

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE

No. 839

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Naurashank Temple
2 South Middletown Road
Pearl River, NY 10965

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

April 2015

M.:W.: William J. Thomas
Grand Master of Masons
in the State of New York

R.:W.: Bruce M. Wiegand
District Deputy Grand Master
of the Orange-Rockland District

2270th STATED COMMUNICATION

Athelstane Lodge No. 839

A SUMMONED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday evening, April 7, 2015

Pearl River Masonic Temple
2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River N.Y.
Dinner and social hour begins at 6:30 PM
Lodge opens promptly at 7:30 PM

Brethren,

You are hereby SUMMONED, and your Masonic friends are extended a most cordial and fraternal invitation to join us at our 2270th Stated Communication, for the presentation, reading and adoption of our Athelstane Lodge Budget for 2015; the presentation of our calendar and activities for the balance of the Spring; voting on a Petition for Affiliation and Dual Membership for Bro Eugene Muller (New Jersey) as authorized by Grand Lodge of NY; discussion and voting on a motion to agree to a proposal to allow an Observant Lodge to be formed in the Orange-Rockland District, as well as such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

Join us for our pre-meeting dinner and social hour starting at 6:30 PM followed by this important meeting at 7:30 PM, sharp ! *Please don't miss this important meeting so you can see what our Lodge's projected income and expenses as well as plans and activities will be going forward.*

Officers Dress: Business Suit

By Order of:
Douglas Ward



W.: Douglas Ward
Master

Attest:

R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner
Secretary

2271st STATED COMMUNICATION

Athelstane Lodge No. 839

Tuesday evening, April 21, 2015

Pearl River Masonic Temple
2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River N.Y.
Dinner and social hour begins at **6:00 PM**
Lodge opens promptly at **7:00 PM**

The work on the Trestleboard for this evening will be the conferral of

THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to join us as we confer the Third Degree on a class of well qualified Fellowcraft Brothers.

Worshipful Douglas Ward

will sit in the East and will confer the degree.

Bro Earnest Hudson of Joseph Warren- Gothic Lodge

will make a return visit to Athelstane Lodge to give the beautiful Historic Lecture. Brother Hudson has earned a well deserved reputation for the eloquence of his ritual delivery. The conferral of the impressive Third Degree and Drama is always a big night with a wonderful turnout of Brothers in Athelstane Lodge. Do plan to join us for our this very special evening as we welcome our newly raised Brothers to our Athelstane family of Master Masons.

Please note we will start our reception, dinner and Lodge opening a half hour earlier than on our usual Lodge nights.

Officers Dress: Formal



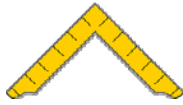
W: DOUGLAS WARD
Master



Attest:



R.: W.: RONALD J. STEINER
Secretary



FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

Well, you know what they say about March- “In like a lion and out like a lamb”. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our first meeting in March due to snow. With as bad a winter as we had, it was our only cancelled meeting of the year, so I guess we’ll take it! At our March 17th communication, we had a presentation about a proposed Observant Lodge in the District. We were happy to be joined by our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Bruce Wiegand for this meeting, as well as District Staff Officer R.:W.: Colin Oakfull, R.:W.: Jose Ithier, and the main speaker, Brother Andre Bolivar.

We have a very busy calendar for the balance of the year. For our upcoming Lodge meetings, our next meeting (April 7th) will be a Summoned Communication to review our Lodge’s proposed annual budget. On April 21st, we will have our second Third Degree of the year to be conferred on a duly and truly prepared class of Brothers. Check out the calendar within the Trestleboard for plenty of other events, including the Hospice Walk on Sunday April 19th, and the Grand Lecturer’s Convention on Thursday, April 16th.

Finally, as we approach the spring holiday season, I want to wish you all (either) a Happy Passover or a Happy Easter. May you be surrounded by family and friends on these days and all days.

Fraternally,

W.: Douglas Ward



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING BALLOT- DUAL MEMBER/AFFILIATE

Bro. Eugene Muller

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Bro. Daniel Edwin Badillo; Initiated 02/05/13
Bro. Mihail Bajdechi; Initiated 03/20/12
Bro. Pablo Sandoval; Initiated 10/16/12
Bro. James Thomas Tribble; Initiated 11/05/13

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Salvatore Luppino; Passed 03/11/14
Bro. Mark A. Persaud; Passed 03/04/14
Bro. Roy Rizzotti; Passed 04/17/12



Free and Accepted Masons

Please visit us at: www.athelstane839.org

HAPPY
EASTER

ALGON

Happy
Pasover

FROM 'YE OLD SCRIBE ...

I hope that all of you, my extended Athelstane Lodge Masonic family, are enjoying this beautiful Easter - Passover season with your loved ones. For us, this has been a busy time between follow-up medical visits and preparations for the holidays and our traditional family gatherings. Let's hope we all enjoy warm weather and glad tidings in the weeks ahead.

