

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS INSTITUTED 1902

Naurashank Temple
2 South Middletown Road
Pearl River, NY 10965

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

November 2011

M.:W.: Vincent Libone
Grand Master of Masons
in the State of New York

R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II
District Deputy Grand Master
for the Orange-Rockland District

October 17, 2011

Brethren:

You are hereby **SUMMONED** and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to attend the 2195th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No 839 F & AM to be held on Tuesday evening, November 1, 2011 at 8:00 PM in the Pearl River Masonic Temple for the purpose of:

- * Election of a Trustee of Athelstane Lodge to fill the unexpired term of office of our late Brother RW Martin Lindenberg, ending in May 2012, and
- * Voting on proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Athelstane Lodge as published elsewhere in this notice, and in accordance with the By-Laws of the Lodge, and
- * Such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

Preceding the opening of the Lodge there will be a **SPECIAL OPEN PRESENTATION DINNER** at which time the annual Athelstane Lodge charity contributions will be awarded to the following deserving community organizations:

United Hospice of Rockland - Ms. Amy Stern, CEO
Jawonio - Ms. Jill Warner, CEO
Big Brother Big Sister of Rockland - Ms. Gillian Ballard, CEO
Mecca Temple Shrine Hospital Transportation Unit - Bro. Bob Martin
Masonic Medical Research Laboratory - R.:W.: Dr. Anthony Boccabella

Special remarks by our Athelstane Lodge Brother C. Scott Vanderhoef, Rockland County Executive.

Also the recipients of the 2011 Athelstane Lodge **LINDENBERG SCHOLARSHIPS** and/or their parent or grandparent will receive their educational assistance awards:

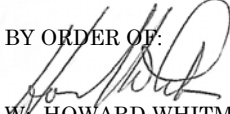
Ms. Jacqueline E. Goldberg, granddaughter of Bro. Phil Nelson
Ms. Courtney Laura Stewart, daughter of Bro. Ronald Stewart
Mr. Jonathan Mallon, son of Bro. Eli Mallon

Reception : 6:00 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Presentations: 7:30 PM
Lodge opens: 8:00 PM

OFFICERS DRESS: Formal - Aprons and jewels

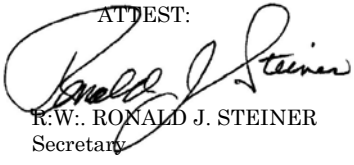
BRETHREN: Business attire

BY ORDER OF:


W. HOWARD WHITMAN
Master



ATTEST:


R.W. RONALD J. STEINER
Secretary

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to the **2196th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge** to be held on Tuesday evening, **November 15, 2011** at the Pearl River Masonic Temple. On this evening we will have as our guest speaker:

**R.:W.: RICHARD C. FRIEDMAN, Past Junior Grand Warden
Chairman, Custodians of the Work**

Our Brother Rich Friedman is one of the most dynamic and interesting speakers in Grand Lodge today. This is a night not to be missed ! Plan to join us.

Topic: *"Why Did You Leave the West ... ?"*

Reception and Dinner: 6:00 PM \$10 per person
Lodge Opens : 7:30 PM
Dress: Business attire.

WE NEED OUR "HOSPICE "TREE OF LIFE" VOLUNTEERS TO SIGN ON NOW ...

Each year for the past five or six years members of our Athelstane Lodge family have joined in a most gratifying and satisfying fund raising collaborations with United Hospice of Rockland during the Christmas season. We are again asking **YOU** to be a part of this very important community outreach program.

The "Tree of Life" is a mini-forest of Christmas Trees where people have an opportunity to place a star in "honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one ... or simply make a charitable contribution to support Hospice.

Last year a dozen Brother Masons and their ladies gave a cumulative 76 hours of their time on one day to join the Athelstane Lodge "team" at the Palisades Center Mall to staff the Hospice display. Their efforts ... our efforts resulted in more than \$3,700 collected as contributions from passers-by for United Hospice of Rockland ... the single biggest collection effort at the month long fund raising exhibit which resulted in almost \$90,000 in donations and contributions for the important work being done by our local Hospice. We were and continue to be very proud of our efforts in support of Hospice.

