

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 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

2279th STATED COMMUNICATION

Athelstane Lodge No. 839

Tuesday evening, October 6, 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 your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to join us for our 2279th Stated Communication. The work on the trestleboard for the evening includes balloting on a petition for initiation and advancement, a presentation and Q&A on Masonic Etiquette by W.: Dennis O'Connor, Jr., and such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with an Oktoberfest Meal by our Junior Warden Bro. Seth Lee. Lodge opens, promptly, at 7:30 p.m.


Officers Dress: Business Suit

By Order of:


W.: Dennis O'Connor, Jr.
Master



Attest:


R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner
Secretary

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2280th STATED COMMUNICATION

OFFICIAL VISIT

THE R.:W.: BRUCE M. WIEGAND

District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland District
Representing

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM J. THOMAS
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Tuesday evening, October 20, 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 your Masonic friends are extended a most cordial and fraternal invitation to join us for the OFFICIAL VISIT of our District Deputy Grand Master for his annual visit to our Lodge to meet you, our Brothers, and to deliver the Grand Master's message. Dinner and social hour at 6:30 p.m. Lodge will open promptly at 7:30 p.m. There will be no other Lodge business conducted at this meeting. Do plan to join us.

Officers Dress: Formal

Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brothers: Aprons and Jewels

By Order of:



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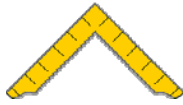


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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

I sincerely hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of autumn here in New York. The weather is changing and leaves are starting to turn the beautiful colors of fall. What a great time to take a scenic drive through NY and drive through the lush trees of our own, Robert Norman "Bob" Ross, painting full of "happy little trees". I, myself, take full advantage of the weather by getting out on the lake early mornings and late evenings to fish amidst the fall foliage.

We start this month of with our 2279th stated communication on October 6th. The evening will start with a sumptuous Oktoberfest meal by our Junior Warden, Bro. Seth Lee. We will then have a presentation and Q&A on Masonic Etiquette. Please feel free to stay after for coffee and dessert with your brethren.

Our second meeting will be our 2280th stated communication on October 20th. This will be the official visit by the District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland County R.:W.: Bruce M. Wiegand and his staff. Please make an effort to come out and represent Athelstane and show our strong brotherhood this evening. You are invited to stay after for coffee and dessert with your brethren.

I truly hope you can join us for these meetings as we continue through the year at Athelstane. Be well, and see you soon Brother.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W.: Dennis O'Connor, Jr.



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING BALLOTING

Mr. John C. Sherry, age 63; Petition presented 09/01/15

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



FROM 'YE OLD SCRIBE ...

PERSONAL COMMENT ...

As some of you may know, I have had some perplexing medical issues for the past several months ... problems that have alluded diagnosis up until now. At long last I have a confirmed diagnosis of myasthenia gravis, an auto immune disease which causes the extreme fatigue and muscle weakness I have been experiencing. Thankfully, this is treatable and I am optimistic that I will be on the road to regaining full strength and endurance. Thanks to all who have extended their thoughts, prayers and well wishes. And, again to each of our Jewish Brethren, your family and all of those you cherish, our fondest best wishes for a healthy, happy and joyous New Year, filled with peace and much fulfillment !

SAD TIDINGS ... GLAD TIDINGS ...

Happy and glad to report that there is nothing "major" to report under SAD TIDINGS this month !!!

We are grateful that our popular, active Brother **FRANKLYN GARDNER** was unhurt after a recent car accident! Stay healthy Frank !!!

Brother **CHARLIE SEIFERT** (Harpersville, AL) has some ongoing medical problems, but he is optimistic, sounds great, and sends his best regards to all.

From Ye Old Scribe (Cont.)

Our Tiler Emeritus, R.W.: **SCOTT ALLAN KLEIN** came through his very recent physical with flying colors ... it was so good to see Scott at our last meeting ... we hope he can now be with us on a regular basis.

It is now **Brother SIMON KRAMER**, son of W.: **HARRY** and **CLAUDIA KRAMER**, who took his First Degree in Fidelity Lodge, Ridgewood New Jersey on September 25th ... a number of Athelstane Brothers were on hand for this wonderful occasion ... see pictures elsewhere in this edition of the *Athelstani-an*. Congratulations Simon and W.: Harry !!!... we are looking forward to attending Simon's Fellowcraft Degree on October 23rd.

