

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE

No. 839

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Naurashank Temple
2 South Middletown Road
Pearl River, NY 10965

Communications 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
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September 2014

M.:W.: William J. Thomas
Grand Master of Masons
in the State of New York

R.:W.: Bruce M. Wiegand
District Deputy Grand Master
for the Orange-Rockland District

2257th STATED COMMUNICATION

WELCOME BACK ... LABOR RESUMES

Tuesday evening, September 2, 2014
Pearl River Masonic Temple
2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River N.Y.
Dinner and social hour begins at 6:30 PM
Lodge opens promptly at 7:30 PM

Brethren,

You and your Masonic friends are extended a most cordial and fraternal invitation to join us after the summer hiatus as we resume labor at our 2257th Stated Communication. A delectable festive board awaits as we begin our social hour at 6:30 PM. Lodge will open at 7:30 with our new line of Officers in their various stations and places as we begin our Masonic work and lay out the "Trestleboard" for the coming year. There will be presentation of new Officer's badges, an educational presentation by our Master, W.: Douglas Ward, committee reports and the transaction of such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge at this time. Do plan on joining us.

Officers Dress: Business suit.



2258th STATED COMMUNICATION

THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Tuesday evening, May 13th, 2014
Pearl River Masonic Temple
2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River N.Y.
Dinner and social hour begins at 6:30 PM

Lodge opens promptly at 7:30 PM

You and your Masonic friends are extended a most cordial and fraternal invitation to join us at our 2258th Stated Communication. The work on the Trestleboard for this evening will be the conferral of the Third Degree,

THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

on a class of well qualified Fellowcraft Brothers.

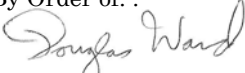
Worshipful Douglas Ward

will sit in the East and will confer the degree. **R.:W.: Robert Blanke**, will

deliver the Historic Lecture. Our Athelstane Degree Team will portray the Hyramic Drama. A night to remember ... do join us. as we raise a new class of Brothers to our Athelstane family of Master Masons.

Officers Dress: Formal

By Order of :



W: DOUGLAS WARD

Master



Attest:



R.: W.: RONALD J. STEINER
Secretary



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Bro. Daniel Edwin Badillo; Initiated 02/05/13
Bro. Mihail Bajdechi; Initiated 03/20/12
Bro. Pablo Sandoval; Initiated 10/16/12
Bro. James Thomas Tribble; Initiated 11/05/13

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Mecene J. Jourdain; Passed 03/04/14
Bro. Salvatore Luppino; Passed 03/11/14
Bro. Eric Mateyka; Passed 01/11/11
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka; Passed 11/16/10
Bro. Mark A. Persaud; Passed 03/04/14
Bro. Roy Rizzotti; Passed 04/17/12

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 24th ... Grand Master's Day at Tappan. 1:00 PM

This is the annual visit of the Grand Master and his Grand Line to the DeWint House, the George Washington Headquarters and Museum and a national historic site; one of the crown jewels of Masonry right here in Rockland. Athelstane Lodge Brothers have been an integral part of this Grand Lodge committee here for a good number of years; and this year is no exception. Do join us. Call DeWint House Committee Chairman RW Lou Irizarry II for more details: (914) 714-9572.. Well worth the visit !!!

Monday, September 1st ... Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2nd ... Athelstane Opening Meeting of our Fall-Winter season.

Our Master and Officers have planned a most cordial, fraternal night of fellowship, good food and Masonry. Do join us for a really special festive board and social hour at 6:30 PM followed by an interesting meeting at 7:30.

Saturday, Sept 6 - Thursday Sept 11th ... Grand Lodge Cruise to the Bahamas from Port Liberty, NJ.

Sunday, September 14th, Rededication of Cornerstone Lodge in Monroe by the Grand Master and the Grand Line.

Tuesday, September 16th, ... Athelstane Lodge Third Degree ...

The Worshipful Master, Douglas Ward will confer the Master Mason Degree on a class of very well qualified Athelstane Brothers and RW Robert Blanke will deliver the Historical Lecture. The Athelstane Lodge Degree team will portray the Hiramic Drama. Not to be missed.

