

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS INSTITUTED 1902

Naurashank Temple
2 South Middletown Road
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Communications 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
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October 2012

M.:W.: James E. Sullivan
Grand Master of Masons
in the State of New York

R.:W.: John Cola
District Deputy Grand Master
for the Orange-Rockland District

September 29, 2012

Brethren:

2215th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the 2215th Stated Communications of Athelstane Lodge No 839 F & AM to be held in the Pearl River Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening, October 2, 2012 promptly at 7:30 P.M. on the occasion of the

OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE R.: W.: JOHN W. COLA,
District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland District, representing
THE MOST WORSHIPFUL JAMES E. SULLIVAN ,
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Please plan to join us for what promises to be a very interesting and enlightening evening as we extend a warm Athelstane welcome our District Deputy Grand Master and The **R.: W.: Jose J. Ithier**, Grand Sword Bearer, together with the DD's staff, the Officers of ORDMA, and the Assistant Grand Lecturers, our Athelstane Brothers **V.: W.: Scott Allan Klein** and **V.: W.: Mark Hanson**.

Pre-meeting dinner at 6:30 PM

Lodge opens at 7:30 PM

Officer's dress: FORMAL with Aprons, white gloves and jewels

Brethren : Business attire, Apron and jewels of highest office

2216th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday evening, October 16, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the 2216th Stated Communications of Athelstane Lodge No 839 F & AM to be held in the Pearl River Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening, October 16, 2012 promptly at 7:30 P.M. The work on the Trestleboard for this evening will be the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree on a class of worthy and well qualified candidates.

Brother Dennis O'Connor
will sit in the East and confer the First Degree/

Please plan to join us as we welcome our new Brothers to Athelstane Lodge and bring them to Masonic light..

Pre-meeting dinner at 6:30 PM

Lodge opens at 7:30 PM

Officer's dress: FORMAL with Aprons, white gloves and jewels

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WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Richard Cespuaglio, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 05/23/12
Mr. Daniel Daneshrad, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo 05/23/12
Mr. Marc Andre Jean-Baptiste, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 07/15/12
Mr. Edward Lawrence Jones, Jr., proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo 04/17/12
Mr. Mecene J. Jourdain, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 07/21/12
Mr. Jonathan Kaufman, proposed by W.: Jay Helfgott, 08/10/12
Mr. Yitchak Langsam, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 06/14/12
Mr. Mark A. Persaud, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 08/01/12
Mr. Pablo Sandoval, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 05/01/12
Mr. Moshe Surkis, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 06/14/12

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Bro. Mihail Bajdechi	Initiated 03/20/12
Bro. Anthony Barbato	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Seth Geffen	Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Brian Gonzalez	Initiated 10/05/10

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Michael Anthony DePaolo	Passed 04/17/12
Bro. Eric Mateyka	Passed 01/11/11
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Passed 11/16/10
Bro. Roy Rizzotti	Passed 04/17/12

THE FUTURE

Oct. 2nd **OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE R.:W.: JOHN W. COLA, DDGM**
 Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m. sharp!

Oct. 7th **GRAND MASTER'S DAY AT DEWINT HOUSE IN TAPPAN**
 All Brethren and family are invited. Dutch treat luncheon at the Old '76 House, Main Street, Tappan, NY (\$25 per person)
 Ceremonies starting at 2:00 p.m. at DeWint House Masonic Shrine and Museum, and George Washington Headquarters and National Historic Site, Livingston Avenue in Tappan . . .
 Tours and light refreshments following (no charge).

THE FUTURE, cont.

- Oct. 16th ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE
Brother Dennis O'Connor will grace the East and confer the First Degree of Masonry.
- Oct. 18th Apron Presentation for our Athelstane Brother V.:W.: Mark Hanson, Assistant Grand Lecturer, at West Point Lodge, Highland Falls, NY
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m.
RSVP to W.: Howard Whitman if you can attend.
- Nov. 6th Special Presentation on Masonic Ritual . . . Masonic Q&A Contest
Presented by R.:W.: Scott Allan Klein and V.:W.: Mark Hanson
- Nov. 20th FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE.
Brother Douglas Ward will grace the East
Brother Dennis O'Connor will give the Middle Chamber Lecture
- Dec. 4th MASTER MASON DEGREE
W.: Howard Whitman will grace the East.
- Dec. 15th UNITED HOSPICE TREE OF LIFE. Our annual fund raising effort at the Palisades Mall for United Hospice of Rockland. We need as many volunteers as possible to assist our Athelstane family "team" effort. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!! Brother, ladies, children and grandchildren. We are at the Hospice booth from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Please contact our secretary to confirm the hours you can contribute. Join the effort . . . Join the fun!!!
- Dec.18th ANNUAL ATHELSTANE LODGE HOLIDAY PARTY and presentation of 2012 charitable contributions. A gala gathering of our Athelstane Lodge Brothers, ladies and guests will enjoy a sumptuous catered reception and buffet dinner with beverages and a calorie unconscious assortment of mouth-watering desserts.
Please make reservations now . . . \$25 per person payable in advance. Please make checks payable to Athelstane Lodge and send to our Secretary.