We also extend our heartiest our congratulations to sister/daughter **NAOMI KRAMER**, who was installed in Temple Assembly, Order of Rainbow Girls as Sister Charity. Way to go family Kramer !!!

R.W.: **GENE ERICKSON** has advised that contributions on behalf of **Mrs. MARY GESNER**, widow of a Brother and Past Mater of Naurashank Lodge have been received from numerous Brothers of Athelstane Lodge and many others Brothers, Lodges and other Masonic groups throughout the state. 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. The Lodge has received a lovely note of thanks and appreciation from Mrs. Gesner. We all wish her Godspeed.

Brother **STEVEN MARCUS** feeling "the best he has felt in years!" It has been a long road to haul for Steve, but we hope he continues to improve and feel good!

FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG, COMPUTER AND PHONE CALLS

This is a repeat, but it was good to hear again this month from Bro. **BOB CARMEN** (Utica) as well as RW **AL MEALEY** (Myrtle Beach, SC) and RW **HAL DRESDALE** (Del Ray Beach, FL). Ditto Brother **PHIL NELSON** !

Had a chance to talk with Brother **GLENN ZEMANEK**. His military obligations have kept him from Lodge, but he sends his best to all. Glenn said he has been in touch with our Brothers **ERIK** and **DAN MATEYKA**, likewise involved with military service. Our best to them as well as Brother **CHRIS DRESCHER**, who, at last report, was on active duty with the Army in Germany. We pray that TGAOTU keeps watch over all of our Military and First Responders.

So nice to talk with two cherished members of our SURVIVING SPOUSE ladies ... **IRENE LINDENBERG** (R.W.: **MARTY LINDENBERG**) and **SANDY WEINBERG** (R.W.: **GLEN WEINBERG**). Irene is no longer a "snow bird"; she is now staying "north" in her Nyack home, so hopefully we will see her at our Holiday Party this December. Sandy is on the mend after her car was rear ended and totaled, but she is still enjoying both Florida and her home in NJ. Stay well ladies !

From Ye Old Scribe (Cont.)

Brother **TOM COLAVITO** (Holden, Maine) sent his thanks for his 10 Year Masonic Years of Service Pin forwarded to a local Lodge in Maine for presentation. Congratulations Tom; wear it proudly!

We are looking forward to celebrating the 94th Birthday of our esteemed Brother **CURT BROWN**, DSA on October 24th! Many happier and healthy ones Curt !!! If you can join us for a small celebration with "cake and" at Curt's home in Monsey on that date, please let me know. A delegation of Lodge Brothers will be doing the honors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE SPING VALLEY MASONIC GUILD, INC.

Thanks to **R.:W.: DAVID RICHARDS**, outgoing President of our Guild (all members of Athelstane Lodge are members of the Spring Valley Masonic Guild, Inc.) for his years at the helm and conducting a very productive, well planned and informative Guild meeting after our Lodge meeting on September 1st.

Congratulations to R.:W.: **BRUCE KLEIN**, newly elected Guild President and the following Officers and Trustees of the Guild:

R.:W.: BRUCE KLEIN, Guild President
W.: HOWARD WHITMAN, Guild Vice President
R.:W.: RON STEINER, Guild Secretary
R.:W.: MARVIN GESS, Guild Treasurer
W.: ALEC MULGREW, Guild Trustee
W.: RON POMERANCE, Guild Trustee
R.:W.: DAVE RICHARDS, Guild Trustee
Bro. HUBERT URRUTTIA, Guild Trustee

VOLUNTEERS / HELP needed ...

West Point Lodge is asking for assistance for a **Masonic Safety ID** (Child ID Program) in conjunction with the Highland Falls Fall Foliage Festival. A large turnout of parents and children is expected based on the popularity of this event in years past and heavy advance publicity in the local community, throughout the West Point Military Academy and in the surrounding area. West Point Lodge No 877 is seeking volunteers to assist during the setup and operation of three computer/ID stations throughout the day.

The date is **Saturday, October 24th, 2015**

The location of our Masonic Safety ID station will be on Main Street, Highland Falls, NY (just before the Thayer Gate at the USMA ... off Route 218.)

The hours of operation for the Masonic Safety ID will be 9:00 am-4:00 PM. Please note that we can use help for any time period during this event. Every hour you can spare will be very meaningful.

