

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

September 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

September 6, 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



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jason Willard Hoffman	Proposed by R.:W.: Ron Steiner 02/01/11
Major Frank Letizia	Proposed by Bro. William Schroeder 04/2/08
Mr. Robert E. Lysiak, Jr.	Proposed by W.: Howard Whitman 09/15/08
Mr. Michael B. Seidenfrau	Proposed by W.: Howard Whitman 07/10/08
Mr. Brian Anthony Scherer	Proposed by R.:W.: Ron Steiner 03/02/11

AWAITING BALLOT FOR INITIATION AND ADVANCMENT

Mr. Mark Howard Burke	Proposed by W.: Arthur Vener 06/28/11
Mr. Michael Anthony DePaolo	Proposed by R.:W.: Ron Steiner 03/02/11

AWAITING ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Mr. Andrew Jersey	Elected 04/15/08
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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 04/05/11
Bro. Eric Mateyka	Passed 01/11/11
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Passed 11/16/10

AWAITING BALLOT FOR AFFILIATION and DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Bro. David Kamchi	Proposed by W.: Jay Helfgott 07/01/11
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THE FUTURE

- Sept. 20th Apron Presentation for R.:W.: Harry Anderson and R.:W.:
Federico Larrinaga.
 Pearl River Hilton
 Cost: \$65.00 per person
- Oct. 4th Fellowcraft Degree.
 W.: Ron Pomerance will sit in the East.
- Oct. 18th Entered Apprentice Degree.
 Bro. Doug ward will sit in the East.
- Nov. 1st Summoned Communication for vote on amendments to Lodge
By-Laws and Special Reception and Open Dinner for the Annual
Presentation of Charity Checks to Community Organizations.
- Nov. 15th Guest Speaker - R.:W.: Richard Friedman, PJGM and
Current Chairman of Custodians of the Work.
 Topic: "Why did you leave the West ...?"
 Program begins at 8:00 pm sharp!
- Dec. 6th Homecoming and Official visit of R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II,
District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland District.
- Dec. 17th United Hospice of Rockland Tree of Life
 Palisades Mall
 10:00 to Closing
- Dec. 20th Annual Athelstane Lodge Gala Holiday Party
 Casa Mia Manor House in Orangeburg.
 \$60.00 per couple for Athelstane brothers, payable in
 Advance; send your checks to R.:W.: Ron Steiner.

ATTENTION PARENTS AND/OR GRANDPARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ...

For over 45 years the **FRANK M. TOTTEN ESSAY CONTEST**, sponsored by the Fifth Manhattan Masonic District Association, has been open to any child or grandchild of a Master Mason or a member of their extended family who anticipates entering an accredited college in the Fall (2012). You may have read about this in the ***Empire State Mason Magazine***, but we are printing it here for all Athelstane members who may have an eligible member(s) in their family.

This year's essay topic is:

"HOW DO YOU STOP BULLYING AT SCHOOL?"

First place award is \$1,500, Second is \$1,000, Third is \$750, Fourth is \$500, Sixth is \$350, and Seventh thru Tenth is \$100. each. Essays are to be a minimum of 200 words and not to exceed 350 words - typed. Essays are to be postmarked no later than January 9, 2012. No name is to be on the front page of the essay.

The essay must be sent to the Secretary of the Lodge to be forwarded with the Lodge seal and his signature to the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Committee. Any questions ... please call Ron Steiner - (845) 354 - 4192.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF ATHELSTANE LODGE

The following Amendments to the By-Laws of Athelstane Lodge were properly presented to the Lodge and signed by ten (10) members of the Lodge. They were read at the last meeting of the Lodge on June 7, 2011 and will be published twice before the Lodge is Summoned to vote on these proposed changes:

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE SUBMITTED TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF ATHELSTANE LODGE NO. 839 F. & A.M.

RESOLVED that THE BY-LAWS OF ATHELSTANE LODGE NO. 839 F. & A.M. BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE VI. Section 1.

The fee for admittance of a new member to this Lodge by initiation shall be **one hundred and seventy five (\$175.00) dollars**, which shall include his petition fee, all of which shall be paid before initiation to the degree of Entered Apprentice.

(The present admittance fee is \$150.00)

ARTICLE VI. Section 2.

The fee of admission of a new member to this Lodge by affiliation shall be **fifty (\$50.00) dollars**, all of which shall be paid before consummating membership by signing the By-Laws.