Why do we need so many volunteers ??? Simply because of the numbers of busy shoppers passing by the display. No special skills are needed... only a desire to be helpful and contribute a little time. You can sit or stand; either way you will be helping and will share in a wonderful, gratifying experience. Please note the date ... pick a time that will be convenient to join us ... and call our Secretary to sign on. Do it today. You will be glad you did. So will we. So will Hospice. And so will the members of the Rockland community served by this wonderful organization.

ATHELSTANE LODGE HOSPICE "TREE OF LIFE" TEAM

Date: Saturday, December 17, 2011

Time: 10 AM to 9 PM

Place: Palisades Center Mall ... first level ... East end

Please join us ... sign on today. PLEASE call Ron Steiner: (845) 354 - 4192 or nys-mason@aol.com



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Roy Rizzotti Proposed by R.:W.: Lou Irizarry II and
R.:W.: Ron Steiner 10/4/2011

AWAITING ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Mr. Mark Howard Burke Elected 10/04/11
Mr. Michael Anthony DePaolo Elected 10/04/11

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Bro. Anthony Barbato Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Seth Geffen Initiated 10/19/10
Bro. Seth Lee Initiated 10/05/10
Bro. Brian Gonzalez Initiated 10/05/10

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Mathew Kerewski Passed 04/05/11
Bro. Eric Mateyka Passed 01/11/11
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka Passed 11/16/10

ELECTED TO AFFILIATION and DUAL MEMBERSHIP

After he signs the by-laws of the lodge we will welcome:

Bro. David Kamchi

THE FUTURE

- Nov. 1st Summoned Communication for vote on amendments to Lodge By-Laws and Special Reception and Open Dinner for the Annual Presentation of Charity Checks to Community Organizations.
- Nov. 15th Guest Speaker - R.:W.: Richard Friedman, PJGW and Current Chairman of Custodians of the Work.
 Topic: "Why did you leave the West ...?"
 Program begins at 8:00 pm sharp!
- Dec. 6th Homecoming and Official visit of R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II, District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland District.
- Dec. 17th United Hospice of Rockland Tree of Life
 Palisades Mall
 10:00 to Closing
- Dec. 20th Annual Athelstane Lodge Gala Holiday Party
 Casa Mia Manor House in Orangeburg.
 \$60.00 per couple for Athelstane brothers, payable in Advance; send your checks to R.:W.: Ron Steiner.
- Mar. 31st 2012 ORDMA Dinner Dance honoring R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II, DDGM and R.:W.: Bruce Wiegand, GDC.
 Casa Mia Manor House, Blauvelt, NY
 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
 \$60.00 per person
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Psssst ... spread the word ... mark your calendar now ... don't miss this one!

A VERY SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER ...

R.:W.: RICHARD FRIEDMAN ...

Past Jr. Grand Warden and the current
Chairman of the **CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK.**

Brother Richard is one of the most dynamic and interesting speakers in our NY Grand Jurisdiction today. This will be a night you will not want to miss !!!




TUESDAY ... NOVEMBER 15, 2011
ATHELSTANE LODGE ... PEARL RIVER MASONIC TEMPLE
2 South Middletown Road, PEARL RIVER, NY

Reception and Dinner at 6:00 PM
LODGE OPENS AT 7:30 PM
Program begins at 8:00 PM SHARP !

ALL BRETHREN AND MASONIC GUESTS ARE CORDIALLY AND FRATERNALLY INVITED TO ATTEND. Business attire. Aprons and Jewels please.