Wednesday, September 24th... Rosh Hashonah begins at sundown.

Happy New Year 5775 to all our Jewish Brethren and their families. May we all be inscribed for a good year filled with much love, good health and shalom ... peace!

Saturday, September 27th ... Colonial Day at Tappan

Once a year history comes alive at the DeWint House with costumed reenactors recreating farm life as it was in colonial days. Great event for children of all ages. Free at the George Washington Masonic Historic Site in Tappan. Call RW Harold Jones for more info. (845) 359 - 1359.

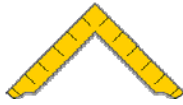
Saturday, October 4th ... Yom Kippur begins at Sundown Friday evening.

The holiest day in the Jewish calendar... a day of forgiveness and atonement. A fast day. Again, our best wishes to all of our Jewish brethren.

Tuesday, October 7th ... DD Visit to Athelstane Lodge

Saturday October 11th ... Masonic Family Day at West Point.

Tuesday, October 21st ... Athelstane Lodge meeting.



FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer with your family and friends. On Tuesday, September 2nd, we will begin anew another year at Athelstane. Although we were “dark” for the summer, we were far from inactive! I want to take a moment to highlight a few of the things we accomplished.

In July, a strong contingent of our Brothers visited Br. Curt Brown at his home where he was presented with his 65 year pin and certificate. Br. Curt was not able to receive this award at the year-end party so it was certainly nice to bring the party to him! At the end of July, we had a very successful child ID program at Jawonio where we processed 74 child ID's, thanks to a total of 13 volunteers.

We also had two officers' meetings in July and one more in August where much was accomplished including cleanup, inventory, and some important rehearsal time. A big thank you to all of my officers for your participation. I am fortunate to have such a good group of Brothers holding these important positions.

Looking ahead to the start of the year, Tuesday, September 2nd will be our “Welcome Back” night. I will present the badges to the new slate of officers and we will also enjoy a Masonic lecture. The following meeting on Tuesday, September 16th promises to be a very special evening as we look forward to conferring the Master Mason degree on five more duly and truly prepared Fellowcraft Brothers. Welcoming new full members into our Lodge is something that I hope you all share my pride in. A further peek ahead to our next meeting after that will be Tuesday, October 7th when our new District Deputy, the R.:W.: Bruce Wiegand, will make his official visit to our Lodge.

I hope you can join us for these meetings and that you will be an active part of another great year at Athelstane. See you soon.

Fraternally,

W.: Douglas Ward

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FROM YE OLDE SCRIBE

And the days dwindle down ... do hope you are enjoying these last few weeks of summer. While the Lodge was "dark" during July and August, our Officers have been meeting and planning and we are about to resume labors with much enthusiasm.

A GLANCE BACK ...

We ended our Spring season with a wonderful **Awards Nite dinner and social** on June 17th. We were over 70 in attendance at La Terrazza Restaurant in New City for a very congenial gathering of our Athelstane gals and guys. Good food and good company ... who could ask for anything more?

At the dinner we had a chance to say "safe travels and good fortune" to **Bro. JOHN GEBBIA** and bride to be **CHANDRA TIDWELL**, who relocated to North Carolina in June. They are now in their new home at: 914 West Church Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 and doing well. They send regards to all.

A special thanks to all the Brothers who journeyed down to Grand Lodge on June 25th for the special night my Mother Lodge set aside to honor me on my **60th Masonic Birthday**. I was so proud of the delegation from Athelstane Lodge and you made quite a favorable impression on the audience when you all stood up to be recognized. Thanks again ... from the heart !

Our **Masonic Safety ID at Jawonio** on July 25th was one of the best ever !!! Everything went so smoothly. Our Athelstane team processed 74 youngsters with a strong assist from the professional staff at the Jawonio facility. With a tremendous assist from **R.:W.: Bill Plank**, Regional Coordinator for the Grand Lodge Masonic Safety ID Program, and **Simon Kramer** (DeMolay), **Naomi Kramer** and **Jessica Perrone** (Rainbow) the Athelstane Lodge family team consisted of Worshipful Master **Doug Ward**, and Brothers **Jim Burton, Seth Lee, Lou Irizarry III, Harry Kramer, Howard Whitman, Richard Schwartz and Joan and Ron Steiner**. The entire processing was completed in about 6 hours. There was close support and invaluable assistance given by the staff of Jawonio coordinated by Jerry Staller, Director of Early Childhood Education Services. See picture elsewhere in this Trestleboard .

