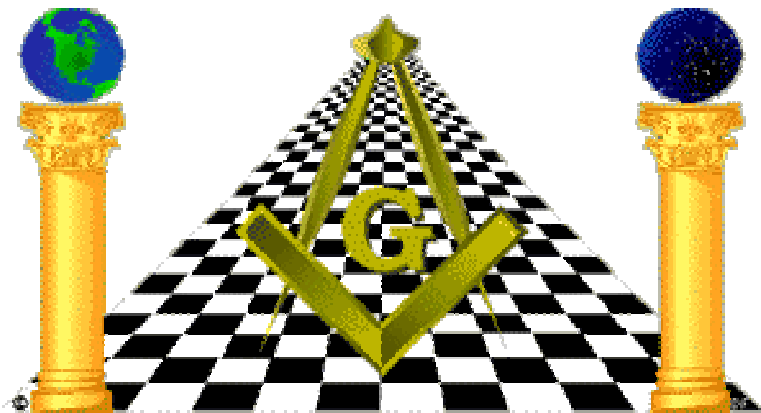


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ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS EST. 1902

Naurashank Temple
2 South Middletown Road
Pearl River, NY 10965

Communications each 1st and 3rd Tuesday
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July 2008

Setting the Craft at Work

Dear Brethren:

As you know the Lodge will be dark during the summer months for regular communications only. We will however continue to work the Child ID Program and other charitable and Masonic events.

Stated Communication

Tuesday, September 2, 2008 @ 5:30 p.m.

Officers Dress: Business attire
Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY
Business: Homecoming welcome for our Brother and Past G.M. Neal I. Bidnick.

This meeting will be “open” and the brothers are encouraged to bring their wives, family and friends. It will be a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested in Freemasonry to meet our family, speak with the Past G.M. and discover what we are about. All are welcome. The Lodge will be opened at 5:30pm and festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. More details to follow.

Summoned Communication

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.

Officers Dress: Business Attire
Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY
Business: Rededication as Masons, presentation of the Budget

A special and unique ceremony of our rededication as Masons. The very meaning and principals of Masonry will be discovered. Also, the Secretary will present the budget for the upcoming year and a vote will be taken.

Charity

Reminder: the Lodge will be participating in a Child ID program on 8/5/2008. It will be held at the Village of Walden, NY. Child ID is the major charity of the Lodge and is very rewarding for those who participate. Please be ready to volunteer some time before someone volunteers you.

Awaiting Investigation And Ballot

Andrew M. Jersey proposed by RW Gene Erickson 2/9/08
Major Frank Letizia proposed by Bro William Schroeder 4/1/08
James T. Shanahan proposed by W. Thomas Sassone 9/4/07

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CHARITIES COMMITTEE
June 2008

Brethren:

This past year the by-laws of Athelstane Lodge were amended to provide for the creation of a Charities Committee. As Chairman of this committee for the upcoming year, I would like to take this time to give you a brief overview of the Lodge's efforts in this area.

During the past year Athelstane Lodge has continued its tradition of charitable works, contributing money to such organizations as the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, Jawonio, Inc., United Hospice of Rockland, Big Brothers and Big Sister of Rockland County, and the Shriner's Transportation Unit.

In addition to these contributions the Lodge has also continued its scholarship efforts, awarding the Clarence P. Erickson Scholarship at Ramapo High School, the Fred Dresdale Scholarship at Spring Valley High School, and the Martin Lindenberg Scholarships, and awarding camper scholarships to children attending Camp Turk and other summer camps. For the upcoming year we look forward to increasing the number of Lindenberg Scholarships, which we award to deserving children and grandchildren of Athelstane brothers.

Beyond these monetary contributions, Athelstane Lodge and its brothers have continued to volunteer time and services to charitable groups such as United Hospice of Rockland, Jawonio, Inc., and the Shriner's Transportation Unit. We have continued our work in support of the Masonic Child ID Program, holding two CHIP programs at the New City Fire Department and our recent purchase of a new CHIP computer set-up for use by the Lodge.

We look forward to continuing and expanding our charitable works in the upcoming year with support of the West Nyack Little

League, the Pearl River Rotary Soap Box Derby, the Pearl River Ambulance Corps, plans to organize a community blood drive, and more CHIP programs.

My Brothers, your participation in our Lodge activities, as well as your support of its fund raising efforts, whether your individual contributions to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund or the monies you put in the hat at our collations and the Charities Box at meetings, all goes to supporting the efforts of our Charities program.

Simply put, we need your help. Whether it be your time or money, please continue to contribute as generously as your means and the length of your cable tow allow.

