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May 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

April 27, 2011

Brethren:

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

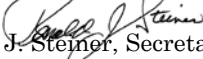
2187th STATED COMMUNICATION - SUMMONED

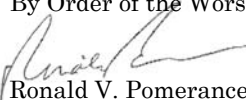
Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 7:30 PM

You are hereby **SUMMONED**, and you and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to attend the 2187th Communication of Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM, to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in the Pearl River Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m. The business for the evening will be the Annual Meeting of Athelstane Lodge, for the purpose of receiving annual reports and the election of Officers and Trustees of the Lodge for the ensuing year. R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II will officiate as Election Officer.

Officers Attire: Business Suit.

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



2188th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Business: **Open Installation of Officers for 2011-2012**

Place: Masonic Temple, Pearl River, NY

Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m.

Officers Attire: Formal

On The Cover

The House of The Temple

The Headquarters of Supreme Council, 33°, Scottish Rite, S.J., U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

Cornerstone laid 1911, completed 1915. Designed by John Russell Pope. It is an adaptation of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Major Frank Letizia Proposed by Bro. William Schroeder 04/2/2008
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. Seth Lee	Initiated 10/05/10
Bro. Brian Gonzalez	Initiated 10/05/10
Bro. Joseph Chapley	Initiated 11/28/06

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Mathew Kerewski	Passed 04/05/2011
Bro. Eric Mateyka	Passed 01/11/2011
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Passed 11/16/2010
Bro. James T. Shanahan	Passed 11/16/2010

AWAITING BALLOT FOR RE-AFFILIATION

Bro. Richard Rovegno



SAD TIDINGS

It is with a heavy heart that I must advise the Lodge of the death of **Brother Richard Cullison**, born October 28, 1943 and called by the Great Architect February 12 2011.

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(Sad Tidings, Continued)

I also must sadly report the passing of Ms. Terry Copperman; sister of R.:W.: Theodore Cooperman, Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Honduras near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York on 31 March 2011.

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

THE FUTURE

May 2nd & 3rd	Annual Communication of Grand Lodge
May 3rd	Election of Officers
May 17th	Open Installation of Officers
June 21st	Annual Awards Dinner DaNina Restaurant, Suffern, NY Cost: \$60.00 (approx.)
Sept. 20th	Apron Presentation for R.:W.: Harry Anderson Pearl River Hilton Cost: \$60.00 (estimated)

2011 Awards Dinner Honorees

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Raised</u>
BRO.	ERNEST P. CASSIS	65	06/06/46
BRO.	JAY D. NORTHRUP	65	12/02/46
BRO.	PERCEY GOLDSTEIN	60	11/27/51
W.:	ROBERT M. MAINDMAN	60	11/27/51
BRO.	HOWARD H. SCHACK	60	03/15/51
BRO.	MAX BERKOWITZ	60	06/07/51
R.:W.:	EUGENE W. ERICKSON	55	08/20/56
BRO.	PHILLIP A. FRIEDMAN	55	11/27/56
BRO.	MURRAY H. KAPLOWITZ	55	04/10/56
BRO.	BERNARD M. PATASHNIK	55	03/15/56
BRO.	SAM WEINBERG	55	05/17/56
BRO.	EDWIN F. MURDOCK, JR.	50	05/06/61
R.:W.:	C.F. WILLIAM MAURER III	50	11/15/61
BRO.	ALAN M. SHOEMAKER	50	01/24/61
BRO.	WILLIAM B. STEINBACH	50	05/06/51
BRO.	BENNET SILVER	45	04/26/66
BRO.	WILLIAM FRANK	45	11/04/66
W.:	HENRY L. MORRIS	45	04/21/66
BRO.	JACK D. LESELL	40	06/04/70

(Awards Dinner Honorees, Continued)

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Raised</u>
W.:	BARRY S. RONNER	40	12/02/71
W.:	GEORGE W. BIELSKI	40	05/20/71
BRO.	ROBERT SLOTNICK	40	05/20/71
BRO.	FREDERICK A. DEBOER	35	05/06/76
BRO.	JOSEPH L. FERRARA	25	12/04/86
BRO.	SANDER A. LEFKOWITZ	25	06/08/65
BRO.	RONALD A. STEWART	15	03/27/91
R.:W.:	PETER J. DEDEL	15	02/06/96
BRO.	ADAM MAURER	15	02/06/96
BRO.	STEVEN D. BLOTNER	10	05/01/01
R.:W.:	BRUCE D. KLEIN	10	05/01/01
BRO.	CHRISTOPHER M. DRESCHER	10	05/01/01
BRO.	DONALD E. ROMAN	10	05/01/01
BRO.	BRIAN D. BLOTNER	10	05/01/01
BRO.	TOV B. BROG	5	04/25/06
BRO.	PAUL J. TENDLER	5	05/16/06
BRO.	JOHN S. GEBBIA III	5	04/25/06
BRO.	SHANNON T. HEITHCOCK	5	05/16/06
BRO.	KENNY WU	5	05/16/06
BRO.	ELIAS MALLON	5	05/16/06
BRO.	DAVID L. MCKEOWN	5	04/25/06

FROM AN OLD SCRIBE ...