(The present admission fee for affiliation is \$25.00)

ARTICLE VI. Section 3.

Each member shall pay into the Lodge as dues **ninety-five (\$95.00) dollars** plus the current per capita charge of Grand Lodge annually, payable in advance on or before the 31st day of December each year.

(The present annual fee is \$75.00)

ARTICLE VI. Section 5.

Any member of the Lodge who has been a Master Mason for twenty-five (25) consecutive years, shall become a Life Member of Athelstane Masonic Lodge and shall thereafter pay **twenty five (\$25.00) dollars** plus the current per capita charge of Grand Lodge annually, payable in advance on or before the 31st day of December each year. All Life Members of Athelstane Masonic Lodge as of 12/31/2011 shall continue to pay only the current per capita charge of the Grand Lodge, annually on or before the 31st day of December.

(Currently Life Members only pay the per capita charge of the Grand Lodge).

FROM THE OLD SCRIBE ...

Nobody asked me ... but ...

Our first meeting of the Fall Season is usually something special ... and our meeting of September 6th turned out to be really EXTRA SPECIAL this year... in spite of the weather. It was a warm social night and an evening of Masonic nostalgia and fellowship. Close to forty of our Athelstane Lodge Brothers, ladies, family, friends and prospective members all indicated their appreciation and enjoyment for this evening together.

There was our usual sumptuous dinner starting at 6:30 and then our program began in the collation room with the first of what we hope will become an annual presentation of an **ATHELSTANE LODGE MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD**. It was a surprise this year and was given to an outstanding Brother of our Lodge. On behalf of the Master, W:. Tom Sassone made the presentation of this first award to W:. Alec Mulgrew for all of the tireless work he does in and about the Lodge, but especially his work in preparing and distributing our monthly Trestleboard ... "*The Athelstanian*."

This portion of the program was followed by a night of nostalgia and reflections by four knowledgeable and respected Past Masters of Athelstane from recent decades. R:.W:. Eugene Erickson, W:. Barry Ronner, W:. George Bielski, and then R:.W:. Peter Dedel brought us back in time from the founding of the Lodge over one hundred years ago up through the depression, and the Viet Nam era to the turn of this century. It was a night of remembering and one we will long remember. If you missed it ... it was a treat !!!

Hope to see you September 20th at the Pearl River Hilton for our Athelstane gala dinner and testimonial to two very cherished brothers of our Lodge, R:.W:. Harry Anderson and R:.W:. Federico Larrinaga.

PLEASE REMEMBER ...

there is so much more to Masonry than simply paying your dues!

All the best !

RON STEINER


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

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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
18 Buena Vista Road
Wesley Hills, Suffern, NY 10901-1730.

*Psssst ... spread the word ... mark your calendar
now ... don't miss this one!*

A VERY SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER ...

R.:W.: RICHARD FRIEDMAN ...

Past Jr. Grand Warden and the current
Chairman of the **CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK.**

Brother Richard is one of the most dynamic and interesting speakers in our
NY Grand Jurisdiction today. This will be a night you will not want to
miss !!!

TUESDAY ... NOVEMBER 15, 2011
ATHELSTANE LODGE ... PEARL RIVER MASONIC TEMPLE
2 South Middletown Road, PEARL RIVER, NY

Reception and Dinner at 6:00 PM
LODGE OPENS AT 7:30 PM
Program begins at 8:00 PM SHARP !

*ALL BRETHERN AND MASONIC GUESTS ARE CORDIALLY AND FRA-
TERNALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.* Business attire. Aprons and Jewels
please.

TOPIC : "*Why did you leave the West ... ?*"

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August 27th Safety ID Program

Thanks go out to the following people who made Athelstane Lodge's Safety ID program at the Palisades Mall on Saturday, August 27th a success:

Athelstane Lodge

Bruce Klein
Joan Steiner
Simon Kramer *

Danielle Klein
Ron Steiner
Raymond Cannarozzi *
Seth Lee
(*DeMolay - Ethan Allen Chapter)

Sandra Joy
Lou Irizarry II
Howard Whitman

West Point Lodge No. 877

Mark Hanson
Chris Kelly

James DeMoss
Rich Fredrickson

Tappan Zee Lodge No. 79 F&AM Prince Hall Jurisdiction

Bill Thorne Jerry Sylvester

Stony Point-Wawayanda No.315

Tom Nervegna



Above: An aerial view of the ID stations. Who can you identify?

