

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839

**FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
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Naurashank Temple
2 South Middletown Road
Pearl River, NY 10965

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

October 2013

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

2236th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 7:30 PM

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the 2236th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F. & A.M. on Tuesday evening, October 1, 2013 promptly at 7:30 PM at the Pearl River Masonic Temple, 2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River, N.Y. for the purpose of:

THE DEGREE OF ENTERED APPRENTICE
FIRST DEGREE OF MASONRY

will be conferred on a class of duly qualified candidates, and to receive reports from the Investigating Committee, Balloting on Candidates for Membership, and such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge. Please join us and assist as we bring these gentlemen to light in our beloved fraternity and help us to welcome them to our Athelstane Lodge family.

Brother John S. Gebbia III

will sit in the East and confer the degree

Please plan to join us for our usual social hour and dinner preceding the meeting, Dinner will start at 6:30 PM.

2237th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 7:30 PM

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the 2237th Stated Communications of Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM to be held in the Pearl River Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening, October 15, 2013 promptly at 7:30 P.M. on the occasion of:

a very special and enlightening educational program pertaining to

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY

presented by our very own **R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II**, past DDGM, a presentation by **W.: Colin Oakenfull**, from Walkill Lodge No. 627, on the TLC (Teddy Bears) program, and for such other Lodge business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge. Please plan to join us for our usual social hour and dinner preceding the meeting, Dinner will start at 6:30 PM.



By order of the Master

W.: Douglas Ward

Attest:

R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner
Secretary



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

PETITIONS WAITING TO BE READ IN LODGE

Mr. Robert Dale Tidwell, proposed by Bro. John Gebbia III, 07/17/13

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Mr. James S. Burton, proposed by W.: Douglas Ward, 07/30/13

Mr. Richard Cespuglio, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 05/23/12

Mr. Thomas John Damiani, proposed by Bro. Joseph Damiani, 08/29/13

Mr. Mecene J. Jourdain, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 07/21/12

Mr. Yitchak Langsam, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 06/14/12

Mr. Salvatore Luppino, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 07/01/13

Mr. Moshe Surkis, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 06/14/12

AWAITING DEGREE OF ENTERED APPRENTICE

Mr. Jonathan Kaufman, Elected 09/03/13

Mr. Mark A. Persaud; Elected 12/04/12

Mr. Alain Santiago, Elected 09/03/13

Mr. James Thomas Tribble, Elected 09/03/13

Mr. Hubert E. Urruttia, Elected 09/03/13

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Bro. Daniel Edwin Badillo; Initiated 02/05/13

Bro. Mihail Bajdechi; Initiated 03/20/12

Bro. Edward Lawrence Jones, Jr.; Initiated 10/16/12

Bro. Pablo Sandoval; Initiated 10/16/12

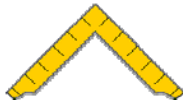
AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Daniel Daneshrad; Passed 03/19/13

Bro. Eric Mateyka; Passed 01/11/11

Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka; Passed 11/16/10

Bro. Roy Rizzotti; Passed 04/17/12



FROM THE EAST

My Brothers:

I hope this Trestleboard finds you all well. Fall is in the air, and another Masonic year is already in full swing at our Athelstane.


Our first two communications of the year are now “in the books”. For our first meeting of the year, we enjoyed a most interesting lecture given by visiting Br. Oscar Alleyne, we elected several candidates for membership to our Lodge, and tended to other business. Our Sept. 17th meeting was the official visit of our District Deputy of the Orange Rockland District, R.: W.: John W. Cola. He was joined by his Staff Officer and Grand Steward, R.:W.: Jose Ithier, in addition to both AGL’s who are certainly no strangers to our Lodge, R.:W.: Scott Allan Klein, and V.:W.: Mark Hanson. We got a chance to hear each of them speak, and of course R.:W.: Cola delivered to us the Grand Master’s message. Prior to the meeting, we enjoyed a bountiful Oktoberfest dinner catered by Br. Mike Peters. Many thanks to V.:W.: Hanson for delivering the food, and to our Junior Warden, Br. Dennis O’Connor for making it happen. While I am happy to say that we did have quite a few visiting Brethren with us, I was really hoping for a better turnout from our own membership.

I’m very excited to announce that we have two Entered Apprentice degrees scheduled in the fall - one on October 1st and one on November 5th.

