

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS INSTITUTED 1902

Naurashank Temple
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Pearl River, NY 10965

Communications 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
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May 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

April 27, 2012

Brethren:

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

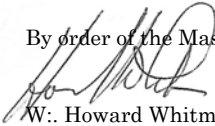
2209th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7:30 PM

You are **SUMMONED** and you and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to the 2209th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No 839 F & AM to be held in the Pearl River Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening, May 1 2012 promptly at 7:30 PM for the purpose of voting on the 2012 Athelstane Lodge Budget and a review of our finances, for voting on applications for membership and affiliation in our Lodge, discussion of significant upcoming events, and such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge .

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

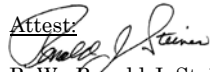
By order of the Master



W.: Howard Whitman



Attest:



R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner
Secretary

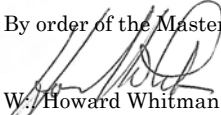
2210th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

You are **SUMMONED** and you and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to the 2210th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No 839 F & AM to be held in the Pearl River Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening, May 15, 2012 promptly at 7:30 PM for the Annual Meeting of our Lodge; to receive the annual reports of the Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees and Committees, for the purpose of voting on the elected Officers for 2012-2013 and such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge .

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

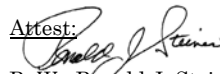
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WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING VOTE ON REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT

Bro. Eliot Herman has requested reinstatement after paying two years back dues and current 2012 dues for Athelstane Lodge.

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Edward Lawrence Jones, Jr. Proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo 04/17/12

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Bro. Mihail Bajdechi	Initiated 03/20/12
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. Michael Anthny DePaolo	Passed 04/17/12
Bro. Roy Rizzotti	Passed 04/17/12
Bro. Eric Mateyka	Passed 01/11/11
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Passed 11/16/10

AWAITING SIGNING OF CONSITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS TO CONSUMATE DUAL MEMBERSHIP IN ATHELSTANE LODGE

Bro. Benjamin Kotzer	Elected 03/06/12
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THE FUTURE

- May 1st Summonee Communication - Budget Meeting
 Presentations by Treasurer and Secretary, review of Lodge finances by Bro. Warren Wang, CPA, followed by discussion and vote on the Budget for the current year.
 Dinner at 6:00p.m.Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.
- May 7th & 8th 231st Annual Communication of Grand
 Masonic Hall
 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY
- May 15th Summonee Communication—Annual Meeting
 Reports of Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees, and Committee Chairman, Voting for elected Officers 2012-2013 and Trustee
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.
- June 5th Installation of Officers for 2012-2013 and Annual Awards Dinner
 Our traditional year end Ladies Night, with an open invitation to family and friends as we honor our Officers and Years of Service Award recipients.
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.
- June 19th Special program to be announced.

FROM THE OLD SCRIBE ...

From the Secretary's mail bag ...

*There are still a few Brothers who have not sent their 2012 Athelstane Lodge dues and they are PAST DUE and in arrears. PLEASE ... If you have not yet sent your check please do so today. **If there is a financial problem, please contact me so we can try to be helpful.** We never want to lose an Athelstane Brother because of financial circumstances.*

TIDINGS ...

Brother **PAUL TENDLER** reports he is "doing OK" as he and **SANDY** are off to North Carolina for their Granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov and stay well !!!

Congratulations again to R.W.: **FEDERICO LARRINAGA** and **MARIE** on the birth of their daughter's first baby boy (now one month old) and safe travels as our Grand Chaplain ventures forth to Bolivia in a few weeks.

Sorry to learn that Brother **STEVEN MARCUS** is suffering from continuing, progressive, and now very painful neuropathy in his legs. Steven is now using a voice recognition computer and recently wrote some very interesting and nostalgic memories of the days when he was raised back in 1965 and how he used to visit other

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Lodges with W.: Al Oster (then Junior Deacon) and Bro. Pete Talman. Our best wishes were sent to Steve with the thoughts and prayers of his Athelstane Brothers that his pain will be mitigated.

Our new Athelstane Lodge Brother **MARK BURKE** is now undergoing chemotherapy in his battle against a malignant tumor on the pancreas. While Brother Mark is optimistic, help is needed. Mark's family and friends have joined in the battle against this dreaded disease by supporting research through the Lustgarten Foundation. We are asking our Brothers to support this effort. You can make a contribution earmarked for the Lustgarten Foundation to our Brotherhood Fund Chairman Bro. Dennis O'Connor. **PLEASE donate** any amount you can to try and help find a cure for this awful disease. 100% of every dollar donated to The Lustgarten Foundation goes directly to pancreatic cancer research.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the mother of our good Brother **JOHN GEBBIA** and her family as she continues her battle with cancer.

Good to hear from two of our lovely ladies and members of our surviving spouse initiative ... **SANDY JOY** and **SANDY WEINBERG** sent greetings this week and glad to say they are both well.

Reflecting ...