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Does this young gentleman look familiar to anyone? (No not R.:W.: Bruce Klein or R.:W.: Ron Steiner in the background)

MASONIC EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AWARD



Christine Marie Behr, granddaughter of Athelstane brother Jerry Schecker, receiving her Masonic Education Assistance Award from M.:W.: Vincent Libone at Grand Lodge in New York City on July 30, 2011. Christine is a freshman at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Appeal from the Grand Master

September 2, 2011

To the Brethren of New York State wherever situated ...

My Brothers ...

From all reports, the devastation in the aftermath of last week's Hurricane Irene has been the worst we have experienced in New York State in many years ... and I know many of our Brothers and their families are hurting. We can not be insensitive to the terrible losses inflicted on members of our Masonic family as well as Lodges and various communities throughout our state ... many of whom are still inundated by floods and without power and essential services a week later. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of the victims of this unprecedented disaster!

I want to remind our Brothers that **The Grand Lodge Masonic Benevolence Fund** is available for emergency relief for individuals and always ready to assist to whatever extent our resources will allow. Please contact your local Lodge or District Deputy Grand Master for guidance as a first step for help in this crisis.

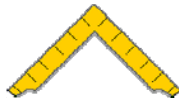
Also, to assist local Lodges that may have experienced a severe loss, we are establishing **The Hurricane Irene Disaster Relief Fund** so that we can provide some relief on a matching funds basis.

I also ask that every Brother as well as every Lodge in this jurisdiction to **please consider a much needed financial contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund** to assist us in this emergency. Our Grand Lodge has a proud history of always being ready to assist in disasters elsewhere ... now the need for relief is great right here in New York. Please be as generous as your resources will permit. Tax deductible contributions can be earmarked for Masonic Benevolence or the Grand Master's Allocation and we will see that these much needed funds are used for the purposes intended.

Thank you for your consideration. Let us keep those in distress in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless!

Fraternally,

VINCENT LIBONE
Grand Master



FROM THE EAST

My Brother's:

We ended August on a wild note. Hurricane Irene created some unexpected problems for all of us in Rockland County, and most of the East Coast.

Notwithstanding the storm's arrival on Saturday evening August 27th, we had an extremely successful Safety ID program at the Palisades Mall. The crowds were very much reduced, due to bus and rail transportation being closed at noon in NYC. In spite of this handicap, we were able to complete a total of 109 Safety ID disks, including 3 senior citizens. I extend the Lodge's thanks not only to our Brothers, their wives, and children who participated, but also to the volunteers from West Point Lodge, Tappan Zee Lodge, and two young men from a DeMolay in New Jersey, Raymond Cannarozzi, Master Cuncelor, and Simon Kramer, Past Master Cuncelor, and son of our own W.: Harry Kramer. The success of this program was due to the efforts of these wonderful participants, who came in to help under very trying circumstances.

Our **Nostalgia Night** on September 6th was a big success. We enjoyed a wonderful turnout for our guest speakers: R.W.: Eugene Erickson, W.: Barry Ronner, W.: George Bielski, and R.W.: Peter Dedel, who each provided an interesting and informative perspective on Athelstane Lodge during their terms as Master.

Please reply to R.W.: Ron Steiner to confirm your dinner reservations for our **Apron Award ceremony** on September 20th at the Pearl River Hilton at 6:30 PM. This will be an extraordinary evening, but we must have an accurate count for the Hotel. The cost is \$ 65.00 per person, Athelstane Brothers to be subsidized by half. **Send your checks now** to Ron Steiner, 18 Buena Vista Road, Suffern, NY 10901.

We have a busy Degree Schedule this Fall. We are planning a **Fellowcraft Degree** on October 4th, and an **Entered Apprentice Degree** on October 18th. November 1st will be a **Summoned Communication** for the purpose of voting on the changes to our by-laws.

The Lodge is moving forward with its plans to have interesting and dynamic Programs and speakers for our meetings, and we welcome suggestions and ideas from our Brothers for future programs.

I look forward to greeting my Athelstane Brothers, and invite those who haven't been to Lodge for a while to come back home and be reinvigorated and participate.

Cordially and Fraternaly,

W.: Howard Whitman

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Trustees

R.: W.: Martin Lindenberg
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 Maitman *	1958		