

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839

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Pearl River, NY 10965

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

November 2014

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

2261st STATED COMMUNICATION

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND TALK
BY OUR OWN RESIDENT HISTORIAN
R.:W.: BILL MAURER

"Benedict Arnold" ... and more !

Tuesday evening, November 4, 2014
Pearl River Masonic Temple
2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River N.Y.

Reception, Dinner and social hour begins at 6:30 PM
Lodge opens promptly at 7:30 PM

Brethren,

You and your Masonic friends are extended a most cordial and fraternal invitation to join us for a wonderful evening of Masonic fellowship and learning as our own Athelstane Brother, R.:W.: Bill Maurer gives an intimate glimpse into the life and time of the "infamous" General Benedict Arnold ... and much more. We will also have some important business to handle. A delectable festive board awaits as we begin our social hour at 6:30 PM. Lodge will open at 7:30. Do plan to join us.

Officers Dress: Business



2262nd STATED COMMUNICATION

Charity Night

Ladies and guests invited

Tuesday evening, November 18, 2014
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

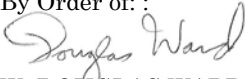
Brethren.

You and your Masonic friends, ladies and guests are extended a most cordial and fraternal invitation to join us at our 2262nd Stated Communication. This

will be a social evening where we will have the opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship and then make our annual presentation of charitable gifts to the well deserving local philanthropies and community outreach programs we support. Do plan to join us for what promises to be another wonderful gathering of our Athelstane Masonic family.

Officers Dress: Business

By Order of :



W: DOUGLAS WARD

Master



Attest:



R. W. RONALD J. STEINER
Secretary



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

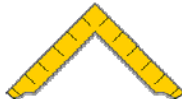
AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

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
Bro. Roy Rizzotti; Passed 04/17/12

Please visit us at: www.athelstane839.org



FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

I hope this latest Trestleboard finds you all well. Charity will be an important theme at Athelstane between now and the year-end holidays.

At our November 17th meeting, we will have our Charity Night where the Lodge's annual donation checks will be presented to the charities we support. We hope to have a representative from each charity in attendance to receive these checks and to give us an update about what's going on with each.

Saturday, December 20th will be the day when Athelstane will be responsible for collecting donations for United Hospice's Tree of Life at the Palisades Mall. Athelstane's day has consistently been one of, if not the highest fundraising days for United Hospice and we have once again selected perhaps the busiest shopping day of the year! Last year we had a strong turnout of Brothers and their families, and I know this year we can do even better. United Hospice is counting on all of us. Look for a sign in sheet to be circulated soon via e-mail and at the Lodge.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention our year-end holiday party which will once again be held at La Terrazza in New City on Tuesday, December 16th. Our last few parties at La Terrazza have been very well received by all, and this one should be no different. It promises to be a great evening of festive fellowship. Please get ready to make your paid reservations soon, \$65 per couple or \$32.50 per Brother.

I hope you will mark these important dates on your calendars and I'll be seeing you all soon.

Fraternally,

W.: Douglas Ward

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd ... SIMON KRAMER will be presented the **Order of the Chevalier**, the highest honor granted by the International Supreme Council of DeMolay for "distinguished work in DeMolay.." on Sunday, November 2nd at 6:30 PM, Fidelity Lodge, 99 S Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ. An invitation has been extended to all. Please RSVP to W.: **HARRY KRAMER** at (201) 262 - 2728.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th ... do your civic duty and VOTE then join us for our Athelstane Lodge dinner (6:30) and meeting (7:30). Special presentation by our own R.:W.: **BILL MAURER** .

