

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE

No. 839

**FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
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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

May 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

2230th STATED COMMUNICATION
SUMMONED COMMUNICATION

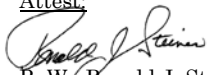
Tuesday, May 7th, 2013 at 7:30 PM

You are hereby SUMMONED to attend the 2230th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F. & A.M., our ANNUAL MEETING, and a most cordial and fraternal invitation is extended to your Masonic friends to join us on Tuesday evening, May 7, 2013 promptly at 7:30 PM at the Pearl River Masonic Temple, 2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River, N.Y. for the purpose of:

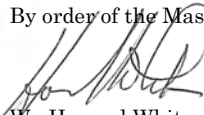
- To receive the Annual Reports of the Worshipful Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees and Committee Chairmen;
- Balloting on Petitions for Membership and Advancement of prospective candidates;
- Election of Officers for the ensuing year;
- Discussion and vote to change location of Lodge meetings beginning Fall 2013;
- 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: Business Attire

Attest:


R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner
Secretary



By order of the Master

W.: Howard Whitman

2231st STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

A warm and cordial invitation is extended to you, your family and Masonic friends to join us for the Public Installation of Officers for the coming Masonic Year, at the 2231st Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F. & A.M., to be held in the Pearl River Masonic Temple at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, May 21, 2013 .

Time: Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Installation at 8:00 p.m.

The Investiture of the Master Elect will take place in a closed, Tiled meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Attire: Past Masters & Officers - Formal with white gloves,
and jewels.
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

AWAITING SIGNING OF BY-LAWS TO CONSUMATE DUAL MEMBERSHIP

W.: Irwin William Clements, elected to membership 04/02/13

AWAITING DEGREE OF ENTERED APPRENTICE

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

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

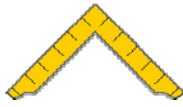
Bro. Daniel Edwin Badillo; Initiated 02/05/13
Bro. Mihail Bajdechi; Initiated 03/20/12
Bro. Edward Lawrence Jones, Jr.; Initiated 10/16/12
Bro. Pablo Sandoval; Initiated 10/16/12

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Daniel Daneshrad; Passed 03/19/13
Bro. Eric Mateyka; Passed 01/11/11
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka; Passed 11/16/10
Bro. Roy Rizzotti; Passed 04/17/12

WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY RAISED BROTHERS

Bro. Michael Anthony DePaolo; Raised 04/23/13
Bro. Marc Andre Jean Baptiste; Raised 04/23/13
Bro. Brian Anthony Restivo; Raised 04/23/13



FROM THE EAST

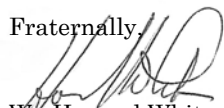
My Brothers:

My Brothers, as this will be my last Trestleboard as Master, I want to thank all of the Brethren who helped and guided me through these past two years. If I fail to mention anyone, please forgive me. R.:W.: Ron Steiner has been an incredible Mentor and Guide, making it much easier for me to adjust to the responsibilities of my Office. R.:W.: Louis Irizarry, II has been there for me with invaluable assistance when needed. W.: Ron Pomerance, W.: Alex Mulgrew, R.:W.: Scott Allan Klein, R.:W.: Marvin Gess, W.: Louis Irizarry, III, Bro. Doug Ward, and V.:W.: Mark Hanson were always available to fill in and assist in moving the Lodge forward. Without their help, as well as the Lodge Brethren, my two years in the East would have been very different.

On April 23rd we had the pleasure of raising three new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: Brother Brian Restivo, Brother Michael DePaolo, and Brother Marc Jean-Baptiste.

On May 7th we will be having our elections of the new Officers for 2013/2014, and will have the Installation of the new line on May 21st. On June 18th, we will be having our end of year party at Casa Mia Manor House. The subsidized cost for the Brothers is \$ 37.50/ person, \$ 75.00/ couple.

Fraternally,



W.: Howard Whitman

THE FUTURE

May 6th & 7th **232nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE**

Masonic Hall
71 W. 23rd Street, New York, NY

May 7th **ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

May 9th **MASONIC SAFETY ID PROGRAM**

Grandview Elementary School - Monsey, NY
We need Volunteers!
Please call R.W.: Ron Steiner (845) 354-4192

May 21st **OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Installation of Master Elect: 7:30 p.m.
Installation of Officers: 8:00 p.m.

June 18th **ANNUAL ATHELSTANE AWARDS NIGHT & DINNER**

Casa Mia Manor House - Blauvelt, NY
Subsidized cost for Brothers is \$37.50 per Person, \$75.00 per couple.

June 21st - 23rd **SAINT JOHN'S DAY 2013**

Masonic Care Community - Utica, NY

FROM DE OLD SCRIBE ...

