

# 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 2013

**M.:W.: James E. Sullivan**  
**Grand Master of Masons**  
**in the State of New York**

**R.:W.: John Cola**  
**District Deputy Grand Master**  
**for the Orange-Rockland District**

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**2227th STATED COMMUNICATION**  
**SUMMONED COMMUNICATION**

Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:30 PM

You are hereby **Summoned** to attend the 2227th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM, and a most cordial and fraternal invitation is extended to your Masonic friends to join us, on Tuesday evening, April 2, 2013 promptly at 7:30 PM at the Pearl River Masonic Temple, 2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River, N.Y. for the purpose of:

- Discussion and vote on the 2013 Lodge Budget;
- A presentation by R.;W. Bill Maurer - "George Washington Chooses Tappan during the American Revolution ...";
- Balloting on Petitions for Membership and Application for Affiliation; and
- Such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

Time: Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m.  
Attire: Officers - Business Attire  
Brethren - Business Attire

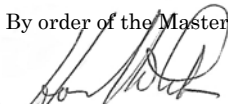
Attest:



R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner  
Secretary



By order of the Master



W.: Howard Whitman

**2228th STATED COMMUNICATION**

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 7:30 PM

You and your Masonic friends are extended a warm, cordial and fraternal invitation to join us at our 2228th Stated Communication on Tuesday evening, April 16, 2013 to be held in the Pearl River Masonic Temple promptly at 7:30 PM at which time the **Past Masters of Athelstane Lodge will confer the**

**SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON**

on a class of duly and truly prepared FC Brothers. **W.: Louis M. Irizarry, III** will grace the East.

Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, N.Y.  
Time: Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m.  
Attire: Officers - Formal Attire w/ White Gloves  
Brethren - Business Attire



## **WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD**

### **AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Richard Cespuglio, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 05/23/12  
Mr. Mecene J. Jourdain, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 07/21/12  
Mr. Jonathan Kaufman, proposed by W.: Jay Helfgott, 08/10/12  
Mr. Yitchak Langsam, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 06/14/12  
Mr. Alan DeJesus Santiago, proposed by R.W.: Ron Steiner, 12/04/12  
Mr. Moshe Surkis, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 06/14/12  
Mr. James Thomas Tribble, proposed by Bro. Seth Lee, 12/04/12

Note: Mr. Timothy James Pitiger is moving out of the area  
and has withdrawn his Petition.

### **AWAITING CLEARANCE & BALLOT FOR AFFILIATION & DUAL MEMBERSHIP**

W.: Irwin William Clements, proposed by W.: Al Oster, 03/19/13

### **AWAITING DEGREE OF ENTERED APPRENTICE**

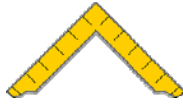
Mr. Mark A. Persaud; Elected 12/04/12

### **AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT**

Bro. Daniel Edwin Badillo; Initiated 02/05/13  
Bro. Mihail Bajdechi; Initiated 03/20/12  
Bro. Edward Lawrence Jones, Jr.; Initiated 10/16/12  
Bro. Pablo Sandoval; Initiated 10/16/12

### **AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON**

Bro. Daniel Daneshrad; Passed 03/19/13  
Bro. Michael Anthony DePaolo; Passed 04/17/12  
Bro. Marc Andre Jean-Baptiste; Passed 03/19/13  
Bro. Eric Mateyka; Passed 01/11/11  
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka; Passed 11/16/10  
Bro. Brian Anthony Restivo; Passed 03/19/13  
Bro. Roy Rizzotti; Passed 04/17/12



## FROM THE EAST

My Brothers:

March was an active month. On March 5<sup>th</sup> we had a Table Lodge that was well attended, and a lot of fun. On March 19<sup>th</sup> we Passed 3 Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft; Bros. Marc Jean-Baptiste, Brian Restivo, and Daniel Dane-shrad.