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th ...Meeting of Knickerbocker-West Point Chapter No 13, National Sojourners, Inc. Open to all Masons who have been Officers, Warrant Officers and NCOs in the Military service of our nation. Meeting at West Point Lodge at 1100 Hours, Luncheon at noon. 314 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th ... CHARITY NIGHT ... Ladies and guests welcome for dinner at our Lodge and our annual Athelstane Lodge presentation of charity gifts to deserving non-profit organizations serving our community.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd ... Apron Presentation ceremonies and dinner tendered in honor of **RW BRUCE WEIGAN, DDGM, RW COLIN OAKENFULL GRAND SWORD BEARER,** and **VW WILLIAM FITZHENRY, AGL.** at the Golden Manor at Spruce Lodge, Montgomery, NY. \$40 per person. RSVP to RW Colin Oakenfull (845) 796-7012

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th ... HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th ... ATHELSTANE LODGE MEETING and pre-meeting Dinner.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16th ... Our **Annual Athelstane Lodge Holiday Party** will be held on Tuesday evening, December 16th at LA TERRAZZA Restaurant in New City. Those of you who were with us at prior parties at this venue will remember we had a most enjoyable evening with good food, good service, warm ambiance and a festive evening of fellowship. The price for all this is \$65 per couple, this is subsidized half the cost for Athelstane members ... \$65 per person for others. Paid reservations in advance please. Mail your checks to Ron Steiner, 18 Buena Vista Road, Suffern, NY 10901-1730. Come celebrate the start of Hanukah with us.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16th (SUNDOWN) TO NIGHTFALL December 24th ... Happy Hanukah to all of our Jewish Brethren and their families.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20th ... UNITED HOSPICE TREE OF LIFE fund raising effort. Please volunteer ...wives, friends, teenagers ... no special skills required. Just a few hours of your time to devote to a most worthwhile effort. We will staff the United Hospice of Rockland display and booth from 9 AM to 9 PM. Please contact Ron Steiner to sign on: (845) 354-4192 or nvs-mason@aol.com. Do it today.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th ... wishing you and those you love all the joys of the holiday season ... MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2015 ... for you and all of those you cherish, our most sincere best wishes for a **happy and healthy New Year 2015**. May all of your dreams and aspirations come to fruition.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 14th in SARASOTA, FLORIDA

THURSDAY, JAN 15th in TAMPA, FLORIDA

SATURDAY, JAN 17th in LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA ... the annual Grand Lodge and Eastern Star Florida luncheons. See the ***Empire State Mason Magazine*** for details or contact our Secretary, Ron Steiner: (845) 354-4192 or nvs-mason@aol.com.

Tentative ... FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th ... our annual Athelstane Lodge Florida luncheon for members, ladies and surviving spouses. Details to follow.

FROM YE OLDE SCRIBE

It is hard to believe that the year 2014 is almost over and Thanksgiving will soon be here. 2015 dues cards are expected within the month and we are preparing to send your dues letters now, so please be on the lookout for it. We will appreciate you taking care of this as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance for your help with this.

A GLANCE BACK ...

Our October 7th meeting marked the **Official Visit by the District Deputy Grand Master** of the Orange Rockland Masonic Distinct, The Right Worshipful **BRUCE WEIGNAD**, and his official party. There was a good turnout of Athelstane Lodge Brothers as well as visiting Brethren for the presentation of annual message to the craft by Grand Master William J. Thomas. The District Deputy was accompanied on his visit by R.:W.: **COLIN OAKENFUL**, the Grand Lodge Staff Officer (Grand Sword Bearer), and several other members of the DD's staff. Each gave short presentations on their areas of responsibilities. The presentations were well received and the Grand Master's printed message was spread upon the minutes of that communication. The District Deputy reported that he had examined the books and records of the Lodge and he signed the Minute book to reflect that all was found in good order.

From Ye Olde Scribe (Cont.)

Our October 21st meeting was a **BROTHER BRING A FRIEND NITE** and we had a good turnout of Brothers and visitors. We enjoyed a presentation by our Master and several of the Officers on what Masonry and Athelstane Lodge means to them, AND a special collation and festive board prepared by Brother MIKE PETERS (need we say more ?). Highlight of the evening was a group telephone call to Brother KURT BROWN on the occasion of his 93rd Birthday. We really didn't need to make a phone call tho' as the harmony could have carried all the way to South Spring Valley where Kurt was at home that night. .

