

# THE ATHELSTANIAN



## ATHELSTANE LODGE

**No. 839**

**FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
INSTITUTED 1902**

Naurashank Temple  
2 South Middletown Road  
Pearl River, NY 10965

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

September 2015

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

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

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**2277th STATED COMMUNICATION**

**Athelstane Lodge No. 839**

**Welcome Back to the Quarry**

Tuesday evening, September, 2015

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 all our Masonic Brothers are cordially and fraternally invited to join us back in the quarry as we resume our labor after our long summer hiatus. I hope you can join us for our 2277<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication. This is the start of our 2015-2016 Masonic Year and Athelstane's new line of Officers cannot wait to participate in the proud lodge that we are here in Pearl River. Collation and brevity will begin at 6:30 PM with our Brand New Junior Warden Bro. Seth Lee ready to share a delectable festive board with you. After dinner and laughs we will begin and open Lodge at 7:30 PM with our new line of Officers in their proper stations and places. Work will begin with laying out the "Trestleboard" for the upcoming year as we have a lot in store to fill this year. We will also share our fun filled summer stories. An educational presentation by our Master W.: Dennis O'Connor, Jr. and the transactions of such business as may regularly and constitutional be brought before lodge. Hope you do plan on joining us.

Immediately following the close of the lodge there will be a Guild meeting. This meeting is for Guild member only and will be conducted by Guild President R.:W.: Dave Richards.

Officers Dress: Business Suit

By Order of:

  
W.: Dennis O'Connor, Jr.  
Master



Attest:



R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner  
Secretary

## 2278th STATED COMMUNICATION

Athelstane Lodge No. 839

Special Presentation “Mind of the Lodge.”

Tuesday evening, September 15., 2015

Pearl River Masonic Temple  
2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River N.Y.  
Dinner and social hour begins at 6:00 PM  
Lodge opens promptly at 7:00 PM

Brethren,

You and all our Masonic Brothers are cordially and fraternally invited to join us for a night of “Mind of the Lodge” which will delve into the human mind connection to structure and building of King Solomon’s Temple presented by our own Senior Deacon Michael Olmo. I hope you can join us for our 2276<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication. Collation and brevity will begin at 6:30 PM with our Junior Warden Bro. Seth Lee ready to share a delectable festive board with you. After dinner we will begin and open Lodge at 7:30 PM with our line of Officers in their proper stations and places. An educational presentation by Senior Deacon Michael Olmo and the transactions of such business as may regularly and constitutional be brought before lodge. Hope you do plan on joining us.

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By Order of:



W.: Dennis O'Connor, Jr.  
Master

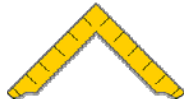


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R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner  
Secretary

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## **FROM THE EAST**

My Brothers,

I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer with friends and family. We all must truly enjoy and take advantage of the days we have as we all know this life is not a dress rehearsal. On Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, we all head back into the quarry for a fulfilling masonic year of education, charity work and spreading the mortar of Brotherly love through our district and throughout the world.

I, myself, had an enlightening trip down south over the summer to our great capital, Washington D.C. There I visited the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Supreme Council 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Museum / Library. There I was in awe of the vast libraries housed within. I was surprised when I learned that the remains of Brother Albert Pike and Brother John Henry Cowles were embedded within the walls behind busts of their likeness. You do not need to be a member of the Scottish Rite to truly appreciate this place on the masonic level. I have some pictures attached of the trip.

We held an Officer's BBQ over the summer at the lodge which turned out to be a great eye opener on how we have such a robust line of Officers looking to open the social gates of Athelstane to become even closer as Brothers. What a refreshing day it was spent with the new line of Athelstane officers.

I am saddened by the loss over a great Brothers and loved ones who have been called upon by the Great Architect. We lost our very close Brother R.:W.: Harry Anderson in July to a sudden stroke while vacationing in New Jersey with family. R.:W.: Harry Anderson will be greatly missed. May his memory serve as a blessing for his family and all who loved him and may his Masonic career be an inspiration for all of us who called him "Brother". We have indeed lost a good friend. Our dear Treasurer R.:W.: Marvin Gess lost his sister-in-law in August. I am saddened to our Junior Warden Brother Seth Lee lost his mother to cancer in August. May the hands of the Supreme Being caress those who suffer softest within his bosom to truly share how blessed it is to know your loved ones and carry their spirit forever in your hearts.