FROM DE OLD SCRIBE ...

LOOKING BACK ...

WOW ... what a great turnout for our September 4th first meeting after the summer !!! We had about 30 Athelstane Brothers and guests in attendance and the warmth of the evening was evident in all respects (temperature and fellowship!). After a great social hour and a delectable buffet dinner, we witnessed an exemplary opening of the Lodge by our Officers. R.:W.: **JOHN W. COLA**, District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland District, representing The Most Worshipful **JAMES E. SULLIVAN**, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, was an invited guest this evening and he was escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors.

This meeting was a **Summoned Communication** for the purpose of discussion and voting on the revised By-Laws of the Lodge, which we accomplished in short

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order thanks to all the hard work of **R.:W.: BRUCE KLEIN** and our Committee of Past Masters.

R.:W.: JOHN COLA, DDGM of the Orange Rockland District, called to the East and presented letters of appointment to our two new members of the Purple ... **R.: W.: DAVE RICHARDS**, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nevada near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and **R.: W.: SCOTT ALLAN KLEIN**, Grand Representative of the Grande Lodge du Benine near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. We also had the pleasure of seeing **V.:W.: MARK HANSON** introduced as a new Assistant Grand Lecturer in the O-R District. Our three Athelstane Brothers were given Grand Honors while in the East. and much continued success was wished for all.

On a more somber note, the Lodge was raised and a prayer was offered in Memory of our Brother **PAUL TENDLER**, who had retired to Florida three years ago after an outstanding and memorable 22 year career as CEO of **JAWONIO**. Our Brother Paul passed away on July 22nd after a year long battle with brain cancer. He was indeed an outstanding member of the Rockland community ... a dreamer, a visionary and a builder! He was a dedicated Mason and the personification of all that is good in the role Masons practice as a loving husband and father and a tireless worker for the less fortunate in our community. Paul was indeed a Mason in every commendable virtue! The condolences of the Lodge were extended to Paul's widow, **SANDY** and their family.

We concluded the work of the evening with a very interesting program on the life and writings of **Brother Rudyard Kipling**. The short talk was given by **R.: W.: HARRIS MANDEL**, a friend and visitor to our Lodge on numerous occasions, and was well received by an appreciative audience. Harris was given a standing ovation at the conclusion of his presentation.

The meeting of September 18th saw Brother **DOUGLAS WARD** in the East for a ritual opening and closing of the Lodge followed by a rehearsal for the First Degree scheduled for October 16th. We know our ritual team will do an outstanding job. Let's have a big turnout to help bring our new class of candidates to Masonic light!

FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG ... e-mail, phone calls, etc.

Our personal thanks again for all the well wishes, calls and e-mails and cards of good cheer extended to my better half, **JOAN**, during her recent recovery from spinal surgery and the post surgical trauma that resulted from a combination of meds. All's well that ends well. Joan is back to her effervescent, caring and optimistic self. We wish all of our Jewish friends and Brothers and those you cherish, a Happy Jewish New Year 5772 ... may we ... and all our friends and non-Jewish Brothers and their loved ones ... may we all be inscribed for a healthy year, a productive year, a year filled with much happiness and love and peace. **SHALOM !!!** That's universal.

The condolences of the Lodge were extended to **Bro C. SCOTT VANDERHOEF** and his family on the passing in late August of Scott's father, **KENT VANDERHOEF**, a well known and respected Rockland community leader and businessman. We hope the family knows no more sorrow for a long time to come.

Bro SAM NIXON on the mend and now home after extensive hospitalization and rehabilitation. Edna wrote that all our thoughts and prayers seem to have worked and Brother Sam is now making good progress. Keep up the good work Sam !!!