At long last the weather has caught up to the calendar and we are finally seeing signs of Spring here in Rockland County. The trees are in bud and the forsythia is about to burst into full glory ... the season of rebirth and rejuvenation is at hand. And we are on the eve of our Athelstane Lodge Annual Meeting where we will hear the end of year annual reports from our elected Officers of the Lodge, our Trustees and Committee Chairmen. This is also the time when we elect our new Officers for the ensuing year. So we have a double reason to come to Lodge this month ... to say thanks to the outgoing Officers for a job well done ... and to elect and welcome our new line of Officers and demonstrate our support for them and the Lodge.

We really do hope to see YOU at our Lodge meetings in the coming weeks. And don't forget the meeting of May 17th with pre-meeting dinner is open for Ladies, family, friends and guests. Plan to join us as we install our new Athelstane Lodge Officers for 2011-2012. We encourage family and friends ... and prospective Masons.

Our Lodge was well represented at the annual Grand Lecturer's Convention April 14th ... Athelstane was the host Lodge to close to 70 Brethren from the Orange Rockland District plus guests. We had fourteen Brothers counted that night but missed the Potts Award for reasons and circumstances beyond our control. But extra special thanks to our Athelstane Lodge Bro **STUART GREENE** for providing and serving the catered

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dinner that night (as he does for so many of our meetings and special events) ... Stuart went above and beyond and everyone agreed it was a delicious meal and Athelstane was a gracious host that night.

DISTRESS...

Sorry to report that FC Brother **SETH LEE**, son of our Brother **DUNCAN LEE** and **EJ**, accidentally severed the tip of a finger and required microsurgery to reattach nerves. He is still bandaged but reporting good progress on his road to recovery.

Brother **ROBERT MAIDMAN** called to offer regrets that he can't be with us in person to accept his 60 year Award in June. Robert now lives in Boca Raton Florida and is getting regular dialysis. He would appreciate a friendly call from Brothers who know him. His phone number 561 - 483 - 5332

R.:W HARRY SKY calling in from Israel the other day to wish my bride a happy birthday and to wish all the Brothers well and how much he misses the fraternalism of our Lodge.

BERTHA OSBORNE, widow of our late, cherished Brother **STUART OSBORNE**, DSA, fell while in Florida and suffered a broken leg. We wish Bertha a speedy and complete recovery and we look forward to seeing her smiling face at our June 21st Awards Dinner.

ROUND AND ABOUT THE LODGE...

Special thanks to our Athelstane Lodge walkers and runners who turned out on a rather cold and damp Sunday, April 10th, for the "**Annual Hospice Walk to Remember**" ..to our own organizer Bro **RICHIE SCHWARTZ**, DSA, and our resident photog **SUSAN SCHWARTZ**, RW **FEDERICO LARRINAGA** and **MARIE, W.: DAVE RICHARDS**, Bro **STEPHEN BARD** and his daughter **NICOLE**, and yours truly. 'Twas the biggest turnout of runners and walkers we have seen at the annual run/walk around Rockland Lake in many years and all for a good cause.

GLAD TIDINGS...

R.:W.: MARTIN LINDENBERG and his bride **IRENE** back home in Nyack after an uneventful flight from Palm Beach into Westchester airport. Marty is getting his strength back and hopes to be at lodge soon.

Brother **BOB CARMEN** on the mend after gall bladder surgery.

HAILEE GREENE, daughter of **LEE ANN** and our Bro **STUART GREENE** graduating this month from Drew University. And Hailee's proud

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grandparents **BARBARA** and Bro **JACK GREENE** (coming north for the spring/summer) will be in the cheering section! We do look forward to seeing Greene in the Springtime !!! (pardon). Mazel tov to all the Greenses !!!

Welcome home to all our Florida snowbirds ... thanx for bringing the warm(er) weather north.

Congrats to **W.: ANTHONY URBANATO** out in Las Vegas on the recent birth of his second grandchild ... a baby boy this time, named Caleb. His grand-daughter is Layla. Both born to his daughter Allison. Way to go !!! Sincere best wishes for a long and healthy life to Anthony and all of his family !!!