**From the East (Cont.)**

Looking ahead into the new Masonic year. Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> will be our “Back to Quarry” night. Welcoming all brothers back and celebrating our summer tales. After the meeting we will hold a Guild meeting for guild members. The following meeting on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> looks to be a very though provoking evening with our own Senior Deacon Michael Olmo giving a presentation titled “Mind of the Lodge.” which will delve into the human mind connection to structure and building of King Solomon’s temple. Looking into October we have the Official District Deputy R.: W.: Bruce Weigand making his visit to our lodge on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

I truly hope you can join us for theses meeting as we embark on this new year with us at Athelstane. Be well and see you soon Brother.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

  
W.: Dennis O'Connor, Jr.



**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. Salvatore Luppino; Passed 03/11/14  
Bro. Mark A. Persaud; Passed 03/04/14

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## FROM 'YE OLD SCRIBE ...

### PERSONAL COMMENT ...

*I hope that this finds you and yours well and that you had an enjoyable summer. I know that our Master and Officers have been planning and looking forward with great enthusiasm to resuming our labors, so with this in mind, hope to see you at our upcoming meetings. If you are not able to be with us, please keep in touch !*

### SAD TIDINGS ...

It is with profound sadness that we learned that "**EJ**" **LEE**, devoted wife of our long time Brother **DUNCAN LEE**, and cherished mother of our Junior Warden, Brother **SETH LEE**, is in Hospice care at the Joe Rasso Center in New City. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

We lost two long time stalwarts of Athelstane during the summer. Our altar is draped for **R:W: HARRY ANDERSON**, immediate past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington (State) near the Grand Lodge of New York. Harry has been a "regular" at our meetings for so many years ... his warm personality and positive attitude will be sorely missed. Please read **the** personal eulogy by Harry's very close friend and Brother, **R:W: BILL MAURER**, elsewhere in this Trestleboard. To **DIANE ANDERSON** and Harry's family and friends we hope you have comfort in knowing that so many of us in Harry's extended Masonic family share in this loss. The family indicated that charitable contributions to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in memory of Harry Anderson would be greatly appreciated.

Two weeks ago we were again called to bid farewell to another longtime member of our Lodge, Bro. **JEROME SCHECKER**, of Lewes, Delaware. Jerry and his wife **JOY** have been regular e-mail correspondents with "Ye Old Scribe and they always had great interest in Lodge activities and our charitable endeavors. A Masonic Memorial service was held in Suffern and we had a representative turnout of Brothers participating for which the family was most appreciative.

Our Athelstane family was also saddened to learn of the very sudden and untimely passing of the sister of **DIANE GESS**, wife of our venerable Treasurer **R:W: MARVIN GESS**. May the memory of **LOIS RITTER** be a blessing to the family and all who knew her.

### GLAD TIDINGS ...

Our Tiler Emeritus, **R:W: SCOTT ALLAN KLEIN** sends his best wishes to all his Brothers and members of our Athelstane family. Things are "*status quo*" with our cherished Brother and Scott would really appreciate a card or note sent to his home: **SCOTT ALLAN KLEIN**, 831 Route 340, Palisades, NY 10964-1344.

## *From Ye Old Scribe (Cont.)*

At the 2015 New Jersey Convention of RAINBOW FOR GIRLS, **NAOMI KRAMER**, daughter of **W.: HARRY** and **CLAUDIA KRAMER**, was made Grand Representative to Rainbow of New York. **NAOMI** and her brother **SIMON** (see below) have been frequent "volunteers" at our Masonic Safety ID programs and the Hospice TREE OF LIFE charity fund raising events. .

Further glad tidings from the "House of Kramer" ... son **SIMON KRAMER**, will take his First Degree of Masonry in Fidelity Lodge, Ridgewood New Jersey ... the Lodge that has sponsored Simon's DeMolay Chapter. Note: New Jersey accepts Petitions for membership at 18 years of age. **W.: Harry** has extended an invitation for all his Brothers to share in his pride and attend Simon's EA Degree. Please contact Harry for further details: (201) 262-2728.

And similar pride is being shared by our Athelstane Lodge Brother **RONALD STEWART** and 'Ye Old Scribe as we anticipate our son (grandson) **MATTHEW STEWART** taking his First Degree this winter in Joseph Warren Gothic-Lodge No 934 (Seventh Manhattan District). Matthew will be our 4th generation in JWG Lodge, as it was my Dad's adopted Lodge, my "Mother Lodge", and where Bro Ron Stewart was raised. Further details will be forthcoming.