From Ye Old Scribe (Cont.)

No skills needed. Brethren, family, friends, DeMolay and Rainbow Girls can assist in any number of ways.

Anyone interested in helping ... **Volunteers, please contact :**

W.: Damien J. King
Worshipful Master, West Point Lodge No. 877 F.& A.M.
314 Main St. Highland Falls, NY 10928
☎ O: (845) 938-5740
☎ M: (845) 204-0645

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN ... CAN YOU HELP ?

We need a current mailing address or contact information for:

Brother **EDWARD JONES** (last address was in Spring Valley)

Brother **JOSE CARDONA** (last address was in Kissimme, FL)

ALSO, VERY TIMELY AND WORTH REPEATING ...

"Our whole lives we search for MEANING and we value the wise, caring people who help us find it." author unknown.

I, for one, am grateful for the so many wise and caring Brother Masons who fit this description as if it were written about them. Why not share your Masonry with a member of your family, a friend, a neighbor or business associate ?

The single most important source of new membership in a Masonic Lodge is the individual Brother who seeks out and 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.

If we can help ... please call Ron Steiner (845) 354 - 4192. We are looking forward to a new class of members taking their degree work this fall.

DUES REMINDER ...

We still have a few (thankfully, only a very few) Brothers who are delinquent in payment of the Dues for this year ... Past Due notices have been sent and resent. 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.

From Ye Old Scribe (Cont.)

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

Sunday, October 4th - Grand Master's Day at Tappan

Ceremonies begin at 1:00 p.m. at the DeWint House National Historic
Site, 20 Livingston Street, Tappan, N.Y.

Tuesday, October 6th - Athelstane Lodge Meeting

Oktoberfest and presentation on Masonic Etiquette

Saturday, October 17th – Grand Master's Family Day at West Point

Army vs. Bucknell. See more information attached below.

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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.

(Buses provided to parade & game)

Football Game:

*12:00 p.m.

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:cocat1211@yahoo.com)

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

*Subject to change

DeMOLAY



Above: Group photo from the installation of Jeremy Dedel, son of our own R.:W. Peter J. D. Dedel, as Senior Councilor of the Ethan Allen Chapter Order of DeMolay. Simon Kramer, son of W.: Harry Kramer served as installing officer.

RAINBOW GIRLS



Above: Naomi Kramer, daughter of W. Harry Kramer. Naomi was recently installed as Sister Charity, Temple Assembly, Order of Rainbow Girls, as well as Grand Representative from New Jersey to New York State.

A NEW BROTHER



Above: (L-R) Newly initiated Brother Simon Kramer, W. Frank Williams, master of Fidelity Lodge No. 113, and W. Harry Kramer, at the occasion of Simon's initiation on September 25, 2015.

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R.: W.: Scott Allan Klein (845) 359-6787	Tiler Emeritus
W.: Nathan Metlitz (Carolyn) (570) 409-6623 acm783@aol.com	Marshal Emeritus

Trustees

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

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

W.: Alexander Mulgrew
2015 - 2018

Living Past Masters

Douglas Ward	2013-15 Harold N. Eder *	1981 R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
Howard Whitman	2011-13 Barry Ronner	1980-82 Benjamin Kotzker	affl.
Ronald Pomerance, DSA	2010-11 Eugene Faldare, DSA *	1979 George Liberis	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10 R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979 Nathan Metlitz	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09 R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977 Alvin M. Russell	affl.
R.: W.: David Richards	2007-08 Norman J. Greenberg *	1976 Stuart Sindell	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07 R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976 R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
R.: W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06 Sander A. Lelkowitz *	1974 Arthur S. Vener	affl.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05 Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74 M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02 Leonard J. Plotch *	1972 R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
R.: W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01 Henry Morris	1971 R.: W.: Robert Blanke	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00 R.: W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1969 R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98 Charles K. Dunlop *	1969 V.: W.: Mark Hanson	Hon.
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99 Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969 R.: W.: Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95 Henry Chait *	1967 R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97 Murray Kaplowitz *	1965	
Anthony Uribinato	1987-88, 1990 Robert Maidman *	1958 * Tappan Zec Lodge No. 1125	
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992 Irwin W. Clements	affl.	
R.: W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94, 1998-99 Alfred Deninger	affl.	
Gerald P. Rickard	1983 Jay Hellgott	affl.	