

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

November 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

2238th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7:30 PM

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the 2238th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F. & A.M. on Tuesday evening, November 5, 2013 promptly at 7:30 PM at the Pearl River Masonic Temple, 2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River, N.Y. Our usual social hour and dinner preceding the meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Do plan to join us.

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.

W. Douglas Ward

will sit in the East and confer the degree

2239th STATED COMMUNICATION

A SUMMONED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:30 PM

You are hereby summoned and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the 2239th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F. & A.M. on Tuesday evening, November 19, 2013 promptly at 7:30 PM at the Pearl River Masonic Temple, 2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River, N.Y. Our usual social hour and dinner preceding the meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Do plan to join us.

THE DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT SECOND DEGREE OF MASONRY

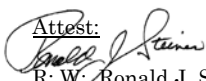
Bro. Dennis O'Connor

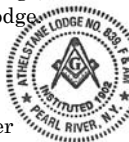
will sit in the East and confer the degree

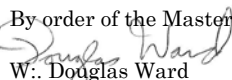
R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser

will deliver the Middle Chamber lecture

will be conferred on a class of duly qualified EA brothers. Other business will include a vote to unaffiliated those Brothers in financial arrears for non-payment of dues for 2013 in accordance with the By-Laws of the Lodge, and such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

Attest:

R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner
Secretary



By order of the Master

W. Douglas Ward



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas Bruce Jr., proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 09/13/13
Mr. Richard Cespuglio, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 05/23/12

AWAITING DEGREE OF ENTERED APPRENTICE

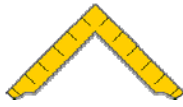
Mr. James S. Burton, elected to membership 10/15/13
Mr. Thomas John Damiani, elected to membership 10/15/13
Mr. Mecene J. Jourdain, elected to membership 10/15/13
Mr. Salvatore Luppino, elected to membership 10/15/13
Mr. James Thomas Tribble, elected to membership 09/03/13

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. Jonathan Kaufman, Initiated 10/01/13
Bro. Mark A. Persaud; Initiated 10/01/13
Bro. Pablo Sandoval; Initiated 10/16/12
Bro. Alain Santiago, Initiated 10/01/13
Bro. Hubert E. Urruttia, Initiated 10/01/13

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.

It's a very exciting time to be an Athelstanian! On October 1st, we welcomed four new Brothers into our Lodge at our first of two Entered Apprentice Degrees. I would like to extend congratulations to our four newest Brothers- Alain Santiago, Mark Persaud, Jonathan Kaufman and Hubert Urruttia. I would also like to congratulate our entire degree team led by our Senior Deacon, Br. John Gebbia III, who did a most admirable job. We will be initiating another five more candidates at another Entered Apprentice degree on Tuesday, November 5th. I know our degree team will do a tremendous job, and I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us on this special night! In addition, we will be holding a Fellowcraft Degree at the following meeting, on November 19th. And our holiday party is now set for La Terrazza on Tuesday night, December 3rd (details within the Trestleboard).

At our October 15th communication, we had the pleasure of hearing from not one, but two great speakers. W:. Colin Oakenfull, Past Master of Wallkill Lodge, spoke to us about the TLC (Teddis Love Children) program which is run by ORDMA. I presented him with a contribution to this worthwhile cause on behalf of Athelstane Lodge and I would encourage any Brother to also contribute to this charity. Details on how to contribute can be found in the Secretary's column. Our very own past DDGM, R:.W:. Louis Irizzary II, then gave us a great presentation on York Rite Masonry which was very well received.

In closing, I hope you will join us at Lodge very soon! There is a lot going on and it sure would be great to share it with more of our Brothers. Let's have a great turnout for our upcoming meetings! Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,

W:. Douglas Ward

FROM DE OLD SCRIBE ...

We had a very busy October and there is a lot more activity on our Trestleboard for November and December.

GLAD TIDINGS ...

Last month we were delighted to share the happy news that **LOU III** and lovely wife **REBECCA IRRIZARY** are infantspecting in February. Latest update is the baby is a boy; a prospective Brother of the Lodge. May all your dreams come true !!!

If you were among the throng at the recent Italian Festival in Congers, that was our own Brother W.: **GEORGE LIBERIS** pouring out "God Bless America" during the opening ceremonies. We caught our friend's singing performance on You Tube. Way to go George !!! We knew you had great medical skills and warm compassion ... but wow can you belt it out vocally !!!!

Congratulations to **NAOMI KRAMER**, daughter of W.: **HARRY** and **CLAUDIA KRAMER** who is now a member of Temple Assembly #32 Order of Rainbow Girls. Brother **SIMON**, a frequent volunteer with our Athelstane Lodge Masonic Safety ID team is State Senior Deacon of the NJ Order of DeMolay. We are proud of you both, Naomi and Simon !!!

We received our first Christmas Holiday card of the season from our cherished Brother **MANNY NORAT** from way up north in Anchorage, Alaska. Manny sends greetings to all his Brothers and family and he enclosed a very thoughtful check to be presented as a charitable contribution during our United Hospice **TREE OF LIFE** fund raising effort on December 21st. Thanks so much Manny. Stay well. It is always good hearing from you.

Speaking of the **TREE OF LIFE** ...

It is now less than seven weeks away ... our Annual **TREE OF LIFE** fund raising effort to benefit United Hospice of Rockland will take place at the Palisades Center Mall on Saturday, December 21st ... all day ... from 9 AM until 9 PM. Last year our Athelstane Lodge family team raised over \$6,000 for this deserving community service.