SAD TIDINGS ...

As you may recall, our much respected Brother **KURT BROWN, DSA**, was hospitalized after a bad fall, went through some difficult rehab with a lot of severe back pain (thankfully no bone fractures) but is now back home and

From Ye Olde Scribe (Cont.)

feeling much better. Kurt was unable to attend the Awards Nite presentation of his 65 Year Certificate, so our Master arranged an in-home presentation with a nice delegation of Athelstane Brothers on hand to wish Kurt well and serenade him with a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday". Following this we enjoyed coffee and a delicious birthday cake (see photo elsewhere in this Athelstanian).

One of the pillars of the Lodge, our own **R:W.: EUGENE ERICKSON**, took a nasty fall last month, and had an undetected concussion for a while before it was diagnosed and had to undergo emergency brain surgery to remove a blood clot. Thankfully Gene has been making a good recovery. We visited him at Helen Hayes Hospital where he was getting excellent therapy and glad to report that he is home now and getting TLC from Marty and family.

GLAD TIDINGS ...

Athelstane Lodge Educational Assistance Scholarship checks have been awarded to eleven (11) children and grandchildren of our Lodge members. These awards are made annually in Memory of **R:W.:s FRED DRESDALE, CLARENCE "PETE" ERICKSON, and MARTIN LINDENBERG.**

Heartiest congratulations to winners **NICOLE BARD**, granddaughter of **Bro. MALCOLM BLOTNER, DSA; ALYSON BENOIT**, granddaughter of our late Brother **W GEORGE BERGERMAN; PHILLIP BLEIWAS**, son of **Bro. HOWARD BLEIWAS; CHRISTINE BEHR**, granddaughter of **Bro. JERRY SCHECKER; ADAM KLEIN and DANIELLE KLEIN**, children of **RW BRUCE KLEIN; SIMON KRAMER**, son of **W:. HARRY KRAMER; ABIGAIL SCANLON and JESSICA SCANLON**, granddaughters of **R:W.: MARVIN GESS; MATTHEW STEWART**, son of **Bro. RONALD STEWART;** and **TAYLOR TEWKSBURY**, grandson of **Bro. BENNET SILVER.** These deserving children are a great credit to their parents and grandparents and we all wish them good fortune in the years ahead.

Congratulations again to **SIMON KRAMER** (a regular volunteer at our Child ID and Hospice Tree of Life efforts) who has been awarded the **Order of the Chevalier**, the highest honor granted by the International Supreme Council of DeMolay for "distinguished work in DeMolay." The Investiture will take place on Sunday, November 2nd at Fidelity Lodge, in Ridgewood, NJ. For further details contact the proud dad, **W:. HARRY KRAMER** at (201) 262 - 2728.

Additional cudos: Simon was elected the New Jersey DeMolay State Senior Councilor at the recent NJ State DeMolay Convention. Way to go

From Ye Olde Scribe (Cont.)

Simon. We are all awaiting the date of your 21st birthday next year and your petition to join the Lodge! !

R.:W.: C. F. WILLIAM "BILL" MAURER and family getting ready for a Caribbean vacation cruise. Ditto Ye Old Scribe and better half **JOAN STEINER** setting sail for Bermuda on the Grand Lodge Summer Cruise. Bon Voyage and safe travels.

We had a very gratifying report from **Bro. MICHAEL OLMO**, Chairman of our **Athelstane Lodge Masonic Brotherhood Fund** fundraising team ... Some 60 or more Athelstane Brothers contributed close to \$10,000 this year. Way to go! Athelstane Lodge placed first among the Lodges in the Orange-Rockland District and as you may have seen in the ESM magazine, the O-R District was among the top ten in the State. We are always ready to assist if you want to make a charitable contribution to the Lodge, the Masonic Brotherhood Fund or one of the very deserving local philanthropies supported by the Lodge.

