

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS INSTITUTED 1902

Naurashank Temple
2 South Middletown Road
Pearl River, NY 10965

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

Summer 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

August 8, 2011

Brethren:

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

2191st STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:30 PM

Business: Special Presentations

“Nostalgia Night—The Past Becomes the Present”

Our speakers: R.:W.: Peter Dedel, R.:W.:Gene Erickson, W.:George Bielski, and W.: Barry Ronner.

Their topic:“Athelstane Lodge when I was Master ...

***PLUS,* Shhh ... it’s a surprise presentation to a deserving Brother. Please join us for this special tribute. “ ATHELSTANE 2011 MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD “**

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

2192nd STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

APRON AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER
Honoring

R.:W.: Federico Larrinaga
Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge
of New York

R.:W.: Harry Anderson
Grand Representative of the Grand
Lodge of Washington near the Grand
Lodge of New York

Place: Pearl River Hilton, Pearl River, NY
Time: Reception at 6:30 p.m.; Presentations and Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
Attire: Officers - Formal Brethren - Business

Paid reservations in advance ... Athelstane Lodge Brothers \$65.00 per couple, \$32.50 each; payable to Athelstane Lodge – mail to our Secretary: 18 Buena Vista Road, Suffern, NY 10901-1730

ON THE COVER

Benjamin Bucktrout Master’s Chair

Presented to Unanimity Lodge 7 in Edenton, N.C. on July 6, 1778 by Bro. George Russell who tradition has it rescued the chair from potential destruction in Virginia during the Revolution and gave it to Unanimity Lodge for safekeeping acquired by Colonial Williamsburg in 1982. See their website at:

<http://www.cwfun.com/Foundation/journal/spring03/chairs.cfm> for a full description of the chair’s symbols.



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

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION

Bro. David Kamchi Proposed by W.: Jay Helfgott 07/01/2011

2011 - 2012 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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(From Ye Olde Scribe, Cont.)

Masonic Service Association of North America (MSANA) Executive Secretary, **M.:W.: RICHARD E. FLETCHER**, PGM, for our Athelstane Lodge contribution in response to the appeal for funds to aid Joplin. Missouri after the Spring tornado which virtually destroyed that city. Our Master, **W.: HOWARD WHITMAN** presented our check to Grand Master **M.:W.: VINCENT LIBONE** at our June Awards dinner.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Rockland (BB&BSR) executive director **GILLIAN BALLARD** for the American flag we recently presented to their organization, to replace the one we had given to them some years ago.

United Hospice of Rockland for our Athelstane team effort in support of their June golf outing.

BRO. BILL THORNE, for our Athelstane team support of the Child ID (Masonic Safety ID) at Family Day in the Park, Downey Park in Newburgh on July 5th...**DANIELLE KLEIN**, **BRUCE KLEIN**,

FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG

... E-mail and phone calls as well ...So many nice notes about the June 21st Awards ... the fabulous dinner and the awards presentations.

Good to hear from **W.: GEORGE LIBERIS**, **W.: HARRY SKY**, **BRO. PAUL TENDLER**, **BRO. BOB CARMEN**, **BRO. PHIL NELSON**, **R.:W.: HARRY ANDERSON**, and **BRO. MAL BLOTNER**, DSA. Had a nice conversation with **BRO. MANNY TORRES** up in Anchorage, Alaska. Manny has been having some difficulty walking because of swelling of his feet and legs but he is under medical care and he has a great attitude. He sends his warmest regards and Brotherly love to all in Athelstane Lodge.

We also spoke to **IRENE LINDENBERG** and she is doing well. Special thanks to all who contributed to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund (MBF) in memory of **R.:W.: MARTIN LINDENBERG**. Those contributions have all been acknowledged. The money donated has been contributed to the **CARDIAC INSTITUTE AT THE MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY** and the **MASONIC CARE COMMUNITY** in Utica.

W.: AL OSTER was caught unprepared at a surprise birthday party in June ... it was a month before his real birthday in July.

R.:W.: BILL MAURER worked very, very hard putting the finishing touches on the big Grand Lodge celebration Saturday, August 6th marking the 125th Anniversary of the cornerstone laying ceremonies at the Statue of Liberty. Some of us are planning to attend. Hope you can meet us there. Promises to be an historic event.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS ...

