

**ATHELSTANE LODGE NO. 839
TRESTLEBOARD UPDATE
NOVEMBER 2009**

Work on the Trestleboard

Awaiting Petition To Be Read In Lodge

Mr. Seth Patrick Lee Proposed by Bro. Duncan R. Lee II 10/20/09

Awaiting Ballot on Reinstatement

Bro. Joseph Castro Unaffiliated for NPJ on 12/31/07
Two years back dues and current dues have been paid in full.

CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION

The Degree of Chevalier will be conferred upon M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pearl River Masonic Temple, 2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River, NY.

THE LOST SYMBOL

The Valley of the Hudson, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite N.M.J. will be hosting a Special PowerPoint Lecture on Dan Brown's best seller The Lost Symbol on November 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wappingers Masonic Temple, 150 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls, NY.

RSVP to Steve P. Koch
845-298-2502 or stevenpkoch@aol.com

FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG

We learned in the middle of October from **R.:W.: MARTY LINDENBERG** that our longtime Athelstane Lodge Brother **IRVING SCHUCKER** was hospitalized recently because of breathing difficulties. Brother Irv is home now recuperating. Please keep Irving in your thoughts and prayers. Get well wishes can be mailed to his home: 3 Ethan Allen Drive, Suffern, NY 10901-1802.

WALESKA, daughter of **WANDA** and **R.: W.: LOU IRIZARRY II**, giving her folks grey hair (more) with stomach distress and doctor visits. We all pray that this is nothing serious.

W.: NATE METLITZ suffering from severe back pains and is taking heavy medication. We hope that this is transient and Nate is feeling chipper again soon.

Bro. **STEVE MARCUS** has sustained another medical set-back. He now needs a pacemaker. A date for implantation will be set in early December.

Please keep these members of our Athelstane Lodge family in your thoughts and prayers.

Glad tidings ...

R.: W.: HAROLD DRESDALE has completed preliminary arrangements for our Annual Athelstane Lodge Florida Luncheon for snowbirds and Florida Brothers, their ladies and guests, and widows of departed Brothers. Save the date: Friday, January 22nd at Benvenuto in Boynton Beach. More details to follow.

SUELEE SCHWARTZ, wife of Brother **RICHIE SCHWARTZ, DSA**, recently won a NJFCC photography competition with one of her magnificent entries. Way to go Sue! **(see next page for picture)**

Who said doctors don't make house calls anymore? Athelstane Brother **JOSE "TONY" CARDONA** made several trips to "doctor" our ailing Lodge pc ... which is now up and running smoothly. Brother **HOWARD BLEIWAS**, another computer guru specialist has done the same. Special thanks to both Brothers for their ongoing help.

We heard from our old friend and Honorary Brother **AL MEALEY** who wrote between Mallowmars that all is well ... he does not miss the snow ... and he sends regards to all his Athelstane Lodge Brothers.

Bro. **GLENN ZEMANEK** sends his thanks for the package of coffee and other items the Lodge arranged to send to him overseas. Continuing the spirit of giving, Bro. Glenn distributed the items to other soldiers and sent the remainder to an orphanage/school in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan run by a retired Master Sergeant from the Montana National Guard. He raises \$3,000.00 per month to keep the place going.

This is a link to a "LETTER TO THE EDITOR" printed in **THE ROCKLAND JOURNAL NEWS** on Saturday, October 24, 2009. The letter is from United Hospice of Rockland regarding Mssonry in general and Athelstane Lodge No. 839 in particular.

<http://www.lohud.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/200910240230/OPINION/910240318>

You may recall that a similar letter was published earlier that week in the **Rockland Review**.

R.: W.: **RONALD J. STEINER**
Secretary, Athelstane Lodge No. 839, F & AM



Snake River Sunset by Susan Lee Schwartz

NJFCC Fall Print Competition Medal Winner - Color B Category