A small but dedicated band of Athelstane Brothers made it to the Annual Hospice "Walk/Run to Remember" on Sunday, April 21st. It sure was a cold and windy day, but the rain held off long enough for the important fund raising event to take place ... and it was successful ! There were close to 1,000 runners and walkers and "a loud cheering section of family and friends." Our contingent included our spark plug organizer and "old reliable" Bro. **RICHIE SCHWARTZ**, Junior Warden Bro. **DOUG WARD**, our new Fellowcraft Brother **ROY RIZZOTTI**, Brother **JOHN GEBBIA** and yours truly. Somewhere in the crowd was the family of our 50 Year Masonic Brother **CHARLES RUBACK** who were participating in memory of Charlie's late wife. This year our Athelstane Lodge "Walk to Remember" contribution was made in memory of **ZORA RUBACK** and our late Brother R.W.: **MARTIN LINDENBERG**, who was a long time Hospice Volunteer. If we missed anyone else from our gang, please let Richie know.

Our Athelstane Lodge meeting on Tuesday April 3rd was certainly an education experience for many of our Brothers as we greeted an old friend of mine and a very distinguished member of our New York Grand Lodge for many, many years ... Right Worshipful **ROBERT STACK**, Past Grand Treasurer Chairman of the Grand Lodge Brotherhood Fund and the Masonic Brotherhood Foundation. R.W.: Bob's talk was well received as he explained each of the deserving charities supported by the MBF and your contributions.

Our meeting of April 17th was really a warm, congenial and memorable fraternal night as we passed two of our Entered Apprentice Brothers **ROY RIZZOTTI** and **MICHAEL DE PAOLO** to the Fellowcraft Degree. W.: **RON POMERANCE** graced the East and visiting Brother **EARNEST HUDSON** from my mother Lodge, Joseph Warren-Gothic No. 839, Seventh Manhattan gave the Middle Chamber Lecture in a most eloquent and flawless manner that moved everyone present to give him a standing ovation. We were also appreciative of the many visiting Brothers who joined us on this evening from sister Lodges in the area.

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We were also delighted to have had with us a visiting Brother from " across the pond", 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 suitably impressed as he extended his warm fraternal greeting at the conclusion of the meeting.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD ...

A story in this week's **JOURNAL NEWS** told of our late Brother and well respected Rockland Judge **GEORGE M. BERGERMAN** and the efforts of his granddaughter **ALLYSON BENOIT** to raise funds in his memory to reinstate the DARE program in Orangetown. Funding for this vital program serving youth in our local area had been cut from the current Town budget. DARE is a very worthwhile community outreach project for the Lodge and we hope to be able to support these efforts financially.

UPCOMING ...

My Brothers ... there is a very big difference between a regular, "**Stated Communication**" of the Lodge and a "**SUMMONED COMMUNICATION.**" You took a solemn obligation, health and business permitting, to attend meetings of the Lodge when you are summoned to do so. Our next two meetings deserve your participation if within the length of your cable tow. A lot of time and effort and a meeting of your Past Masters have gone into the preparation of the financial reports to the Lodge and the Budget which will be presented for discussion, your considerations and adoption by vote in the Lodge at our next meeting on May 1st. The Annual meeting of the Lodge on May 15th is more than just a night of nostalgia. We will reflect on the past year in our Lodge, but more importantly, we will be electing our Officers who will guide us through the next year and beyond. Please make the effort to attend. **Both of our May meetings are SUMMONED COMMUNICATIONS.**

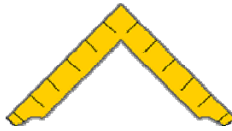
AND REMEMBER PLEASE ... **THERE IS MORE ...**

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:

April was an active month for the Lodge, highlighted by the Passing of two Brothers, Roy Rizzotti and Michael DePaolo to the Degree of Fellowcraft on April 17th.

On April 3rd, we had an excellent talk given by RW Robert Stack on the various Masonic Charities and what they mean for our communities. It was very well received, and updated us as to how important our efforts are.

On a cold and blustery April 22nd, we had a contingent from our Lodge participate in the United Hospice Walk for Life, spearheaded by Brother Richie Schwartz DSA.

May will be busy, as we have two Summoned Communications. On May 1st, the Lodge will meet to review the Budget for 2012/2013. On May 7th + 8th, Grand Lodge will be having their elections and Installation. On May 15th, Athelstane Lodge will be having our elections of Officers for the ensuing year.

June 5th will be our Installation and end-of-year party at Athelstane Lodge, and we expect to have a spectacular evening. Our last meeting will be on June 19th before the Lodge goes dark for the Summer.

Fraternally,

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Trustees

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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 R.:W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10 Gerald P. Rickard	1983 R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09 Harold N. Eder *	1981 Alvin M. Russell	affl.
David Richards	2007-08 Barry Ronner	1980-82 Stuart Sindell	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07 Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979 Arthur S. Vener	affl.
R.:W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06 R.:W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979 Jay Hellgott	affl.
R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05 R.:W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977 George Liberis	affl.
R.:W.: Harry F. Anderson	2002-03 Norman J. Greenberg *	1976 Nathan Metlitz	affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02 R.:W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976 M.:W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
R.:W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01 R.:W.: Martin Lindenberg	1975 R.:W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00 Sander A. LeKowitz *	1974 R.:W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98 Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74 R.:W.: Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
R.:W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99 Leonard J. Plotch *	1972 R.:W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
R.:W.: Glen L. Weinberg *	1994-97 Henry Morris	1972, 1985 R.:W.: Robert Blanke	Hon.
R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95 R.:W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971 * Tappan Zec Lodge No. 1125	
R.:W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97 Charles K. Dunlop *	1969	
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	