Hope that the father-in-law of **R.:W.: BRUCE KLEIN** ... **RONDA KLEIN's** dad continues to do well after his recent cardiac by-pass surgery in Florida.

(From Ye Olde Scribe, Cont.)

We were sorry to learn that our Brother, **W. RICHARD FASSBERG** , was taken ill with an infection just prior to a planned European vacation with his wife **RONNIE** and **BRO. GEORGE BIELSKI** and his wife **IRENE**. Richard is now home in Florida receiving daily medical follow-up treatments. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

SAD TIDINGS ...

The Athelstane Lodge family was saddened by the loss of **DOROTHY STEINER**, mother-in-law of **BRO. RICHARD SCHWARTZ, DSA**, and beloved mother of **SUSAN SCHWARTZ**. Mrs. Steiner (no relation to *ye' old scribe*) had recently celebrated her 101st Birthday.

We were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the untimely passing of our **FC Brother JAMES T. SHANAHAN** on July 17th. Jim, a retired NYC Police Detective, was studying to take his Third Degree. At the request of the family and in keeping with our Masonic traditions, a Masonic memorial service was held July 21st with Brethren of the Lodge participating. Brother Jim will be missed. To add to the family's grief Jim's younger brother, Michael P. Lawlor, passed away on July 26th, succumbing to a long and courageous battle with brain cancer.

May their memories be a blessing to their loved ones, and may their families know no more sorrow for a long time.

REMINDER ...

There are still a few (thankfully, only a very few) who have still not sent their DUES payment for 2011. Please save us the expense of costly follow-up letters. Send your check or, if there is a problem, please call or write the Secretary. We never want to lose a Brother because of financial circumstances.

Please keep those letters, e-mails and phone calls coming ... we love to hear from you !

All the best !!!

Fraternally

RON STEINER

R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner
Secretary, Athelstane Lodge No 839 F & AM (Pearl River, NY)

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MASONIC SAFETY ID PROGRAM

DATE: Saturday August 27, 2011

TIME: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Palisades Center Mall
H&M Court (west end)
near Cheesecake Factory

APRON PRESENTATION DINNER

WHEN: Tuesday, September 20, 2011
6:30 - Reception
7:30 - Presentations and Dinner

WHERE: Pearl River Hilton

DRESS: Officers in Formal Attire

COST: \$65.00 per couple for Athelstane Brothers.
\$32.50 per person for Athelstane Brothers.

Please send your checks to:

R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner
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R.:W.: Federico Larrinaga receiving his commission as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York from M.:W.: Vincent Libone, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

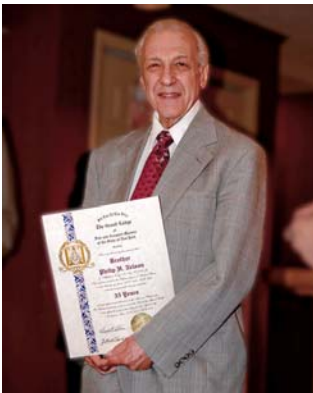
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Above R—L: R.:W.: Bruce Weigand, Bro. Murray Kaplowitz (55 yr. certificate in hand), Bro. Sam Weinberg (55 yr. certificate in hand), R.:W.: Gene Erickson (hiding his 55 yr. certificate); M.:W.: Vincent Libone, W.: Howard Whitman; R.:W.: Ronald Steiner, Bro. Phillip Nelson and R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II.



Above R - L: R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II, Bro. Howard Schack (60 yr. certificate in hand), R.:W.: Ronald Steiner; Bro. Max Berkowitz (60 yr. certificate in hand), M.:W.: Vincent Libone, W.: Howard Whitman and R.:W.: Bruce Weigand.



At Left: Bro. Phillip Nelson with his 55 years certificate.

At Right: R:W.: C.F. William Maurer III receives his 50 year certificate from M:W.: Vincent Libone.



At Left: (L - R) R:W.: Ronald Steiner, R:W.: Ranger Bill Maurer; M:W.: Vincent Libone, R:W.: Federico Larrinaga and R:W.: Louis M. Irizarry pose at the Rededication Ceremony for the Statue of Liberty on August 6th.

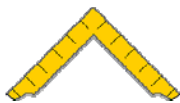


Above: M:W.: Vincent Libone surrounded by various members of the Grand Line, Past Grand Masters, and other Grand Lodge Officers.