We need volunteers to sign up for any time you can spare on that day. Please plan to join our Athelstane team this year. Brothers, family and friends are needed and can be a great help. No skills necessary. Please call or e-mail Ron Steiner and let me know what hours you can spare that day. nysmason@aol.com (845) 354 - 4192. Thanks!

We had the pleasure of a visit at our meeting of October 15th from W.: **COLIN OAKENFULL**, Secretary of our sister Lodge in Wallkill, NY and Chairman of the **ORDMA TLC Appeal**. **TLC** stands for **Teddies Love Children**. W.: Colin gave a short presentation about this local Masonic charity which raises money to purchase teddy bears as a gift for children in local hospitals throughout the year. Our Master, W.: **DOUG WARD** presented Brother Colin with a check from Athelstane in support of this appeal. That contribution was gratefully acknowledged in person and by mail.

To make a donation to the **Teddies Love Children (TLC) Appeal**, please make checks payable to **O.R.D.M.A.** and forward to:

Colin Oakenfull
82 Waters Edge
Montgomery, NY 12549

If you have any questions about the **TLC Appeal**, Colin can be reached by phone at 845-769-7012, or by e-mail at c.oakenfull@hotmail.com

(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)

SAD TIDINGS ...

We lost our long time Athelstane Brother **THOMAS J. MULLANE, JR.** Brother Tomas lived in Hagerstown, Maryland and the family requested a graveside Masonic Memorial Service. With the cooperation of the Master of our sister Lodge in Hagerstown and the Grand Secretaries of NY and Maryland who coordinated the efforts, a Masonic Memorial was held in Hagerstown on October 8th. The thoughts and prayers of all who knew Tom are with his wife Ronnie and family.

The same for the family of our dear friend and Brother **R:W: TED COOPERMAN** who also laid down his working tools this past month. Ted was no stranger to us in Athelstane Lodge as he was a very active member of Stony Point Waywayonda Lodge, ORDMA, and the GW HQ Site at Tappan, the DeWint House Committee. We pray that the GAOTU welcomes our Brothers with open arms. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Spoke to **W: EUGENE FOLADARE** but sorry to report Gene is having problems. He is recovering from pneumonia and OPD and is facing surgery December 6th for a prostate problem. Gene and wife Edie live in Monroe Township, NJ since moving from Rockland. He sends his warm regards to all his Brothers. Gene and I were classmates at George Washington HS in Washington Heights, Manhattan 'lo those many years ago ... and we met again in Athelstane Lodge. Small world. We wish Gene and Edie well. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

LET'S PARTY ...

Our Annual Athelstane Lodge Holiday Party will be Tuesday evening, December 3rd. Please save the date. **La Terrazza Italian Restaurant**, 291 S Main Street, New City, NY 10956. Reception and passed hors d'oeuvres starting at 6:30 PM. Sit down dinner follows with a wide selection of delectable entrees. Cash bar. Non-members and their guests \$50 each. Cost per Athelstane Lodge Brothers \$25 each, \$50 per couple, **payable in advance to confirm your reservation**. You will not want to miss this important social event. Send check now to our Secretary, Ron Steiner, 18 Buena Vista Road, Suffern, NY 10901-1730

DUES

Once again, I have to report that there are still few ... thankfully only a handful of Brothers who are remain in financial arrears and have not paid their 2013 dues for Athelstane and Grand Lodge, even though four (4) bills have been sent with a request to contact our Secretary or Master if there is a financial problem. A "Final Notice" has now been sent and 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!!!

Ron Steiner
Secretary
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COMING EVENTS

Tues. Nov. 5th - 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. 19th - SUMMONED COMMUNICATION ... Vote to unaffiliate Brothers who are in arrears in payment of their 2013 Lodge Dues; SECOND DEGREE OF MASONRY, The Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred on a class of well qualified and duly prepared EA Brothers. 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 !

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Tues. Dec. 17th - Athelstane Lodge "Open Meeting" and dinner 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. Ladies and guests welcome. Catered dinner at the Lodge. \$15 per Brother, \$25 per couple.

Sat. Dec. 21st - United Hospice of Rockland Annual Tree of Life Fundraiser, Paliades 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 Trestleboard for full. Not to be missed !

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE - OCTOBER 5, 2013



1st Row, L - R: W.: Doug Ward, Bro. Alain Santiago, Bro. Mark Persaud, Bro. Jonathan Kaufman, Bro. Hubert Urrutia, Bro. John Gebbia III.

2nd Row, L - R: R.:W.: Harry Anderson, W.: Irwin Clements, W.: Al Oster, Bro. Marc Jean Baptiste, V.:W.: Mark Hanson, W.: Howard Whitman.

3rd Row, L - R: Bro. Michael Olmo, Bro. Franklyn Gardner, R.:W.: Marvin Gess, Bro. Edward Jones, Jr., W.: Ron Pomerance, W.: Alec Mulgrew, Bro. Richie Swartz, R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry III, V.:W.: Scott Alan Klein, Bro. Seth Lee, Bro. Dennis O'Connor, R.:W.: Ron Steiner.



L - R: Bro. Mark Persaud, Bro. Alain Santiago, W.: Doug Ward, Bro. John Gebbia III (Master for degree); Bro. Hubert Urrutia, Bro. Jonathan Kaufman.

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R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale (Karen) (561) 278-9507 luvsflog@aol.com	Secretary Emeritus

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 Foldare, 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		