.C., headquarters of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Sothern Jurisdiction. Dedicated on October 18, 1915 the building was modeled after the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, on of the Seven wonder s of the Ancient World. By acts of Congress, the remains of Albert Pike and John Henry Cowles, in 1944 and 1952 respectively, were interred in the building. Busts of Pike and Cowles flank the Pillars of Charity which in turn flank the entrance to the Alcove.



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Bro. Mihail Bajdechi	Initiated 03/20/12
Bro. Roy Rizzoti	Initiated 03/20/12
Bro. Michael Anthony DePaolo	Initiated 10/18/11
Bro. Anthony Barbato	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Seth Geffen	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Brian Gonzalez	Initiated 10/05/10

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Eric Mateyka	Passed 01/11/11
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Passed 11/16/10

THE FUTURE

Apr. 3rd	Guest Speaker - R.:W.: Robert Stack "The Masonic Brotherhood Fund and its Charities." Dinner at 6:00p.m.Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 12th	Grand Lecturer's Convention West Point Lodge All Officers must attend; all brethren welcome. Dinner at 6:00p.m.
Apr. 17th	Fellowcraft Degree W.: Ronald Pomerance will preside in the East Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 22nd	United Hospice of Rockland 3rd Annual Walk to Remember Rockland Lake State Park - Congers, NY Registration at 7:30 a.m.; Walk at 8:30 a.m.
May 1st	Summoned Communication - Budget Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.
May 15th	Annual Meeting - Reports of Officers and Elections Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.



HOSPICE WALK TO REMEMBER

Join the Athelstane Lodge family as we team together for “a walk, stroll or run” for a worthy cause. Brothers of Athelstane Lodge, their family and friends have been participating in this event since before it was renamed the “Walk to Remember”. Please help us continue our support of Untied Hospice of Rockland.

April 22, 2012

Rockland Lake State Park

Congers, N.Y.

Registration - 7:30 a.m.

Walk - 8:30 a.m.

For complete details see Bro. Richie Schwartz, D.S.A.
(845) 354-2161 or zjd10901@yahoo.com

FROM DE OLD SCRIBE ...

From the Secretary's mail bag ...

We continue to receive checks for 2012 Dues and we are grateful for that ... but there are still too many Brothers who have not sent their 2012 Athelstane Lodge dues and they are now in arrears. PLEASE help us save money and avoid unnecessary follow-ups. If you have not yet send your check please do so today. If there is a financial problem, please contact me so we can try to be helpful.

TIDINGS ...

Happy 60th wedding anniversary to Brother **JACK and BARBARA GREENE** ... who are off celebrating on a honeymoon cruise. Moezlov!!! and many more years of good health and much love.

Brother **PAUL TENDLER** reports he is doing well under the doctor's care in Florida. Please keep Brother Paul in your thoughts and prayers for a complete and speedy return to good health.

Congratulations again to **RW GENE and MARTY ERICKSON** on their Lifetime Achievement awards from the Historical Society of Rockland. If you have not had a chance to view the YouTube video, it is worth watching.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ME7oFvIdKc&feature=youtube_gdata_player

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Brother **BOB CARMEN** due for some cardiac surgery. Let's keep Bob in our thoughts and prayers. Ditto Brother **CURT BROWN** who missed our last meeting as he was not feeling up to par.

Nice e-mail from Brother **STEVEN MARCUS** commenting on our article in Spring issue of *The ESM Magazine*. We shared some fond memories.

We had regrets from W:. **GEORGE LIBERIS** who was unable to attend our last few meetings because of the pressures of the medical profession.

NEW ADDITION ... "Mozel Tov!" to our Grand Chaplain, **R:. W. FEDERICO LARRINAGA** and his lovely wife **MARIE**, who are the proud new grandparents of a baby boy via their daughter in Virginia. The timing was right as Federico and Marie are now off to a vacation in Spain. Safe travels!

CONGRATULATIONS ...

To our Athelstane Lodge Brother **MARK BURKE** who was raised by our **R:. W. ARTHUR VENER** in a courtesy degree conducted in and by the Brothers of Naurashank Lodge on March 23rd, with W:. **KEN MERRING** in the East. Brother Mark then had the pleasure of assisting Right Worshipful Vener in the raising of his own son **JORDAN**, a member of Naurashank Lodge. What a nostalgic, warm night to be remembered.

To our newly made EA Brothers **ROY RIZZOTTI** and **MIHAIL BAJDECHI** who were "brought to light" at our meeting on March 20th. Welcome to our Athelstane Lodge family. We had a nice turnout of visiting Brothers as well as close to two dozen Athelstanians present as Brother **DOUGLAS WARD** graced the East and did a masterful job. I also especially enjoyed the Bible presentations made in a very meaningful and learned way by our own R:.W:. **JOEL ROSENWASSER**. And special kudos too to W:. **MARK HANSON** and Brothers **DENNIS O'CONNOR** and **JOHN GEBBIA** for their ritualistic excellence.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

We are looking forward to our next Athelstane Lodge meeting on Tuesday April 3rd when we will welcome an old friend and distinguished member of our New York Grand Lodge for many, many years ... Right Worshipful **ROBERT STACK**, Past Grand Treasurer and for many more years the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Brotherhood Fund and the Masonic Brotherhood Foundation. R:.W:. Bob will bring us up to date on all

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of the deserving charities supported by the MBF and your contributions. Do join us. Bob brings a very special sense of humor to his talks that I am sure you will enjoy.