Additionally, on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, our own R.:W.: Scott Allan Klein, along with R.:W.: George Blasch were the Honorees at the Annual ORDMA Dinner Dance.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be having our Annual Budget Meeting, and a presentation from R.:W.: William Maurer on Bro. George Washington. His talks are always very interesting and informative.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be conferring a Master Mason Degree. This will be a Past Masters Degree with W.: Louis Iri-zarry, III sitting in the East.

In May we will be having our Election of New Officers for 2013/2014.

Happy Pesach and Happy Easter to all of our Brothers.

Fraternally,

W.: Howard Whitman

# THE FUTURE

- Apr. 2nd**            **A presentation by R.:W.: Bill Maurer** - "George Washington Chooses Tappan during the American Revolution ..."
- Apr. 16th**           **Master Mason Degree**
- Apr. 18th**           **Grand Lecturer's Convention**
- Dinner: 6:00 p.m.  
Hudson River Lodge No. 309  
82 Windsor Highway, New Windsor, NY
- Apr. 21st**           **Annual Hospice WALK TO REMEMBER**
- Please contract Bro. Richie Schwartz, DSA (845) 354-2161
- June 18th**          **Annual Athelstane Awards Night & Dinner**

## FROM DE OLD SCRIBE ...

### HOLIDAY GREETINGS ...

As I write this, Spring did arrive, but there is still snow visible on the lawn and roadsides; we are in the middle of Passover, and Easter is a few days away. So, from our house to your house and all of those you love and cherish, we hope you are enjoying all of G-d's gifts and we look forward with optimism in this season of renewal. Let there be peace and the spirit of Brotherhood among us.

### GLAD TIDINGS ...

**R.:W.: SCOTT ALLAN KLEIN** was beaming as he was feted with Trustee **R.:W.: GEORGE BLASCH** at the 23rd Annual **ORDMA** Dinner-Dance held last Saturday Night. On hand with their ladies to toast our honorees were our Athelstane Lodge Brothers **RWs MEL BIRNBAUM, GENE ERICKSON, BRUCE KLEIN, W.: AL OSTER, V.:W.: MARK HANSON** and Bro. **JOHN GEBBIA**. Also good to see **R.:W.: TED COOPERMAN** with a big smile on his face in spite of the O2 tank to which he was hooked up. Hope Ted continues to make progress.

The Spring issue ***SOUTH OF THE MOUNTAIN***, the publication of the Historical Society of Rockland County, features a lengthy and fascinating article about our longtime Athelstane Brother **HOWARD SCHACK** and his family glass business (started by his father in Spring Valley at the turn of the century --- 20th century that is). There is also a book review telling of Howard's exploits as a Mossad spy for Israel in, "***A SPY IN CANAAN: MY SECRET LIFE AS A JEWISH AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN SPYING FOR ISRAEL IN ARAB LANDS.***" An invitation has been extended to Brother Howard to revisit with us and give us further insights into this on-going adventure.

*(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)*

W:. **HARRY KRAMER** shares the news of his becoming a great uncle via sister Cheryl's children Elisheva and Shmuel's baby boy Aryeh Lev. He was named for Cheryl and Harry's dad, our late Brother **LAWRENCE KRAMER**. Mozel Tov to the entire family.

Bro. **RICHARD SCHWARTZ** and wife **SUE** visiting with son and family...especially their grandkids in Austin TX. Safe travels !!!

**SAD TIDINGS ...**

We were happy to note that there were no Sad Tidings reported at our last meeting.

**OUR PAST MEETING ...**

The March 5th Table Lodge was well attended and a good time was had by all Brothers and guests present. Hope there are pictures here to show ...

Our March 19th Meeting saw Bro. **DOUGLAS WARD** again sitting in the East to confer a degree; this time the Fellowcraft Degree as we passed Brothers **MARC ANDRE JEAN-BAPTISTE**, **BRIAN ANTHONY RESTIVO** and **DANIEL DANESHAD**. V:. W:. **MARK HANSON** gave the Middle Chamber lecture in his usual impressive manner. Also participating with very fine ritual work were W:. **RON POMERANCE** and **JOHN GEBBIA**.