We were gratified to see a generous outpouring of financial support in response to the appeal issued by our own **RW GENE ERICKSON** on behalf of **Mrs MARY GESNER**, widow of a Brother and Past Mater of Naurashank Lodge. As widely reported in the local press and media, Mrs Gesner was "burned out" of her home in Orangeburg last month and escaped with only the nightclothes she was wearing. All checks received have been delivered by **RW Gene** to Mrs Gesner who is presently staying in Monsey in the home of **BERTHA OSBORN**, widow of our own **W STUART OSBORN** .

## **FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG, COMPUTER AND PHONE CALLS**

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**Bro. SAM NIXON** (Byron, GA) continues to make good progress after his recent leg amputation this past spring.

**Bro. IRWIN KAHN** (Suffern) has completed a course of chemotherapy and we hope is now clear of cancer. Sam sends regards and well wishes to all.

**BARBARA** and **Bro. JACK GREEN** (Boynton Beach, FL) were up here briefly visiting son and our Brother **STUART GREEN**. Sorry we missed seeing you nice folk!

It was good seeing **CINDY** and **R.:W.: PETER DEDEL** a few weeks ago. Wish the circumstances had been otherwise, but always good to see them and to learn that their son **Jeremy** is really enjoying his membership in DeMolay.

Always good to hear from **Bro. BOB CARMEN** (Utica) as well as **R.:W. : AL MEALEY** (Myrtle Beach, SC) and **R.:W.: HAL DRESDALE** (Del Ray Beach, FL).

## *From Ye Old Scribe (Cont.)*

We heard from R:W: **MEL BIRNBAUM** that W: **EUGENE FOLI-DARE** and wife **EDDIE** are moving shortly to an assisted living facility in Monroe Township, NJ. We'll keep you posted. .

## **REPEATING THIS QUESTION ... GOT AN HOUR ?**

This is a provocative question and if the answer is "yes", there are **volunteer opportunities** at Rockland's **MEALS ON WHEELS**. If you are interested, please contact our own Athelstane Lodge **Bro. JIM BURTON** at (845) 826 - 4494

## **ALSO, VERY TIMELY AND WORTH REPEATING ...**

*The single most important source of new membership in a Masonic Lodge is the individual Brother who asks a member of his family, a friend, a neighbor or business associate. Please do not be shy about talking about your Masonry. We will be happy to provide informative brochures, answer any questions and provide applications for membership or affiliation. Please call Ron Steiner (845) 354 - 4192. We are looking forward to a new class of members taking their degree work this fall.*

## **AND A GLANCE AHEAD ...**

Every Brother of Athelstane Lodge is a member of the **Masonic Guild of Spring Valley, Inc.** The Annual Meeting of the Guild will take place immediately after the closing of the Lodge meeting on September 1st. Update on finances and election of Officers are on the agenda.

## **DUES REMINDER ...**

We still have a few Brothers who are delinquent in payment of the Dues for this year ... Past Due notices have been sent. If you have not paid your 2015 dues, you are in financial arrears to your Lodge. Please help us avoid costly and time consuming follow ups and mail your dues check. If you have any questions or concerns or if there are financial problems, please call me (845) 354 - 4192.

## **AND PLEASE REMEMBER ...**

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

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

Ron

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday August 31<sup>st</sup> – ORDMA Meeting at Goshen lodge in Goshen NY.**

Dinner is at 6:30 and meeting will start promptly at 7:30.

**Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – Athelstane Opening Meeting for the 2015-2016 Masonic Year.**

Let's start the year off with a bang! The new line of Officers welcome all Masons for a fraternal night a fellowship, good food and masonry. Hope you join us for special evening with social hour starting at 6:30 followed by gavel at 7:30.

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> - Montgomery Day Parade 10 a.m.**

All O & R Masons invited to march

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> - Pig Roast at Hudson River Lodge**

12 noon Pig Roast at Hudson River Lodge Tickets 2 for \$25 EACH.

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown**

Happy New Year to all our Jewish Brethren and their families.

**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - Athelstane Lodge meeting “Mind of the Lodge” presentation.**

Special Presentation by our own Senior Deacon Michael Olmo.

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Shriners Circus**

Thursday thru Sunday at German Masonic Park, 120 Western Highway, Tappan, NY. Visit [www.klownklub.org](http://www.klownklub.org)

**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – Athelstane lodge meeting.**

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – Grand Master’s Day at West Point**

Army vs. Bucknell. More information attached below.

**Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Athelstane Lodge Meeting. Official visit from our own DDDGM R.:W.: Bruce Weigand.**



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# EULOGY ...

## PERSONAL REMARKS IN MEMORY OF R.:W.: HARRY ANDERSON by R.:W.: "BILL" MAURER ....

*WHEN HARRY PASSED, I THOUGHT HOW PROUD I WOULD BE TO TELL ALL OF YOU WHAT A GREAT FRIEND, BROTHER AND COMPANION HE WAS, AND I STARTED TO RECOLLECT STORIES AND INCIDENTS ABOUT HIM AND ME. THEN IT OBVIOUSLY HIT ME THAT, YES, HE AND I DID SO MUCH TOGETHER – ESPECIALLY BEING PART OF THE MASONRY HE LOVED.*

*THE FUN, THE ENJOYMENT, THE LEARNING ABOUT EACH OTHER, TOOK PLACE WITH OUR WIVES. IT WASN'T JUST GOING OUT TO DINNER WITH HARRY, IT WAS HARRY AND DIANE. AND AS WE DROVE OFF TO EAT STEAK -IF IT WERE HARRY'S TURN TO CHOOSE THE RESTAURANT – NO "FRIENDLY'S" FOR HIM – HE ORDERED AN ALMOST RARE STEAK – MASHED POTATOES WITH BUTTER, BUTTER, BUTTER, FOLLOWED BY A SCOOP OF PLAIN VANILLA ICE CREAM – AND IT BETTER BE IN A COLD DISH AND NOT MELTED - AND FOUR SPOONS SO WE WOULD SHARE DESSERTS*

*HE OR I WOULD DRIVE AND OUR LADIES WOULD SIT IN THE BACK SEAT WHILE WE SOLVED THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD, MASONRY, NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THEN CHECKED TO MAKE SURE - OR REMINDED THE OTHER - OF A JOKE WE SENT BY E-MAIL EARLIER IN THE DAY, OUR BRIDES OF MORE THAN 45 YEARS WOULD BE DISCUSSING OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, OUR HEALTH, THE BENEFITS OF MEDICARE AND OUR FUTURE.*

*IMPORTANT TO ALL IN THAT CAR WAS THE LOVE THAT WE HAVE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THE GRAND CHILDREN, HAPPY FOR THE SUCCESS THEY ALL HAVE ENJOYED IN THEIR CAREERS AND IN THEIR MARRIAGES. NOW OUR HEALTH PROBLEMS TOOK AN ACTIVE PART OF THE CONVERSATION.*

*DIANE AND I GAVE OPINIONS, WITH OUR BEST WISHES, PROVIDED HOPE. OUR PARTNERS HAD THE PROBLEMS. WE WERE THERE TO TOTALLY BACK THEM UP.*

*WHEN ASKED WHAT HARRY HAD PLANNED, HE WOULD OFTEN MENTION ONE OR TWO DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS IN TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE. HE WAS ACTIVE, SO ACTIVE IN FINDING OUT WHAT WERE HIS MEDICAL PROBLEMS BUT OFTEN WOULD SAY, "THE DOCTOR IS GOING TO HOLLAR AT ME AGAIN!"*

*SLEEPING AT NIGHT WAS A PROBLEM. HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FALL ASLEEP UNTIL DAWN AND THEN SLEEP UNTIL WHAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER LUNCH, AND HE THEN HE HAD BREAKFAST. THE ONLY GOOD THING ABOUT THIS WAS THAT FOR EVENING MEETINGS AND*