Over those two nights, we will hopefully see as many as nine candidates become nine Brothers of our Lodge. I am looking forward to putting on exemplary degrees for these new prospective Brothers, and I hope as many of our members as possible can be there to welcome them.

Let’s have a great turnout for these very special nights! Looking forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

Fraternally,


W.: Douglas Ward

FROM THE OLD SCRIBE ...

It's been exhilarating to get back to work in the quarries and renewing friendships. Hope this finds each of you and those you love in good health and we look forward to seeing you at Lodge first and third Tuesdays. And if you can't make it, drop us a note, or give a call so we can remember you to our Brothers. September was a very busy month for our Lodge. See our Master's column ... "FROM THE EAST" ... for full details.

Let's start this month's column with ...

GLAD TIDINGS ...

Delighted to share the happy news that **LOU III** and lovely wife **REBECCA IRRIZARY** are infantspecting in February. And Mozel Tov to them both and to grandparents **R:W: LOUIS M. IRIZARRY II** and **Wanda**. May all your dreams come true !!!

Brother **DAVID TALLMAN** is recouping from a staph infection and is receiving tender loving care and wonderful therapy at the Masonic Care Community Healthy Facility in Utica. David is so happy in his new surroundings and he is anxiously looking forward to returning to his new home in **ACACIA VILLAGE**. He sends warm fraternal regards to all his Brothers.

Our Senior Deacon, Brother **JOHN S. GEBBIA, III** announced his forthcoming marriage to his lady **CHANDRA**, a very helpful member of our Athelstane "team" at so many events. On behalf of all our Athelstane Lodge Brothers and ladies, wish Chandra and John many years of good health, great happiness and much love. Mozel Tov !!!

R:W: BILL MAURER off to Alexandria VA to attend a very special weekend program at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. Bill is a member of the Grand Lodge Committee for that wonderful site. Bill is also a Past Chairman and Emeritus member of the Grand Lodge Committee for the DeWint House, George Washington HQ National Historic Site at Tappan.

R:W: HARRY ANDERSON and **Diane** on the high seas enjoying another cruise. Remind me to get a critique about the dining pleasures on that ship ... from Diane ... Harry loves it all !!!

SANDY TENDLER, widow of our cherished Brother **PAUL TENDLER**, visiting in Rockland called to say "hello" and be remembered to all her friends in Athelstane. We are looking forward to seeing Sandy in Florida in January for our 2014 annual Athelstane Lodge Reunion Luncheon. See ad elsewhere in this Trestleboard.

Did I mention that **W: HOWARD WHITMAN** was recently elected as a Trustee of our sister Lodge ... historic **WEST POINT LODGE** No 877 up the road in Highland Falls, NY. Good fortune Howard and keep up your good work !!!

(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)

W: AL OSTER recuperating from cataract surgery. "The better to see you," eh, Al ?

Longtime member, Brother **FALI SHROFF** planning to travel to India and called to say he will be proudly wearing his 45 Years of Service Award pin from Grand Lodge. Safe and happy travels Fali!

SAD TIDINGS ...

It is our sad duty to inform you of the death of R.W.: **THEODORE COOPERMAN**, longtime member of Stony Point Wawayanda Lodge and certainly no stranger to Athelstane. After a long battle with cardiac issues, R.W.: Ted passed peacefully. We ask that you keep his wife **JOAN** and sons in your prayers.

DUES

Once again, I have to report that there are still a handful of Brothers (15) who are remain in financial arrears and have not paid their 2013 dues for Athelstane and Grand Lodge. This is really troubling since four (4) bills have been sent with a request to contact our Secretary or Master if there is a financial problem. We will soon have to send a "Final Notice" and indication that unless this is resolved membership will be terminated for Non-Payment of Dues. **Please let us hear from you if this concerns you.**

AND PLEASE REMEMBER ...

THERE IS MORE TO BEING A BROTHER OF ATHELSTANE LODGE THAN SIMPLY PAYING DUES.

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

With warm fraternal regards and best wishes !!!

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2014 ATHELSTANE LODGE FLORIDA REUNION AND LUNCHEON

All Athelstane Lodge Brothers and their ladies, surviving spouses of Athelstane Brothers ... any and all of you who will be in Florida in the area of Boynton Beach this January 2014.

A warm fraternal invitation is extended to join us for the 2014 Athelstane Lodge Annual Florida reunion luncheon.

This gathering of our Athelstane Lodge family is free of charge to all Brothers and their ladies, and the surviving spouse of Athelstane Brothers. As in the past, all we ask is your tax deductible contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund for the current year.