Never too soon to plan ...

We have a **Brother Bring a Friend Night** on the schedule for November. This is an opportunity for you to introduce a family member, friend, neighbor, or business associate to Freemasonry and your Masonic Lodge. Ask me for a copy of the brochure "**WHO ARE THE MASONS?**" to give to potential petitioners and I'll be happy to forward to you. Watch the next Trestleboard for the date and plan accordingly.

Our **Annual Athelstane Lodge Holiday Party** will be held on Tuesday evening, December 16th. Further details will follow, but please save the date now.

DUES REMINDER ...

Sorry to advise there are still a handful of Brothers in arrears...and that hurts. Your dues help pay the bills, so please ... if you are in arrears, please send your check now. The next notice will be the last before unaffiliation for NPD.

AND PLEASE REMEMBER ...

THERE IS MORE TO BEING A BROTHER OF ATHELSTANE LODGE THAN SIMPLY PAYING DUES. KEEP IN TOUCH !!!

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From Ye Olde Scribe (Cont.)

We are family. Even if your cable tow is such that you cannot attend Lodge, please keep in touch. We are concerned.

And speaking of family ...

To all of our Jewish Brethren and those you cherish: Happy and Healthy New Year. May we all be inscribed for a good year ... a year of good health and happiness, much love and *shalom* ! Peace in our lifetime.

Fraternally,

Ron

Ron Steiner,
Secretary

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65 Years - Congratulations Brother Curt !



W.: Douglas Ward presents Bro. Curt Brown with his 65 Year Service Certificate at a special ceremony on July 17, 2014.

MASONIC SAFETY ID - JAWONIO



W.: Lou Irizarry III and Bro. Seth Lee working the ID station.



Seated L - R: W.: Doug Ward, W.: Lou Irizarry III, Naomi Kramer & Jessica Perrone (Rainbow).

Standing L - R: R.:W.: Ron Steiner, Jerry Staller (Jawonio), Bro. Seth Lee, W.: Harry Kramer, R.:W.: Bill Plank, Simon Kramer (DeMolay), W.: Howard Whitman & Bro. Jim Burton.

2014 ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER



Above: R.:W.: Marvin Gess, R.:W.: Ron Seiner, R.:W.:> Bruce Weigand, and W.: Doug Ward present R.:W.: Ron with his 60 Year Service Award



Right: W.: Doug Ward presents Bro. John Gebbia with the Athelstane Lodge 2013-2014 Mason of the Year Award.



Left: Bro Hubert Urrutia, Bro. Dennis O'Connor (rear), Bro. Seth Lee, and Bro. John Gebbia.

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Trustees

W.: Alexander Mulgrew
2012 - 2015

Br. Richard Schwartz , D.S.A.
2013 - 2016

R.; W.: Bruce D. Klein
2014 - 2017

Past Masters

Howard Whitman	2011-13 Gerald P. Rickard	1983 Alfred Deninger	affl.
Ronald Pomerance, DSA	2010-11 Harold N. Eder *	1981 Jay Helgott	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10 Barry Ronner	1980-82 R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09 Eugene Foadare, DSA *	1979 Benjamin Kotzker	affl.
R.: W.: David Richards	2007-08 R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979 George Liberis	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07 R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977 Nathan Metlitz	affl.
R.: W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06 Norman J. Greenberg *	1976 Alvin M. Russell	affl.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05 R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976 Stuart Sindell	affl.
R.: W.: Harry F. Anderson	2002-03 Sander A. Lefkowitz *	1974 R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02 Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74 Arthur S. Vener	affl.
R.: W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01 Leonard J. Plotch *	1972 M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1997-99 Henry Morris	1972 R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98 R.: W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971 R.: W.: Robert Blanke	Hon.
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99 Charles K. Dunlop *	1969 R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95 Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969 V.: W.: Mark Hanson	Hon.
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97 Henry Chait *	1967 R.: W.: Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
Anthony Uribinato	1987-88, 1990 Murray Kaplowitz *	1965 R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992 Robert Maidman *	1958	
R.: W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94 Irwin W. Clements	affl. *	* Tappan Zee Lodge No. 1125
	1998-99		