Fraternally,

Bro. Alec Mulgrew

**ATHELSTANE LODGE
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
2007**

Charity	Amount
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rockland	500.00
Masonic Brotherhood Fund	980.00
Camp Turk Camper Scholarships	2,900.00
Child ID Programs	2,600.25
United Hospice of Rockland	2,100.00
Jawonio, Inc.	2,000.00
Masonic Medical Research Laboratory	5,770.00
Shriner's Transportation Unit	1,500.00
Summer Camp Scholarships	800.00
Clarence P. Erickson Scholarship	1,000.00
Fred Dresdale Scholarship	1,000.00
Martin Lindenberg Scholarships	1,000.00
General Relief	1,000.00
Total	\$23,150.25

2008 End-of-Year Dinner



M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick, R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II,
and R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner



M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick presents Bro. Curt Brown
with the Distinguished Service Award;
assisting are R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II,
R.:W.: Bruce D. Klein and R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner.



M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick and Bro. Curt Brown, DSA.

Athelstane Lodge No 839 F.& A.M. Awards two Camp Turk Scholarships to Two Outstanding Students

On Thursday June 26th 2008, two outstanding students from the South Jr. High School in Newburgh were awarded scholarships to attend this Summer session at Camp Turk, Utica, NY. The students are **Daniel Villanueva** and **Jose Romero**, both are students of

Mr. Irizarry's (**R:W:.** **Louis M. Irizarry, II, GDC**) Living Environment Regents Biology Class. Daniel Villanueva, attained a final class average of 91% and 97% in labs, Jose Romero, attained an 89% final class average and a 91% in labs. In addition, both students passed the grueling NYS Biology Regents with outstanding scores. The awards were presented at the South Jr. High School Annual Awards Presentation. Both students also excelled in all the other core subjects with similar grades. Our congratulations to the future scholars!!!



LEFT PICTURE- **R:W:.** **Louis M. Irizarry, II, Grand director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of the State of NY** presenting the Camp Turk Summer Session Awards to **Daniel Villanueva**, and (Right) **Jose Romero**

The Master's Station

I want to thank all of my Brothers and their wives for their attendance at the Installation of Officers. It was a wonderful ceremony. Special thanks to the installing team R.W. Louis Irizarry II, W. Louis Irizarry III, R.W. Bruce Klein, R.W. Ronald Steiner and R.W. Marvin Gess.

I also want to thank everyone who attended the End-Of-Year Dinner. It was a great night. Our brother Curt Brown was presented with the DSA by P.G.M. Neal I. Bidnick, R.W. Ron Steiner, R.W. Louis Irizarry, R.W. Bruce Klein and myself. Congratulations Curt, you are an example of Masonry!!! Service awards were also presented. The P.G.M. made a special presentation of a beautiful glass plaque engraved with the Masonic Compact to R.W. Ron Steiner and R.W. Peter Dedel for their efforts in developing the Masonic Compact which is quickly becoming a standard throughout the world.

As part of the effort to build a charity fund I am seeking to reduce expenses and allocate savings for Charity use. Many Brothers can receive the Trestleboard by e-mail. I ask all Brethren who have e-mail to notify me whether or not you will accept the Trestleboard via email in the future. I will also use the information to update our contact list, so please use an email address at which you would like to receive email. The savings can be significant and again it will be used for charity. My e-mail is tomsassone@optonline.net.

Congratulations to our Sr. Deacon, Br. John Gebbia III on his election to President of ORDMA. Good luck John.

Congratulations to Br. Eli Mallon who was ordained a Rabbi on June 26, 2008.

Happy Birthday to our special brother V.W. Scott A. Klein who celebrates his birthday July 4. Best wishes!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



Thomas Sassone, Master

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R.W. Joel Rosenwasser

Br. Richard Schwartz D.S.A

Past Masters

David Richards	2007-08	Harold N. Eder *	1981	M.W. Neil I. Bidnick	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07	Barry Ronner	1980-82	R.W. Robert Blanke	affl.
R.W. Bruce Klein	2005-06	Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979	R.W. Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
R.W. Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05	R.W. Marvin R. Gess	1979	R.W. Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
Harry F. Anderson	2002-03	R.W. Giles M. Purvis	1977	Alvin M. Russell	affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02	Norman J. Greenberg *	1976	Stuart Sindell	affl.
R.W. Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01	R.W. Harold J. Dresdale	1976	Arthur S. Vener	affl.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00	R.W. Martin Lindenberg	1975	Harry Sky	affl.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98	Sander A. Lefkowitz *	1974	Jay Helfgott	affl.
R.W. C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99	Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74	George Liberis	affl.
R.W. Glen L. Weinberg *	1994-97	Leonard J. Plotch *	1972	Nate Metlitz	affl.
R.W. Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95	Henry Morris	1972, 1985	M.W. Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
R.W. Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97	R.W. Eugene W. Erickson	1971	R.W. Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Anthony Urbinato	1987-88, 1990	Charles K. Dunlop *	1969	R.W. Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992	Allen P. Oster	1969	R.W. Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
V.W. Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94	Henry Chait *	1967	R.W. Norman E. Moon	Hon.
	1998-99	Morton Baron	1967		
Richard H. Fassberg	1984, 1991	Murray Kaplowitz *	1965		
Gerald P. Rickard	1983	Robert Maidman *	1958		

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