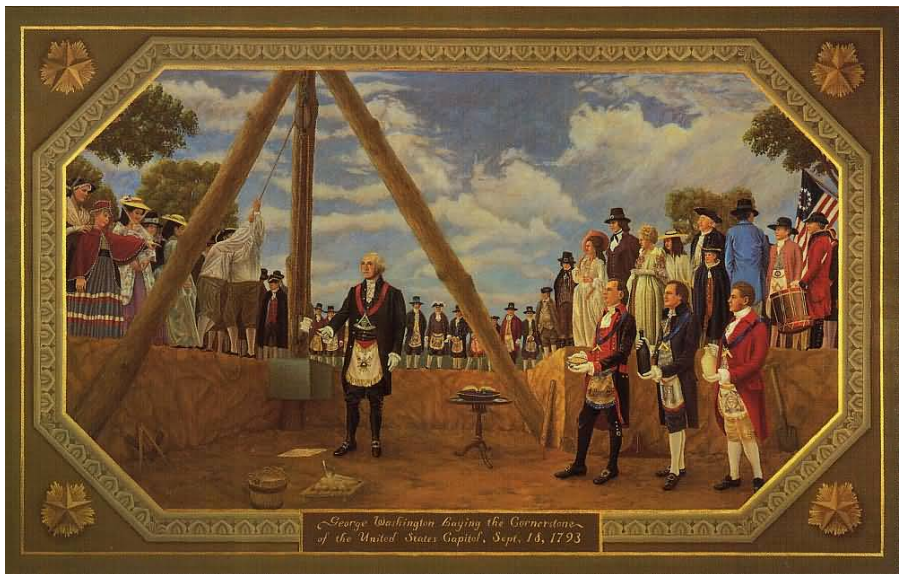
**Eulogy - (Cont.)**

*DRIVING TO AND FROM A SITE, HARRY COULD STAY AWAKE WHILE MANY OF US MIGHT DOZE OFF.*

*HE WAS A GOOD MAN, HE LOVED HIS FAMILY AND HIS FRIENDS. HE ENJOYED MASONRY SO MUCH AND IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HIM AS AN IDEAL, AS AN EVENING OUT, AS A PLACE TO MEET FRIENDS , TO HAVE LONG TIME RELATIONSHIPS AND A TIME WHERE HE WAS RECOGNIZE BY ALL FOR HIS GOOD QUALITIES IN LIFE.*

*YES, HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM IN LODGE, HIS CHURCH, HIS BUSINESS AND THROUGH HIS LOVING FAMILY.*

*WE ASK THE GRAND ARCHITECT TO BLESS HIM AND HIS FAMILY. AMEN.*



*George Washington laying the Cornerstone  
of the United States Capitol, Sept. 18, 1793*

**Painting depicting George Washington laying the corner-  
stone of the U.S. Capitol on September 18, 1793.**

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## **GRAND MASTER'S FAMILY DAY AT WEST POINT**

**Saturday, October 17, 2015  
Army vs. Bucknell**



(Limited to 200 tickets)

Tickets: \$30.00

Parking: \$15.00 (per car)

Parking: \$25.00 (per bus)

Get your order in early

*We will be Tailgating at Parking Area "H"*

Arrive early for good parking spot. Map will be provided with tickets.

**Bring your own food and drinks.**

**Parade of Cadets on the Plain:**

\*9:00 a.m.

**Football Game:**

\*12:00 p.m.

**(Buses provided to parade & game)**

Ticket orders must be sent with check payable to "Grand Lodge of New York" to:

RW Charlie Catapano  
2410 Farmers Ave #1  
Bellmore, NY 11710

Phone: 516/314-8156, email: [ccat1211@yahoo.com](mailto:ccat1211@yahoo.com)

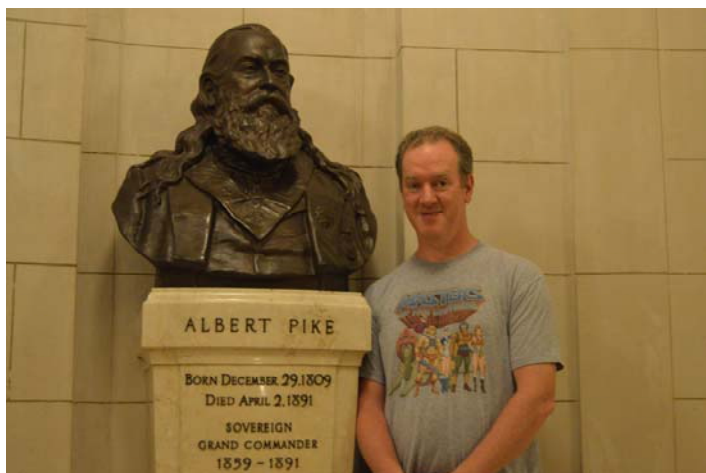
Cut-off date (with money) September 30, 2015

\*Subject to change

**Trip to Scottish Rite of Freemasonry  
Museum and Library  
By W.: Dennis O'Connor, Jr.**



**Entrance to the House of the Temple**



**W.: Dennis with bust of Albert Pike 33<sup>o</sup>**



**Trip to Scottish Rite of Freemasonry  
Museum and Library**



**Cornerstone from the October 23, 1993 Reenactment of the laying  
of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol on September 18, 1793.**

## Trip to Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Museum and Library



**Bust of Albert Pike 33°**



**Bust of John Henry Cowles 33°**