SAD TIDINGS ...

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and Athelstane Brother MANNY NORAT TORRES of Anchorage, Alaska. Manny was a very proud Mason and cherished his Athelstane Lodge membership. He was a frequent communicator with some of us by phone and by mail. He was recently awarded Mason of the Year recognition by his Lodge in Alaska. His son-in-law called to advise that Manny laid down his working tools of life on October 31, 2014 after a short hospitalization due to cardiac problems.

Sorry to hear from Brother IRWIN KAHN (Suffern) that he will not be able to attend his Masonic 50 Year Award presentation because he is battling small cell lymphoma and cannot be exposed to crowds. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brother Irwin for a successful outcome to this fight and speedy and complete return to good health. Amen !

ON THE MEND ...

Still trying to regain balance and equilibrium after winter falls ... R:W: MARVIN GESS and R:W: GENE ERICKSON ... also Bro. JONATHAN KAUFMAN suffering the aftermath of a tooth infection. W: LOUIS IRIZARRY, III looking svelte and fit with his weight loss after bariatric by-pass surgery.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG ...

So nice to hear from Bro. STEPHEN KATOV again, still in sunny (?) Lake Worth, Florida, but already anticipating attending an Athelstane meeting later this season Bro. Steve is seeking a ride from his new home in the Harbors at Haverstraw. Any Brother who can accommodate Steve, please call him at (845) 354-3761. Thanks !

Bro. TOM DAMIANI (Congers) ... thanks for your calls continuing and offers to be of assistance ... your concerns are G R E A T L Y appreciated !

OUR PHONE AND E-MAIL NOTES

Bro. DAVE CHERRY (Palm Beach Gardens, FL) looking forward to attending our Awards Dinner, June 16th when he will proudly receive his 60 Year Masonic Service Award.

From Ye Old Scribe (Cont.)

Bro. DAVE SCHNITZER (Blauvelt) looking forward to his return to Lodge having completed years of community service with the local volunteer Fire Department, retiring recently as a Chief. We'll look forward to welcoming you home, David !

And this just received from EDNA NIXON, wife of Bro. SAM NIXON who is recovering from a recent leg amputation is making good progress on his road to recovery. Edna and Sam are going to try to join us for the Athelstane Awards Dinner . Edna promised to keep us posted on progress in a couple weeks. In the meantime, they write, "... take care and thanks for keeping in touch. Regards to all the Athelstane Brothers and Sisters."

AND A GLANCE AHEAD ...

Two important Lodge meetings this month ... PLEASE READ THE MEETING NOTICE ... THE ATHELSTANIAN carefully. Both of these meeting really deserve your attendance and participation. Hope to see you !!!

Please mark YOUR calendar now ...our Annual Athelstane Lodge Awards Night and season closing dinner will be held this year on Tuesday evening, June 16 at La Terrazza Restaurant in New City . We will ask for paid reservations next month. In the meantime, please save the date on your calendar. We expect a big turnout for another great gathering of our Athelstane family. Hope you will be with us.

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT ...

This year The Orange-Rockland District Masonic Association (ORDMA) honors a Brother whom most of our active, local Brothers know for his many important Masonic efforts, his catering skills, and his outgoing, warm personality ... Brother MIKE PETERS, Orange-Rockland District Veterans and Military Outreach Committee Chairman, has been named the ORDMA MASON OF THE YEAR and he will be the guest of honor at the annual ORDMA Spring Dinner. Through the years Mike Peters has been the sparkplug for local Masonic efforts in support of our military past and present. It would be a great tribute to Mike and to ORDMA for us to have a good turnout for this social event. Athelstane Lodge will subsidize 50% of the cost so it's only \$27.50 pp, or \$50 per couple Please give your check for \$50 (or \$25) payable to ORDMA to our Master, W:. DOUG WARD.

DUES REMINDER ...

We still have a couple of dozen Brothers outstanding ... Past Due notices were sent last month. Not having paid your 2015 dues, you are in financial arrears to your Lodge. Please help us avoid costly and time consuming follow ups and mail your check. If you have any questions or concerns or if there are financial problems, please call me (845) 354 - 4192.

From Ye Old Scribe (Cont.)

AND PLEASE REMEMBER ...

THERE IS MORE TO BEING A BROTHER OF ATHELSTANE LODGE THAN SIMPLY PAYING DUES. KEEP IN TOUCH !!!

We are family. Even if your cable tow is such that you cannot attend Lodge, please keep in touch. We are concerned.

With warmest personal and fraternal best wishes ...

Ron

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015.....PASSOVER HOLIDAY begins at sundown, a good holiday to all who celebrate. Good Friday is also observed.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015.....EASTER SUNDAY.....HAPPY EASTER!