SAD TIDINGS ...

This was a rough month for a number of our members and family. Sadly, we learned of the passing of a long time Athelstane Brother, **DAVID SOLOMON** (a Brother since 1967 - 47 years). His widow, Debra called from their home in Middletown, NY to advise that David has died last December. The condolences of the Lodge were extended to the family. The Lodge's alter will be draped for 30 days and a Masonic Memorial prayer will be offered at our upcoming meeting.

W.: **JAY HELFGOTT** is in Helen Hayes Hospital undergoing rehabilitation and treatment for a wound infection following a knee replacement. **DIANE GESS**, the wife of our genial Treasurer RW **MARVIN GESS**, is home now after a similar operation and rehab at Helen Hayes.

Brother **SAM NIXON** (Byron, George) hospitalized for a knee replacement. We sure hope all is going well now during his rehab.

Our good friend and longtime Athelstane Brother **STEPHEN MARCUS** is awaiting cardiac valve replacement with a new procedure developed at Hackensack Hospital. Steve sends his best wishes to all his Brothers as we continue to keep him in our thoughts and prayers for a complete and speedy return to good health.

GLAD TIDINGS ...

Heartiest congratulations to our Athelstane Brother (and Steward) **ALAIN SANTIAGO** and his wife **LISETTE** on the birth of baby **ELIJA ALAIN SANTIAGO**, on October 24th. our prospective new Athelstane member weighed in at 7.3 pounds and measured 20.5 inches. The best wishes of the entire Athelstane Lodge family have been extended to the proud parents. May Elija live long and prosper !

Reminder that **SIMON KRAMER** (a regular volunteer at our Child ID and Hospice Tree of Life efforts) will be presented the **Order of the Chevalier, the highest honor granted by the International Supreme Council of DeMolay** for "distinguished work in DeMolay.." Simon was elected the New Jersey DeMolay State Senior Councilor at the recent NJ State DeMolay Convention. The Investiture will take place on Sunday, November 2nd at Fidelity Lodge, in Ridgewood, NJ. An invitation has been extended to all of us. For further details contact the proud dad, W.: **HARRY KRAMER** at (201) 262-2728.

From Ye Olde Scribe (Cont.)

NAOMI KRAMER, Simon's sister, and daughter of **W. HARRY and CLAUDIA** answered a recent call for volunteers to assist at a Masonic Safety ID program held by West Point Lodge. Naomi received a beautiful letter of commendation sent by **W. DAMION KING**, Master of West Point Lodge.

Never too soon to plan ...

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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.

And speaking of family ...

To all our Brethren and those you cherish: **A JOYOUS THANKSGIVING** . As we gather together with our loved ones this upcoming holiday, let us keep our service men and women, our veterans and first responders, in our thoughts and prayers. We give thanks for all of their sacrifices that enable us to be together in peace and harmony.

With warm fraternal regards and best wishes,

Ron

Ron Steiner,
Secretary

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WEST POINT LODGE MASONIC SAFETY ID PROGRAM



Above: Naomi Kramer, daughter of W.: Harry Kramer, and R.:W.: Bruce D. Klein volunteering at the West Point Masonic Safety ID Program.

ORDER OF THE CHEVALIER PRESENTATION TO SIMON KRAMER



Above: Simon Kramer at the altar during the presentation.



Above: Simon, center, being congratulated by his peers.



Above: Simon Kramer, New Jersey DeMolay State Senior Councilor, wearing the Order of the Chevalier



Congratulations, Simon!

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W.: Alexander Mulgrew
2012 - 2015

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

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

Past Masters

Howard Whitman	2011-13 Gerald P. Rickard	1983 Alfred Deninger	affl.
Ronald Pomerance, DSA	2010-11 Harold N. Eder *	1981 Jay Helgott	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10 Barry Ronner	1980-82 R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09 Eugene Foldalare, 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 *	1999-00 Henry Morris	1972 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 Zec Lodge No. 1125
	1998-99		