We received a beautiful letter from our longtime Brother Dr. **Percy Goldstein** from Los Angeles in response to our invitation to be present June 21st for his 60th Masonic Birthday celebration in Athelstane Lodge on June 21st ... and I would like to share it with you ...

Dear Brother Ron:

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate the honor of being recognized after 60 years as a Brother Mason. I'm sorry I can't attend the dinner because I live all the way across the country and my health doesn't permit me to travel to the East Coast.

Please mail the award to me and I will treasure it. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to attend meetings at the local lodge and have not really affiliated with them. Even though I haven't been active in Masonry, I have always treasured my membership and remember when Tappan Zee Lodge was just five years old and I remember all the many men I associated with at that time. Having been raised in 1951 by my late beloved father who was a Mason since 1919, I have always valued my years in Masonry.

I've always been proud of the many charitable things that Masonry does. One of my daughters was a counselor at (Masonic) Camp Seven in the Suffern area. Seeing the work that was done with under-privileged children and seeing how they were given new clothes and a chance to get away from the crowded city made me very proud to be a Mason. I am also proud of the manifold other charitable activities that Masons are responsible for such as the hospital burn units, orthopedic operations for children, and other contributions to the betterment of humanity, all without cost to the patients.

Again, I would like to thank you for the honor of this (60 year) award and wish you the best of luck with the upcoming recognition dinner.

Sincerely,

(s) Brother Dr. Perry Goldstein

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We received a nice note from our Lodge Brother **ERNEST CASSIS** now living in Westerly Rhode Island and who asked to be remembered to his Brothers and said that although he can not be with us to receive his 65 Year Award as a Brother Mason, " ... if you would be kind enough to mail the award to me, I will be proud to display it here in my home."

We will certainly drink a toast to health and long life to all of our Brothers wherever situated.

THERE ARE STILL A FEW ATHELSTANE LODGE BROTHERS WHO ARE DELINQUENT IN THERE 2011 DUES. IF THERE IS A FINANCIAL PROBLEM PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE NEVER WANT TO LOSE A BROTHER BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL REASONS. PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH THE SECRETARY.

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On a personal note, Joan and I wish all of our Brothers and their families a joyous Easter and/or a sweet Passover ... for you and all of those you love!

All the best !!!

With warm fraternal regards,

Ron Steiner

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A TOUCH OF MASONIC TRIVIA

In the movie "True Grit", both versions, the original version and the current version, there is a reference to Masonry. What is it, who made it and what were the circumstances ???

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MASTER MASON DEGREE

Joint degree with Warwick Lodge on April 15, 2011.



FROM THE EAST

Of times when one reaches the end of a project, they tend to become both introspective and retrospective. Yours truly being no exception, and consequently and within the short boundaries of the time and space available in this Trestleboard, it seems an appropriate time to both look back upon the year just past and also to look into ones self and hopefully to the future.

Faced with more adversity than I would have liked, a vicious winter storm started the year 2011, forcing us to race through a Fellowcraft degree at a special meeting held because of military commitments on January 11 and we barely got out just as the storm hit. If that was not enough adversity, two meetings, both scheduled for degree work had to be postponed, once again because of brutal winter storms in one of the severest winters that this area has faced in many years. Honestly, with January being one of the coldest and snowiest months since records have been kept, I felt it was dangerous and foolhardy to ask the Brothers to risk their lives and safety driving to the meetings under such conditions. In that vein, it was bad enough to have to postpone a Fellowcraft degree but I was genuinely agonized to have to postpone the Master Mason degree particularly because it was specifically scheduled for two GIs who were on re-deployment orders and we had already obtained appropriate permission from Grand Lodge and to this date we still have not been able to reschedule those degrees. A third meeting had to be postponed because of holiday conflicts. Neither the weather nor the calendar has been our friend this year. Beyond the weather, I had a project that I was personally looking forward to where Pastor Mark Isaac was going to tell us all about the "The Lost Symbol" and its Masonic significance - But, like the other Dan Brown books, it's a great

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story. We could just never get our schedules together. There were also other desires and plans that I look back on with regret but time and space prevents detailed recitation and "breast beating" of those matters.

Better, still, lets look to our many successes and to our glorious future.

Successes, we had those aplenty. - Happily, far more successes than regrets. We started the year with a wonderful End of Year and Award Dinner, well attended and well enjoyed at DaNina's including the presentations of Years of Service Honors and Awards to many of our most Honored and Respected Brothers. Lets never forget the well deserved and well earned DSA award to W.: Al Oster for his service to the Lodge and Masonry over many years "above and beyond the call of duty". After the summer break we had another wonderful dinner at Casa Mia at which we had the Honor to recognize our own R.:W.: "Lou II" on his elevation to District Deputy Grand Master. Many congratulations and wishing many more years of good Health, Happiness and Successful Masonic Service to all of the award recipients. R.:W.: Bill Maurer spoke to us twice, once about George Washington's "other apron", and later about the Dragoons - what a fountain of historical information R.:W.: Bill is!!! We had our holiday party at Casa Mia again well attended and well enjoyed by all.