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015.....Athelstane Lodge 2270th Stated Communication, a SUMMONED COMMUNICATION for the presentation, discussion and voting on the 2015-2016 Annual Budget for the income and expenses of the Lodge; voting on a Petition for Affiliation and Dual Membership for Bro Eugene Muller (New Jersey) as authorized by Grand Lodge of NY; discussion and voting on a motion to agree to a proposal to allow an Observant Lodge to be formed in the Orange-Rockland District, as well as such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge. Join us for our pre-meeting dinner and social hour starting at 6:30 PM followed by this important meeting at 7:30 PM, sharp ! Please don't miss this important meeting so you can see what our Lodge's projected income and expenses will be going forward.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015.....ORDMA DINNER DANCE AT GOLDEN MANOR AT SPRUCE LODGE IN MONTGOMERY, NY.....This year we honor Brother MIKE PETERS, Orange-Rockland District Veterans and Military Outreach Committee Chairman, for all of his efforts through the years in support of our military past and present. Athelstane Lodge will subsidize 50% of the cost so it's only \$27.50 pp, or \$50 per couple for a fantastic event! This is ORDMA's only major fundraiser. See the Master, W.: Doug Ward for further details. Your check for \$50 (or \$25) payable to ORDMA should be give to the Master.

Upcoming Events (Cont.)

THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2015 ... Assistant Grand Lecturer's Convention in O-R District. An enjoyable night for learning ritual associated with our beautiful Masonic work. Everyone is encouraged to attend ... Officers of the Lodge needed if we are to qualify for the coveted Potts Award. Hoffman Lodge, 9 Courtland Street, Middletown, NY. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM, the AGL Convention opens at 7:30 PM. Please coordinate with our Master, W.: Doug Ward.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015 Athelstane Family teams up again to support the Annual **HOSPICE OF ROCKLAND WALK TO REMEMBER** at Rockland Lake State Park. We meet at 8:00 AM at North Pool. Please tell Bro Richie Schwartz that you will walk with us in support of this important community charity ... call Richie at (845) 354 - 2161.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015 ... Athelstane Lodge 2271st Stated Communication ... MASTER MASON DEGREE. W.: Doug Ward will confer the Third Degree on a class of worthy and well qualified candidates. Bro Earnest Hudson of Joseph Warren- Gothic Lodge will make a return visit to Athelstane Lodge to give the beautiful Historic Lecture. The conferral of the impressive Third Degree is always a big night with a wonderful turnout of Brothers. Do plan to join us for our this very special evening. Reception and sumptuous dinner at 6:00 this evening; Lodge opens at 7:00 sharp this night.

MONDAY, TUESDAY MAY 4-5, 2015.....234TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, MASONIC HALL, NYC

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015.....Annual Election of Officers.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015.....Annual Installation of Officers.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015.....Year-End Awards Dinner and Reception,
more details to come soon.





Challenges for the True Mason (Author Unkown)

I will do more than belong — I will participate.
I will do more than care — I will help.
I will do more than believe — I will practice.
I will do more than be fair — I will be kind.
I will do more than forgive — I will forget.
I will do more than dream — I will work.
I will do more than teach — I will inspire.
I will do more than earn — I will enrich.
I will do more than give — I will serve.
I will do more than live — I will grow.
I will do more then be friendly — I will be a friend.
I will do more than be a citizen — I will be a patriot.



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Trustees

W.: Alexander Mulgrew
2012 - 2015

Br. Richard Schwartz , D.S.A.
2013 - 2016

R.: W.: Bruce D. Klein
2014 - 2017

Past Masters

Howard Whitman	2011-13 Gerald P. Rickard	1983 Alfred Deninger	affl.
Ronald Pomerance, DSA	2010-11 Harold N. Eder *	1981 Jay Helgott	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10 Barry Ronner	1980-82 R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09 Eugene Foldare, DSA *	1979 Benjamin Kotzker	affl.
R.: W.: David Richards	2007-08 R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979 George Liberis	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07 R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977 Nathan Metlitz	affl.
R.: W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06 Norman J. Greenberg *	1976 Alvin M. Russell	affl.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05 R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976 Stuart Sindell	affl.
R.: W.: Harry F. Anderson	2002-03 Sander A. Lefkowitz *	1974 R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02 Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74 Arthur S. Vener	affl.
R.: W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01 Leonard J. Plotch *	1972 M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00 Henry Morris	1972 R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98 R.: W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971 R.: W.: Robert Blanke	Hon.
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99 Charles K. Dunlop *	1969 R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95 Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969 V.: W.: Mark Hanson	Hon.
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97 Henry Chait *	1967 R.: W.: Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
Anthony Uribinato	1987-88, 1990 Murray Kaplowitz *	1965 R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992 Robert Maidman *	1958	
R.: W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94 Irwin W. Clements	affl. *	* Tappan Zee Lodge No. 1125
	1998-99		