DATE: Friday, January 17, 2014 at noon

PLACE: **BENVENTO**

1730 North Federal Highway, US 1

Boynton Beach, FL

COST: All we ask is a check from you as a tax deductible contribution payable to the **Masonic Brotherhood Fund** for the 2013-14 campaign.

THIS IS IMPORTANT:

TO CONFIRM YOUR RESERVATION:

Please contact **RW Harold J. Dresdale**, 840 N.W. 21st Way, Del Ray Beach, FL 33445; phone (561-278-9507).

Please mail your check payable to **MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND 2013-2014**. You will receive an acknowledgement from the Masonic Brotherhood Fund indicating the tax deductible contribution to our 501(c)(3) charity.

Do plan to join us.

*Good friends...a good time ... good food ...
warm memories !*



COMING EVENTS

Tues., Oct. 1 - Athelstane Lodge Meeting ... FIRST DEGREE OF MASONRY, Entered Apprentice Degree. Brother John Gebbia will sit in the East and Confer the Degree on a class of well qualified candidates. Do join us and help bring these gentlemen to true Masonic Light and welcome them into our Athelstane Lodge family. Dinner and social hour at 6:30. Lodge opens at 7:30 PM SHARP!

Sat., Oct 12 - Grand Master's Day at West Point (Army Football Game & Tailgate).

Sun., Oct 13 - Grand Master's Day at Tappan ... Join the Grand Master and the Grand Line for services at Old Dutch Church in Tappan (Main Street) at 10 AM. Brunch at the Old '76 House Restaurant at 11 AM (requires advance Paid Reservations), GM Day ceremonies at DeWint House, George Washington Hq Masonic Historic Site Tree at 1:00 PM including a Tree Planting Ceremony to honor Grand Master James E. Sullivan.

Tues., Oct. 15 - Athelstane Lodge meeting, with a special educational and enlightening presentation about Royal Arch Masonry given by our own R.W.: Louis M. Irizarry II, past DDGM. Pre-meeting dinner and social hour at 6:30 PM. Lodge opens at 7:30 PM sharp !

Tues., Nov. 5 - Athelstane Lodge Meeting ... FIRST DEGREE OF MASONRY, The Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred on another class of well qualified candidates. Worshipful Douglas Ward, Master, will sit in the East and Confer the Degree. Dinner and social hour at 6:30. Lodge opens at 7:30 PM SHARP! Do plan to join us !

Tues., Nov. 19 - Athelstane Lodge Meeting ... SECOND DEGREE OF MASONRY, The Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred on a class of well qualified and duly prepared candidates. Brother Dennis O'Connor will sit in the East and Confer the Degree. Dinner and social hour at 6:30. Lodge opens at 7:30 PM SHARP! Do plan to join us !

Tues., Dec. 3 - Our Annual Athelstane Lodge Holiday Party . Please save the date. Full details will be forthcoming shortly. You will not want to miss this important social event.

Tues., Dec. 17 - Athelstane Lodge Meeting. A very special "Open Meeting" when we present the 2013 Athelstane Lodge charity checks to the outstanding Rockland County philanthropic organizations we support. Please plan to attend this event and help show our support for the precious community resources so many of our neighbors rely upon.

Sat., Dec. 21 - United Hospice of Rockland annual Tree of Life Fundraiser, Palisades Center Mall (9 AM - 9 PM). Last year our Athelstane Lodge "team" helped raise over \$6,000 during the course of this all day event. We are again seeking your help to join in this effort. No special skills needed. Please contact Ron Steiner (NYSMASON@AOL.COM or call 845.354.4192) and join in this great effort.

Friday, January 17, 2014 - our annual Athelstane Lodge Florida Reunion luncheon. BENVENUTO in Boynton Beach. See ad for details. All Brothers living in Florida, visiting Brothers, ladies, and surviving spouses are welcome. See ad in this Trestle-board for further details. Not to be missed !

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Trustees

W.: Alexander Mulgrew 2012- 2015	R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser 2011 - 2014	Br. Richard Schwartz D.S.A. 2013 - 2016
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Past Masters

Howard Whitman	2011-13 Gerald P. Rickard	1983 Alfred Deninger	affl.
Ronald Pomerance, DSA	2010-11 Harold N. Eder *	1981 Jay Helfgott	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10 Barry Ronner	1980-82 R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09 Eugene Foloadare, 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, 1985 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		