Above R - L: R.:W.: Ronald Steiner, M.:W.: Vincent Libone, R.:W.:Federico Larrinaga; R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II and R.:W.: C.F. William Maurer III at the Rededication of the Statue of Liberty on August 6, 2011.

(Bill actually working! Well, dressed in some kind of uniform at least.)



FROM THE EAST

My Brothers:

We ended our year prior to going dark for the summer with a wonderful party at DaNina's Restaurant in Suffern, NY. We had the pleasure of having the Grand Master, M.:W.: Vincent Libone, and the Grand Marshal, R.:W.: Robert Servidio and their wives attend our festivities. We handed out Years of Service Award Pins and 50 Year Service. Award Certificates and Aprons by both our DDGM, R.:W.: Lou Irizarry II, and M.:W.: Vincent Libone.

We have had some sad events this summer. Our Brother James Shanahan died suddenly in July, Brother Richie Schwartz DSA's mother-in-law passed away, and we lost R.:W.: Martin Lindenberg this past Spring.

On a happier note, we are anticipating two **VERY EXCITING** Lodge events at our first meeting on September 6, 2011. We will be having "**Nostalgia Night – the Past Becomes the Present**" with a presentation by Brothers **R.:W.: Peter Dedel, R.:W.: Gene Erickson, W.: George Bielski, and W.: Barry Ronner** on what Athelstane Lodge and the Masons were like 20 years ago. I know that this will be extremely interesting for the newer Brothers, including myself.



FROM THE EAST

(Continued)

Additionally, we will be presenting a plaque to our **First Ever “ Masonic Man of The Year “**. Be sure to be at this meeting to see who has been selected.

Please also confirm your reservations for our September 20th **APRON PRESENTATION DINNER** at the Pearl River Hilton with R.:W.: Ron Steiner. The cost is \$ 65.00 per person. Athelstane Lodge will be subsidizing half the cost for Lodge members. The mailing address for the checks is : 18 Buena Vista Road, Suffern, NY 10901. Please contact Ron Steiner as soon as possible as we need an accurate count for Pearl River Hilton.

We are honoring **R.:W.: Federico Larrinaga**, the new Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and **R.:W.: Harry Anderson**, our new Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Washington near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

It really is a testament to our Lodge and Brothers that we are blessed with so many Members of the Purple and their contributions to Masonry and their communities.

We are hoping to have a Master Mason Degree at the end of August or early September for Brother Daniel Mateyka and his son Erik Mateyka. They are both State-side now, but still on assignment with the military, so we are hoping to be able to schedule them before they are again rotated overseas.

Don't forget that we will be working with United Hospice on **Saturday, August 27th** on the 1st Level in the H & M Court (West End) near the Cheesecake Factory from **10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

We are planning to have a number of very interesting and exciting meetings this year, and are lining up a number of outstanding speakers on a variety of very interesting topics.

If you haven't been to a Lodge meeting in a while, **PLEASE COME**, as you will be energized and uplifted by all of the new programs, in addition to seeing old friends, and making new ones. We miss you and welcome your presence.

Cordially and Fraternaly,

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2009 - 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	M.: W.: Neil I. Bidnick	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10	Gerald P. Rickard	1983	R.: W.: Robert Blanke	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09	Harold N. Eder *	1981	R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
David Richards	2007-08	Barry Ronner	1980-82	R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07	Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979	Alvin M. Russell	affl.
R.: W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06	R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979	Stuart Sindell	affl.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05	R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977	Arthur S. Vener	affl.
R.: W.: Harry F. Anderson	2002-03	Norman J. Greenberg *	1976	Harry Sky	affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02	R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976	Jay Hellgott	affl.
R.: W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01	R.: W.: Martin Lindenberg	1975	George Liberis	affl.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00	Sander A. LeKowitz *	1974	Nathan Metlitz	affl.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98	Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74	Mc.W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99	Leonard J. Plotch *	1972	R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
R.: W.: Glen L. Weinberg *	1994-97	Henry Morris	1972, 1985	R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95	R.: W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971	R.: W.: Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97	Charles K. Dunlop *	1969	R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
Anthony Urbinato	1987-88, 1990	Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969 *	* Tappan Zec Lodge No. 1125	
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992	Henry Chait *	1967		
V.: W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94	Murray Kaplowitz *	1965		
	1998 - 99	Robert Maidman *	1958		