Lest anyone think that all we do is party (why not, parties are fun), we did manage to "squeeze in" some Masonic Work. We conferred several Entered Apprentice Degrees, and several Fellowcraft degrees on new Brothers. We honored Bro. Robert Burns - MC'ed by Bro. John Gebbia. We conducted child ID programs, one of which was done at the RCC Home Show at which we processed over 250 people, mostly kids but also a goodly number of adults. Many thanks to R.:W.: Bruce Klein and more brothers than I can name from all over the area - they have already been listed and thanked in past Trestleboards. As well as that child ID at Jawonio - again many thanks to R.:W.: Bruce Klein. We hosted the Grand Lecturers Convention on April 14 and saw a great turnout for an wonderfully informative event - thanks to V.:W.: Scott Alan Klein and V.: W.: John Cola. We had our Hospice walk at Rockland Lake - thanks to Bro. Richie Schwartz. DSA, - and we also had our Hospice Tree of life at the Palisades Mall over the Christmas Holiday season and succeeded in collecting more money for a very worthwhile charity than ever before - thanks to R.:W.: Ron Steiner and all of those who attended and helped out. We then conferred a Master Mason degree jointly with Warwick Lodge on four new Brothers, two from Athelstane and two from Warwick. Many thanks and respects are owed to W.: Luke Gordon and his staff of Officers and Brothers from Warwick Lodge who participated in the degree and without whom the degree would have been extremely difficult. By the way, more thanks and more Honors than I can adequately express to that guy from the North - who is that?? - - I forget his name - - who?? - - Oh yes, Bro. Mark Hanson (West Point Lodge). Does he really have all those rituals and degrees memorized?? Fantastic!!! Mark bailed us out on several occasions. Thanks Bro. Mark .

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While we are thinking about charity lets not forget our charitable work. Despite the adversities of the economy we were able to continue our contributions to Hospice, Jawonio, Masonic Medical Care Facility, Shrine Transportation Unit, Multiple college scholarships to high school seniors, the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and many other charitable activities thanks to wise guidance of our finances by R.:W.: Marvin Gess, our Treasurer, and RW Ron Steiner, our Secretary

I could ramble on and on interminably but as I said, the constraints of time (my time and your time) and space (this publication) severely limits my mental meanderings and reminiscences

Let me close by simply extending, and with genuine heartfelt gratitude, my personal thanks, appreciation and admiration to the staff of officers that I have had the distinct privilege to work with all year and who have labored so continually and diligently to make Athelstane Lodge a "roaring success" - Bro. Howard Whitman, SW, W.: Al Oster DSA JW, R.:W.: Ron Steiner, Secretary, R.:W.: Marvin Gess, Treasurer, Bro. Richie Butts, SD, Bro. Doug Ward, JD, R.:W.: Federico Larrinaga, Sr MC, Bro. Richie Schwartz, DSA, JMC, W.: Nate Metlitz. Marshall, and V.:W.: Scott Alan Klein, Tyler.

Let me also extend my Best Wishes for success and happiness to the incoming line of officers. May their path be steady, their eyes true and their hands firmly on the steering wheel of the Lodge

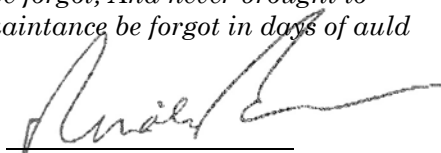
Finally, I would feel genuinely remiss if I did not express a special thanks and appreciation to just a few of the many brothers who, during times of stress and adversity, genuinely "were there" with their sagely advice and guidance all during the year,, when they were needed, especially R.:W.: Ron Steiner, R.:W.: Marvin Gess, R.:W.: Lou Irizarry II, W.: Al Oster, and W.: Al Mulgrew. If it was not for the unselfish and tireless efforts of W.: Al Mulgrew, this Trestleboard would not have gotten off the ground. Thanks much W.: Al. Heartfelt Thanks to all you guys. It would have been very difficult and much less fun and satisfaction without your wise counsel.

And last but certainly not least - - to our "Caterer Extraordinaire", Bro. Stu Greene. Thanks a million Stu. Athelstane would be a much hungrier place without you.

Thanks to all the Brothers who made this such a great and successful year.

*_ Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to
mindShould auld acquaintance be forgot in days of auld
lang syne*

God Bless America!!



Ronald V. Pomerance, Master

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