TOPIC : "*Why did you leave the West ... ?*"

Visit us at www.athelstane839.org




THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING ... *please plan now to attend our*

GALA ATHELSTANE LODGE 2011 HOLIDAY PARTY



TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 20th
6:30 pm





*This year at the beautiful CASA MIA MANOR HOUSE
one of the premier catering facilities in the area where we have always
enjoyed !!!*

14 Route 303 Orangeburg, New York 10962 845 359 4823


*Please join us for our traditional warm and friendly gathering of
our Athelstane Lodge family ... Brother Masons, ladies, and guests ...
as we celebrate good times past ... good time present ... and we toast
in the New Year 2012 and many more good times to come with
more reasons to enjoy each others company. This is part of our Athel-
stane Lodge tradition and what sets our Masonry apart. We will again
price this affair to encourage maximum participation.*

*Athelstane Lodge Brothers only \$60 a couple.
Athelstane Lodge Brothers alone \$30.
Guests: \$60 per person.*







RECEPTION with bountiful hot and cold appetizers
and served Hors D'Oeuvres.
Cash Bar ... wine beer and soda gratis all night

BUFFET DINNER ... a tempting array of different
entrees from which to choose.



Dessert and coffee ...
music throughout for your dancing and dining pleasure

Please reserve now. *Your reservation is your check paid in advance ... no
walk-ins! Make checks payable to Athelstane Lodge and mail to our Secretary
RON STEINER ... 18 Buena Vista Road , Suffern, NY 10901 - 1730*



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF ATHELSTANE LODGE

The following Amendments to the By-Laws of Athelstane Lodge were properly presented to the Lodge and signed by ten (10) members of the Lodge. They were read at the last meeting of the Lodge on June 7, 2011 and will be published twice before the Lodge is Summoned to vote on these proposed changes:

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE SUBMITTED TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF ATHELSTANE LODGE NO. 839 F. & A.M.

RESOLVED that THE BY-LAWS OF ATHELSTANE LODGE NO. 839 F. & A.M. BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE VI. Section 1.

The fee for admittance of a new member to this Lodge by initiation shall be **one hundred and seventy five (\$175.00) dollars**, which shall include his petition fee, all of which shall be paid before initiation to the degree of Entered Apprentice.

(The present admittance fee is \$150.00)

ARTICLE VI. Section 2.

The fee of admission of a new member to this Lodge by affiliation shall be **fifty (\$50.00) dollars**, all of which shall be paid before consummating membership by signing the By-Laws.

(The present admission fee for affiliation is \$25.00)

ARTICLE VI. Section 3.

Each member shall pay into the Lodge as dues **ninety-five (\$95.00) dollars** plus the current per capita charge of Grand Lodge annually, payable in advance on or before the 31st day of December each year.

(The present annual fee is \$75.00)

ARTICLE VI. Section 5.

Any member of the Lodge who has been a Master Mason for twenty-five (25) consecutive years, shall become a Life Member of Athelstane Masonic Lodge and shall thereafter pay **twenty five (\$25.00) dollars** plus the current per capita charge of Grand Lodge annually, payable in advance on or before the 31st day of December each year. All Life Members of Athelstane Masonic Lodge as of 12/31/2011 shall continue to pay only the current per capita charge of the Grand Lodge, annually on or before the 31st day of December.

(Currently Life Members only pay the per capita charge of the Grand Lodge).

FROM THE OLD SCRIBE ...

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY...

Our Altar is draped again as we have lost two longtime members of Athelstane Lodge, Brother Jacob "Jack" Lesell and Brother Arthur Klein.

*Brother **JACOB (JACK) LESELL**. Jack laid down his working tools of life in West Palm Beach, Florida on September 13th. He was 81 years old and a member of our Lodge for 41 years. Our altar will be draped for a period of 30 days and a page set aside in our Minute Book to record this sad event for posterity. We will hold a Masonic Memorial for Brother Jack at our next Lodge meeting, October 18th. The condolences of our Brethren have been forwarded to the family; his wife, Esther and his step daughter, Rita Feder.*

We remember Brother JACOB LESELL
Born July 10, 1927
Initiated April 2, 1970 in Athelstane Lodge
Passed MAY 7, 1970
Raised June 4, 1970
At Rest September 13, 2011

