

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS INSTITUTED 1902

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Communications 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
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September 2010

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 30, 2010

Brethren:

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

2170th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, September 7, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.

Officers Dress: Business Attire

Place: Masonic Temple, Pearl River, NY

Business: Organizational Meeting for New Masonic Year, Reports of Investigation Committee, Balloting on Petitions for New Membership. Special presentation to **Bro. Jack Greene** by DDGM **R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II** of a 50th year apron. Also presentations will be made to **Bro. George Berkowitz** (55 years), **Bro. Jack Schreiber** (55 years), **Bro. Erwin Robbins** (45 years), **Bro. Irwin Kahn** (45 years), **Bro. Steve Marcus** (45 years) and **W.: Nate Metlitz** (20 years).

There will be an Entered Apprentice Degree Rehearsal after the meeting.

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

2171st STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, September 21, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.

Officers Dress: Business Attire

Place: Masonic Temple, Pearl River, New York

Business: Business Meeting Also Special Presentation by **R.:W.: Bill Maurer** who will tell us about "Dragoon Diary - The History of the 3rd Continental Light Dragoons".

There will be an Entered Apprentice Degree Rehearsal after the meeting

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



Work on the Trestleboard

Awaiting Report of Investigation Committee

Major Frank Letizua	proposed by Bro. William Schroeder 04/02/08
Mr. Michael B. Seidenfrau	proposed by Bro. Howard Whitman 07/10/08
Mr. Robert E. Lysiak, Jr.	proposed by Bro. Howard Whitman 09/15/08
Cantor Seth Jay Geffen	proposed by W.: David Richards 09/11/09
Mr. Martin B. Lieberman	proposed by R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser 10/01/09

Awaiting Balloting

Mr. Anthony John Barbato	proposed by R.:W.: Mel Birnbaum 11/21/09
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Awaiting Entered Apprentice Degree

Mr. Andrew Jersey	Elected 04/15/08
Mr. Brian Michael Gonzalez	Elected 04/06/10
Mr. Seth Patrick Lee	Elected 04/20/10
Mr. Michael Albert Olno	Elected 04/20/10

Awaiting Fellowcraft Degree

Bro. Joseph Chapley	Initiated 11/28/06
Bro. James T. Shanahan	Initiated 01/20/09
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Initiated 11/17/09
Bro. Eric M. Mateyka	Initiated 11/17/09
Bro. Dennis T.P. O'Connor	Initiated 11/17/09

Upcoming Events

September 7th	50th Anniversary Apron presentation to Bro. Jack Greene.
October 2nd	DDGM Apron Presentation - Casa Mia Manor House.
October 5th	Entered Apprentice Degree.
October 19th	Entered Apprentice Degree.
November 2nd	Fellowcraft Degree.
November 16th	Fellowcraft Degree.
December 7th	DDGM visitation to Athelstane Lodge.
December 21st	Annual Holiday Party.

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TESTIMONIAL DINNER DANCE & APRON PRESENTATION
IN HONOR OF
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL LOUIS M. IRIZARRY II
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, ORANGE-ROCKLAND DISTRICT
REPRESENTING
THE MOST WORSHIPFUL VINCENT LIBONE
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM is honored to have our own Brother appointed by the Grand master as district Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland District for the years 2010-2012.

You, your lady and your Masonic friends and guests are invited to join us un a gala dinner and celebration of the high honor accorded our Brother as the personal representative of the Grand Master in this Masonic District. We will have a presentation of the District Deputy Grand Master Certificate and presentation of his District Deputy Grand Master Masonic Apron as a gift from hi s mother Lodge.

DATE: Saturday October 2, 2010.

TIME: Cocktail Reception – cash bar, at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner with choice of entree at 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Casa Mia Manor House, 577 Route 303, Blauvelt, N.Y.

ATHELSTANE LODGE BROTHERS AND LADIES - \$60 per couple includes tax and gratuity.

COST FOR GUESTS - \$60 per person payable in advance, *includes tax and gratuity.*

Please send your check today payable to : ATHELSTANE LODGE NO. 839 F & AM

There will be no tickets mailed. Your name will be recorded on the guest list at the door. Please send you reservation in advance, so roper arrangements can be made. Your cooperation and prompt attention is appreciated.

***** Please advise as to anv special dietary requirements. *****

Detach and mail to

Ronald J. Steiner, Secretary
Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM
18 Buena Vista Road, Wesley Hills, Suffern, N.Y. 10901-1730

Testimonial Dinner for Right Worshipful Louis M. Irizarry II

Enclosed please find my reservation and check payable to: **Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM**

Name (please print): _____

Number of people: _____ Dollar amount of check enclosed: _____

Special dietary requirements: _____

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Glad Tidings

R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser's mother has recovered from the heart attack she suffered earlier this summer and has been discharged from the hospital. She is back in the Nursing home where she resides

We wish her to continue on the road to a speedy and complete recovery.

Happy Tidings

To all of our Brothers of the Jewish Faith, we wish to you, your families and loved ones a Happy and Healthy New Year.