**RELOCATED ...**

This afternoon's mail brought indication that **Bro. JOSE CARDONA** has moved from the area to 4104 Vessel Court, Kissimmee, FL 34746-1800. We wish Jose and his family good fortune, good health and much happiness in their new home !!!

**UPCOMING EVENTS ... FOR YOUR CALENDAR ...**

Sunday, March 31st Easter ... May all of our Christian Brethren and their family enjoy a holy and beautiful day !

Tuesday April 2nd Athelstane Lodge **SUMMONED COMMUNICATION** - Vote on 2013 Budget and presentation by R:.W:. Bill Maurer - "George Washington Chooses Tappan during the American Revolution or How Did GW Discover Tappan? Heck, Why did GW visit Tappan so often?"

Tuesday, April 16th Athelstane Lodge **PAST MASTERS** will conduct the Sublime Degree of Master Mason with W:. **LOUIS M. IRIZARRY** in the East.

***(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)***

Sunday, April 21 Annual Hospice WALK TO REMEMBER ... please contact Bro Richard Schwartz, DSA (845) 354 - 2161

Tuesday, June 18th Annual Athelstane Awards Night and Dinner at the Lodge, honoring our 50 Year - 55 Year - 60 Year Brothers. Save the date !!!

**A LITTLE BIT OF LUCK ...**

*With no apologies to the NY Lottery, we are offering a little bit of luck to every member of our Athelstane Lodge family. Through the courtesy of a cherished friend and Brother, R.:W.: OSCAR PESKOFF, we are offering a genuine hand grown and lovingly raised four (4) leaf clover (laminated for durability and longevity) for a charitable contribution to our Lodge, a tax deductible contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund or a charity we support. Simply send or give your check to our Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Bro. MICHAEL OLMO, and I will mail your very own four leaf clover. **Hey, you never know !!!***

Michael Olmo  
P.O. Box 306  
Tallman, NY 10982

**DUES ...**

We still have about thirty (30) Brothers in financial arrears. PAST DUE NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED.

**P L E A S E** ... If you have not yet sent your Dues for 2013, do so now. Dues were due and payable December 31, 2012. Thanks for your consideration..

**REMEMBER ....**

***THERE IS MORE TO BEING A MEMBER OF ATHELSTANE LODGE THAN SIMPLY PAYING DUES !!!***

Stay well ... keep in touch ... and hope to see you at Lodge.

Fraternally,

Ron Steiner  
R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner  
Secretary,  
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**Trustees**

W.: Alexander Mulgrew  
2012- 2015

R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser  
2011 - 2014

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

**Living Past Masters**

Ronald Pomerance	2010-11	Gerald P. Rickard	1983	Jay Helfgott	Affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10	Barry Ronner	1980-82	Benjamin Kotzker	Affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09	Eugene Foadlare, DSA *	1979	George Liberis	Affl.
R.: W.: David Richards	2007-08	R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979	Nathan Metlitz	Affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07	R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977	Alvin M. Russell	Affl.
R.: W.: Bruce D. Klein	2005-06	Norman J. Greenberg *	1976	Stuart Sindell	Affl.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05	R.: W.:Harrold J. Dresdale	1976	R.: W.:Ronald J. Steiner	Affl.
R.: W.: Harry Anderson	2002-03	Sander A. Leikowitz	1974	Arthur S. Vener	Affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02	Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74	M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
R.: W.: Peter J.D. Detel	1999-01	Leonard J. Plotch	1972	R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00	Henry Morris	1972, 1985	R.: W.: Robert Blanke	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98	R.: W.:Eugene W. Erickson	1971	R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99	Charles K. Dunlop *	1969	R.: W.: Albert Mealey	Hon.
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95	Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969	R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97	Henry Chait *	1967		
Anthony Urfanato	1987-88, 1990	Murray Kaplowitz *	1965		
George Biechki	1986, 1989, 1992	M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick	1967		
R.: W.: Scott Alan Klein *	1984, 1992-94, 1998-99	R.: W.:Daniel E. Jonas	Affl.		
Richard H. Fassberg	1984, 1991	Alfred H. Denninger	Affl.		

\* Tappan Zec Lodge No. 1125