GLAD TIDINGS ...

We welcome three newly raised Master Masons to our Athelstane Lodge family ... Bro. **MICHAEL ANTHONY DePAOLO**, Bro. **MARC ANDRE JEAN-BAPTISTE**, and Bro. **BRIAN ANTHONY RESTIVO** ! Our Past Masters and participating Officers and sideliners did wonderful work at our first **PAST MASTER'S NITE** in quite a long time. We had the pleasure of watching **W.: LOUIS IRIZARRY, III** in the East and conferred the degree in masterful form, and special kudos again, to **V.: W.: Bro. MARK HANSON**, Honorary Athelstane Brother and AGL for his awesome ritual work and enthusiastic delivery.

SAD TIDINGS ...

It is always distressing to hear of a Brother who is ill. We were especially saddened to learn that our good friend and long time Athelstane Brother **W.: RICHARD FASSBERG** is now under Hospice care at his home in Florida. Our heart goes out to Richard's wife, Ronnie, and their family and friends. We hope that G-d in his infinite wisdom will be gracious to Brother Richard and he does not suffer. Please keep the Fassberg family and Brother Richard in your thoughts and prayers.

(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)

A LOOK BACK AT OUR PAST MEETING ...

April was indeed a busy month for us. At our Summoned Communication of April 2nd we adopted our Budget for the year and enjoyed a most interesting presentation by **R.:W.: BILL MAURER** about our Brother **W.: George Washington** and his close ties to our historic lower Hudson Valley, and Tappan. Our meeting of April 16th was originally scheduled for a Third Degree, but that was postponed a week and instead we enjoyed a brief talk prepared by Bro. **ELI MALLON** on the significance of the Acacia Tree. Our Masonic education is an ongoing thing and we enjoy learning at every opportunity.

The Special Communication of April 23rd was indeed *special* as we received an old Athelstane tradition ... a PAST MASTER'S NITE ... with most of the Stations and Places filled by Past Masters as we conferred the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on three well qualified FC Brothers. Among the PM's present were **R.:W.:s SCOTT ALLAN KLEIN, BRUCE KLEIN, DAVID RICHARDS, LOU IRIZARRY, II, BILL MAURER, HARRY ANDERSON, JOEL ROSENWASSER,** and yours truly **RJS , V.:W.: MARK HANSON,** and **W.:s NATE METLITZ, ALEC MULGREW, JAY HELFGOTT, GEORGE BIELSKI, LOU IRIZARRY, II,** and our Master **W.: HOWARD WHITMAN.** Nice turnout ... and nice work !!!

In between we squeezed in the **Annual Hospice Walk/Run to Remember** on a cold, windy raw Sunday, April 21st. Our hearty band of Athelstanian's on hand to help and/or walk (no runners from our family this year that I saw) were **RICHIE SCHWARTZ, HOWARD WHITMAN, RON POMERANCE, MEL and JOAN BIRNBAUM, DAVE RICHARDS, JOHN GEBBIA, SETH LEE,** and me.

UPCOMING EVENTS ... FOR YOUR CALENDAR ...

Monday and Tuesday, May 6-7 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION, Masonic Hall, NYC.

Tuesday May 7th SUMMONED COMMUNICATION - Athelstane Lodge Annual Meeting, Reports of Officers, Election of Officers, Discussion and Vote on Change of Meeting Location, Balloting on Petitions.

Thursday, May 9th CHILD ID at Grandview Elementary School in Monsey. We need volunteers to assist. Call me at (845) 354 - 4192.

Tuesday, May 21st OPEN MEETING - Public Installation of Officers. Ladies Night, reception and dinner.

Tuesday, June 18th Annual Athelstane Awards Night and Dinner at the Lodge, honoring our 50 Year - 55 Year - 60 Year Brothers. This year we return to the CASA MIA MANOR HOUSE for our traditional year end family reception and sumptuous dinner. dinner. PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Subsidized price for Athelstane members is \$75 a couple. \$37.50 singles. Send check to our Secretary please.

(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)

DUES REMINDER ...

PLEASE ...We still have about two dozen Brothers in financial arrears. **THREE 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..

CHARITY

Bro. **MICHAEL OLMO** has a special good luck charm waiting for you ... a genuine four leaf clover tenderly hand raised and now laminated in plastic to last for years. Our thanks for your gift of any amount to one of our Masonic charities. Your Lodge, the Masonic Medical Research Lab, the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, Masonic Care Community or one of the local charities we support. Send your check now. You have all received a special envelope with you dues card. Thanx !!!

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
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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.		
		Alfred H. Denninger	Affl.		
Richard H. Fassberg	1984, 1991				

* Tappan Zec Lodge No. 1125