We were delighted to hear from a Brother across the pond who found our Website on the Internet and is planning a visit to Athelstane Lodge on April 17th. We all look forward to greeting **R:. W:. CHARLES M. YARROW**, Secretary of Hillsborough Lodge No. 5444, Province of Yorkshire, West Riding, England, and Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon, United Grand Lodge of England. Brother Yarrow was particularly interested in seeing our Fellowcraft Degree which will be given by our own **W:. RONALD POMERANCE** on that evening. Do plan to join us.

SAD TIDINGS:

WE DRAPE OUR ALTER ...

We were saddened to learn that another cherished Brother of Athelstane Lodge has laid down the working tools of life. Brother **BERNARD RUHM** passed away on March 28th and a Masonic Funeral service was requested for Friday, March 30th at 1:00 P.M. at Hellman's Memorial Chapel in Spring Valley.

To all of our Brothers of the Christian faith, we wish you and those you love a joyous Easter holiday ... and to my Brothers of the Jewish faith ... to you and those you cherish ... we wish you a "Zissen Pessach" ... a sweet Passover. May the days ahead be warm and bright with the renewal of Spring. We look forward to hearing from you.

REMEMBER PLEASE ...

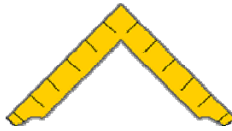
THERE IS MORE ...

There is so much more to being a Mason than simply paying dues !!!

With warmest fraternal regards ... hope to see you soon at Lodge,

Ron

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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers:

March was a busy month for our Lodge, and April will be one also. On March 20th we had an Entered Apprentice Degree where we initiated two new Brothers, Brother Roy Rizzotti and Brother Mihail Bajdechi.

On Friday March 23rd, Brother Mark Burke was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason during a Courtesy Degree held at Naurashank Lodge. W:. Ken Merring sat in the East, and was kind enough to Raise Brother Mark with his son Jason, a Brother of Naurashank Lodge that night.

On March 31st, ORDMA will have its annual dinner dance at Casa Mia Manor House where our own R:W:. Louis Irizarry, II and R:W:. Bruce Wiegand will be the Honorees. Athelstane Lodge expects to be well represented with a contingent of Brothers, wives , and guests.

We are having a Past Masters meeting on April 2nd at DaNina's in Suffern, NY. On the following night, April 3rd, R:W:. Robert Stack will give a presentation about the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, and all of their meaningful activities. Additionally, Brother Edwin Murdock will be presented with his **50 Year Apron and Pin** by DDGM, R:W:. Lou Irizarry, II.

On April 12th, we will be having the Grand Lecturer's Convention at West Point Lodge where Brother Dennis O'Connor will represent the Lodge in the Junior Deacon's place. On April 17th, the Lodge will be having a **Fellowcraft Degree, with W:. Ron Pomerance** sitting in the East.

On April 22nd, United Hospice will be holding their 3rd Annual **Walk to Remember** at Rockland Lake State Park in Congers, NY. Sign-in is at 7:30 AM. Please contact Brother Richie Schwartz, DSA for information. His home- 845-354-2161, and his cell- 845-548-8850.

We look forward to seeing you at our Lodge meetings, and other events.

Fraternally,

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Trustees

W.: Alexander Mulgrew
2011 - 2012

R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser
2011 - 2014

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

Past Masters

Ronald Pomerance	2010-11	Richard H. Fassberg	1984, 1991	M.:W.: Neil I. Bidnick	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10	Gerald P. Rickard	1983	R.:W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09	Harold N. Eder *	1981	R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
David Richards	2007-08	Barry Ronner	1980-82	Alvin M. Russell	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07	Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979	Stuart Sindell	affl.
R.:W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06	R.:W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979	Arthur S. Vener	affl.
R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05	R.:W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977	Jay Hellgott	affl.
R.:W.: Harry F. Anderson	2002-03	Norman J. Greenberg *	1976	George Liberis	affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02	R.:W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976	Nathan Metlitz	affl.
R.:W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01	R.:W.: Martin Lindenberg	1975	M.:W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00	Sander A. Letkowitz *	1974	R.:W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden	1997-98	Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74	R.:W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.:W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99	Leonard J. Plotch *	1972	R.:W.: Albert E. Mesley	Hon.
R.:W.: Glen L. Weinberg *	1994-97	Henry Morris	1972, 1985	R.:W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95	R.:W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971	R.:W.: Robert Blanke	Hon.
R.:W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97	Charles K. Dunlop *	1969	* Tappan Zee Lodge No. 1125	
Anthony Urbinato	1987-88, 1990	Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969		
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992	Henry Chait *	1967		
V.:W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94	Murray Kaplowitz *	1965		
	1998 - 99	Robert Maitman *	1958		