*Brother **ARTHUR KLEIN** passed away on Friday, October 7th in his 92nd year. He was a 50 year member of Athelstane Lodge this year and a long time resident of Rockland County. He was a WW II veteran, having served in the old Army Air Corps in the South Pacific. He was an Attorney and CPA during his working days and he was a member of many local community organizations. At the time of his passing he was a resident of Fountain View in Monsey. The condolences of the Lodge have been sent to Arthur's sons Michael and David and their families.*

We remember Brother ARTHUR KLEIN
Born January 24, 1919
Initiated October 4, 1962
Passed November 1, 1962
Raised November 15, 1962
At Rest October 7, 2011

We were also sorry to learn of the recent passing of the dear Brother of Grand Master Vincent Libone, The Right Worshipful **RALPH LIBONE**, Grand Tiler. The condolences of the Lodge have been sent to Grand Master Libone and his family.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS ...

Brother **STEVEN MARCUS** undergoing surgery again as this is written. We will keep Brother Steve in our thoughts and prayers for a complete and speedy recovery from the neuropathy and spinal pain he has endured for so long.

R.: W.: **BRUCE KLEIN**, fighting a cold and infection which necessitated rescheduling of his hip replacement surgery.

BEA OSTER, wife of our genial Brother W.: **AL OSTER**, home after another sudden hospitalization (for unrelated pain) but still suffering from fluctuating blood pressure of great concern to Bea, Al, family, friends and doctors as well. We all pray for Bea's return to good health.

(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)

Brother **SETH LEE** recouping from a throat infection that laid him low and out of commission for his advancement at our last meeting. Hope you are back on your feet by this time Brother Seth.

GLAD TIDINGS ...

Congratulations to R.: W.: **HAROLD** and **KAREN DRESDALE** on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their oldest grandson, Harrison Levine, son of Hal's daughter Stacey and her husband, Mozel Tov !!!

We all wish our good Brother **Dr GEORGE LIBERIS** much success and good fortune in the opening of his new offices for the practice of surgery in New City. What a skilled practitioner and warm human being is our Brother George. Hope none of us ever need his professional talents and skills, but a warm friend indeed and in need.

A **warm** note from Brother **MANUEL TORRES** from Anchorage, Alaska where the winter's night has already set-in. Mannie sends greetings to all of his Athelstane Lodge Brothers. He was concerned about all of the reports of flooding and devastation caused by the storms of last month and hopes that all is well. He appreciates all of the good wishes that have been conveyed to him through our correspondence, calls and the Trestleboard. Always so nice to hear from our northernmost outpost of Freemasonry !

Really do hope to C U at our next communications. And remember please ...

THERE IS MORE TO BEING A MASON THAN SIMPLY PAYING YOUR DUES ...

Fraternally,

RON STEINER

R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner
Secretary, Athelstane Lodge No 839 F & AM (Pearl River, NY)

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Wesley Hills, Suffern, NY 10901-1730
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ATTENTION FLORIDA BROTHERS AND SNOWBIRDS ...

OUR 2012 FLORIDA LUNCHEON

The plans have been finalized ... the contract signed ... the deposit made ... and now we are all set and ready to go. The annual Athelstane gathering of the "clan" in Florida will take place on:

Friday afternoon - January 20, 2012

at the beautiful Benvenuto Restaurant Caterers

1730 N. Federal Highway · Boynton Beach, Florida
(561) 364-0600

from noon - 3 P.M.

Athelstane Lodge Brothers - no charge Ladies \$25.00 Guests \$35.00

Please confirm your reservation in advance by contacting

R.:W. Harold Dresdale

(561) 278-9507 or (561) 400-1496

e-mail: Luvsflog@aol.com



FROM THE SOUTH

My Brothers,

I thought it would be fun and interesting to take a look at some of our more famous Brethren, past and present. From our Grand Lodge's own website, I give you:

"Famous Masons: Dreamers And Doers"

Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin (Montclair Lodge #144, NJ)	Fiorello LaGuardia (Garibaldi #542, NYC)
Henry Ford (Palestine Lodge #357, Detroit)	Harry Houdini (St. Cecile #568, NYC)
Benjamin Franklin (GM of GL of Pennsylvania)	General Omar Bradley (West Point #877, Highland Falls, NY)
Cecil B. Demille (Prince Orange #16, NYC)	Irving Berlin (Munn #190, NYC)
Roy Rogers (Hollywood Lodge #355, CA)	Francis Bellamy, author of the Pledge of Allegiance (Little Falls #181, Little Falls, NY)
Arnold Palmer (Loyalhanna Lodge #275, Latrobe, PA)	John Jacob Astor (Holland Lodge #8, NYC)

S & F,

Br. Douglas Ward
Junior Warden



FROM THE EAST

My Brother's:

October had some highlights and a few bumps in the Road. We had to cancel the Fellowcraft Degree due to our Candidate's illness. We are in contact with West Point Lodge to see if we can do a joint Degree with them. On Tuesday October 18th we will be initiating two Candidates as Entered Apprentice. This Trestleboard is being done prior to that exciting event.

November will be another interesting month for the Lodge. On November 1st we are having a Summoned Communication for the purpose of voting on changes to our By-Laws. In addition, on that night we will be presenting our donations to United Hospice, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, Jawonio, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Rockland, and Mecca Temple Shrine Transportation Unit. As an added bonus we will be giving out three \$1,000 Marty Lindenberg Scholarships.

On November 15th we will entertained, educated and enlightened by one of the most dynamic speakers in Masonry today, RW Richard Friedman, Past Junior Grand Warden. His Topic will be " Why did you leave the West ... ? We expect a very large turnout of Lodge Brothers, and visiting Brothers, so we will be charging a \$ 10.00 fee for the collation to help offset the costs of the dinner. Please come and enjoy the Fellowship of the Lodge and meet with Brothers that you may not have seen in a while.

On December 6th we will be having our homecoming DDGM Visitation by our own RW Lou Irizarry, II. We would love to see all of our Past Masters make this Communication. As a final note, our annual Holiday Party will be at Casa Mia Manor House in Blauvelt on Route 303 on December 20th. The cost is \$ 60.00/ couple for Athelstane Brothers, \$ 30/ solo and \$ 60.00/ person for visiting Brothers.

Cordially and Fraternally,

W:. Howard Whitman

Officers 2011-2012

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Br. Franklyn Gardner (Harriet) (845) 359-3238 hleeagar@verizon.net	Lead Conductor
R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale (Karen) (561) 278-9507 luvsflog@aol.com	Secretary Emeritus

Trustees

R.: W.: Martin Lindenberg ** 2009 - 2012	R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser 2011 - 2014	Br. Richard Schwartz D.S.A. 2010 - 2013
** Deceased		

Past Masters

Ronald Pomerance	2010-11 Richard H. Fassberg	1984, 1991 M.: W.: Neil I. Bidnick	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10 Gerald P. Rickard	1983 R.: W.: Robert Blanke	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09 Harold N. Eder *	1981 R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
David Richards	2007-08 Barry Ronner	1980-82 R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07 Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979 Alvin M. Russell	affl.
R.: W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06 R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979 Stuart Sindell	affl.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05 R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977 Arthur S. Vener	affl.
R.: W.: Harry F. Anderson	2002-03 Norman J. Greenberg *	1976 Jay Hellgott	affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02 R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976 George Liberts	affl.
R.: W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01 R.: W.: Martin Lindenberg	1974 Nathan Metlitz	affl.
Harry E. Kramer *	Sander A. LeKowitz *	1973-74 Mc.: W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden *	Erwin L. Robbins	1972 R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99 Leonard J. Plotch *	1972, 1985 R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.: W.: Glen L. Weinberg *	1994-97 Henry Morris	1971 R.: W.: Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95 R.: W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1969 R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97 Charles K. Dunlop *	1969 * Tappan Zec Lodge No. 1125	Hon.
Anthony Urbinato	1987-88, 1990 Allan P. Oster, DSA		
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992 Henry Chait *		
V.: W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94 Murray Kaplowitz *		
	1998-99 Robert Maitman *		