From The East

Greetings My Brothers -

♪- "The falling leaves drift by my window ♪- ♪ The autumn leaves of red and gold" ♪ -

OK, Now that we are through singing, and come back to Earth, we observe that its still August, its still 90+ degrees and still the "dog days of summer" are with us. Yet before the next Trestleboard it will be Autumn (September 21). Your officers and committee chairmen have spent the summer hard at work planning and projecting our coming year activities and they are numerous and exciting. At our first meeting, September 7, **R.:W.:"LOU 2"** will present **BRO. JACK GREENE** with his well deserved 50 year apron. He will also present awards for years of devoted service **BRO GEORGE BERKOWITZ** (55 years), **BRO JACK SCHREIBER** (55 years), **BRO. ERWIN ROBBINS** (45 years), **BRO. IRWIN KAHN** (45 years), **BRO STEVE MARCUS** (45 years) and **W.: NATE METLITZ** (20 years). We will also perform one of our most important duties in Masonry, balloting on new candidates. On October 2nd, **ATHELSTANE LODGE** will have the Pleasure and Honor to host a Testimonial dinner to Honor and celebrate the Apron Presentation to our own **RIGHT WORSHIPFUL LOUIS M. IRIZARRY, II ("LOU 2")** on his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland District. And a well deserved promotion it is. This gala event is one every **ATHELSTANE** Brother and his lady will want to attend. It will be a night to remember.

Also in October we will confer the Entered Apprentice degree twice on new candidates.

November is for Fellowcraft Degrees, followed by more in January and February. Finally the Master Mason Degrees will be conferred during

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From the East, continued.

April and May. Meanwhile, there is more excitement. "LOU 2" will again visit us for his formal DDGM visitation on December 7, followed by the Holiday Party on December 21. And the year is over. Where did it go??

The year 2010 may be finished but **ATHELSTANE LODGE** is still hard at Labor. Its now time to again roll up our sleeves and get down to more Masonic work. In addition to all of our degree work, we will honor **ROBERT BURNS** on January 4, followed by the eagerly anticipated presentation of **RENDEZVOUS WITH TREASON** on February 15.

We never forget our Florida Brothers. Their luncheon will be held after the holiday season.

A busy and exciting year is ahead. But to succeed, to make this Lodge the best, every Brother must attend as many meetings and participate in as many activities as our cable-tow allows. Each Brother is a vital cog in the wheel of success. We cannot succeed if only a handful attend meetings and participate in activities. Participation by everyone is essential. So again I earnestly reach out to every Brother of the Lodge. Come to Lodge. We miss you, we want you here and we need you. The Lodge, your Brothers are here for you. You must be here for the Lodge.

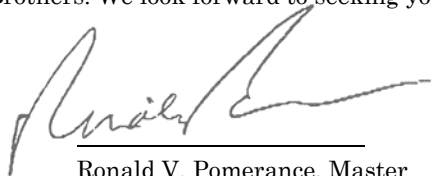
Let me not forget to acknowledge **V.:W.: Scott Allen Klein** and extend my genuine appreciation for more than ten years as Brotherhood Fund Chairman, a position often thankless and labored in quite solitude but one of the most important jobs in Masonry - Thanks Scott.

Additionally, let me offer congratulations to all those who have volunteered to chair the Committees that this Lodge needs to function effectively and Masonically.

Finally, if you have not already made your reservation for the Gala party honoring our own "LOU 2", please do so at the earliest time. The date is October 2 at Casa Mia Manor House, Route 303, Blauvelt, New York. The cost for Athelstane Brothers is \$60 per couple and for Non-Athelstanians, \$60 per person. Please get your reservations to **RONALD STEINER**, 18 Buena Vista Road, Suffern, New York, 10901-1730 ASAP. Thank you.

Thank you in advance my Brothers. We look forward to seeking you regularly at Lodge.

God Bless America!!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald V. Pomerance", written over a horizontal line.

Ronald V. Pomerance, Master

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From the East (Supplemental) *

* Its not "Supplemental" because I forgot. Rather because I think it deserves special reading and special consideration

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I met a dear old man today who wore a Masonic pin,
It was old and faded like the man, its edges were worn quite thin.

I approached the park bench where he sat to give the old brother
his due.

I said, "I see you've traveled East." He said "I have, have you?"

I said I have and in my day before the all-seeing sun
I played in the rubble with Jubala, Jubilo and Jubalum.

He scolded "Don't laugh at the work my boy, its good and its sweet
and its true;
and if you've traveled as you said, you should give those things a
due.

"The word, the sign, the token, the sweet Masonic prayer
The vow we all have taken who climbed the inner stair."

"The wages of a Mason are never paid in gold,
But the gain comes from contentment when you're weak and grow-
ing old."

"You see I've carried my obligations for almost fifty years.
It has helped me through the hardships and the failures full of
tears."

"I'm now losing my mind and my body. Death is near, but I don't
despair.

I lived my life upon the level and I'll die upon the square"

Sometimes the greatest lessons are those that are learned anew.
And the old man in the park today has changed my point of view.

To all Masonic brothers the only secret is to care.
May you live upon the level. May you part upon the square.

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