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Bro. MARK BURKE still fighting the good fight in his ongoing efforts to return to good health ... and he thanks all the Brothers for their continuing well wishes. Ditto from **BEA OSTER** wife of our good Brother **W: AL OSTER**. Hope the new year brings everyone an abundance of good health. We need it !!!

Bro. MAL BLOTNER, DSA, and wife **DOTTIE** off on a 7 day "local cruise." Smooth sailing folks !!!

Good to hear from three of our Athelstane ladies ... **SANDY WEINBERG** and **IRENE LINDENBERG** and **NANCY BERGERMAN**. Glad to know all is well. Hope we get to see you in Florida for our annual Athelstane January luncheon (details to follow) if not before.

Bro **RICHIE SCHWARTZ, DSA** and bride **SUSAN** back home after vacationing in Montauk and North Carolina. Ask Richie to tell you about the fish that didn't get away I'll bet he has pictures by Sue to prove it too.

Congrats to Brother **MICHAEL OLMO** on his appointment as the new Lodge Chairman for the **Masonic Brotherhood Fund**. Bro Michael is anxious to hear from you and will gladly give you a receipt for your 501 (c) 3 charitable deductions in time for your 2012 tax returns ... and besides, it is a very worthwhile charity!

Mark your calendar for the apron presentation of our **V:W: MARK HANSON** as AGL in his mother Lodge, West Point Lodge No 877 on Thursday, October 18th. An open invitation to Brothers and their ladies has been extended. Dinner at 6:30 PM followed by the ceremonies of the evening. Please contact our Master, **W: HOWARD WHITMAN** if you can attend. We should have a great turnout of our Athelstane Lodge family to show appreciation for all that Brother Mark has done for us as a Brother of Athelstane.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Please join us as we welcome our DDGM, **The R:W: JOHN W.COLA** to Athelstane lodge for his Official Visit ... the first on his round of Official Visits in our District...this Tuesday evening, October 2nd. Dinner at 6:30. **We look forward to the pleasure of your company.**

Grand Lodge per capita goes from \$30 to \$32 in 2013. Accordingly, our Athelstane Lodge dues for 2013 will be \$95 plus \$32 = \$127. 25 year Life members (25 consecutive years in good standing) i.e. those raised prior to 1986 will be \$32, which is Grand Lodge per capita only. **NEW THIS YEAR** per our revised By-Laws as adopted September 4, 2012: 25 year Life members (25 consecutive years in good standing) raised in 1987 will be \$32 plus \$25= \$57. We will be mailing 2013 Dues notices in October dated November 1, 2012 and a note that Dues for 2013 are due December 31, 2012 and we will be mailing the new 2013 Dues cards to members paid as soon as received from Grand Lodge.

PAST DUE ... sorry to note there are still nine (9) Brothers in arrears in their financial obligations to the Lodge ... without naming names ... their 2012 dues are way past due. Please avoid embarrassment Brothers. If there is a financial problem, we stand ready to try to assist.. Let us hear from you so we can resolve this.

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Finally ...

PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS MORE TO MASONRY ... THERE IS MORE TO BEING A BROTHER OF ATHELSTANE LODGE ... THAN SIMPLY PAYING YOUR DUES.

Fraternally,

Ron

R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner, secretary
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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers:

September saw two of our Brothers who had been elected to the Purple receive their Certificates at the September 4th meeting from our DDGM, the R.:W.: John W. Cola.

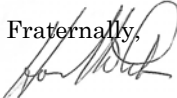
R.:W.: David Richards is the new Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and R.:W.: Scott Klein is now the Grand Representative of the Grand Loge du Benin, in Africa. R.:W.: Klein is also one of the two AGL's in our District.

On September 18th we had a practice run-through for our Entered Apprentice Degree to be held on October 16th.

Next month, we will be having our annual District Deputy Grand Master's Visitation on October 2nd, and we will be holding our Entered Apprentice Degree on October 16th with our Senior Deacon, Dennis O'Connor sitting in the East.

On October 18th, V.:W.: Mark Hanson will be having his AGL Presentation at his Mother Lodge, West Point Lodge # 877.

I look forward to an eventful Fall and Winter for the Lodge, and hope to see all you at our meetings.

Fraternally,


W.: Howard Whitman

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Trustees

W.: Alexander Mulgrew
2012 - 2015

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