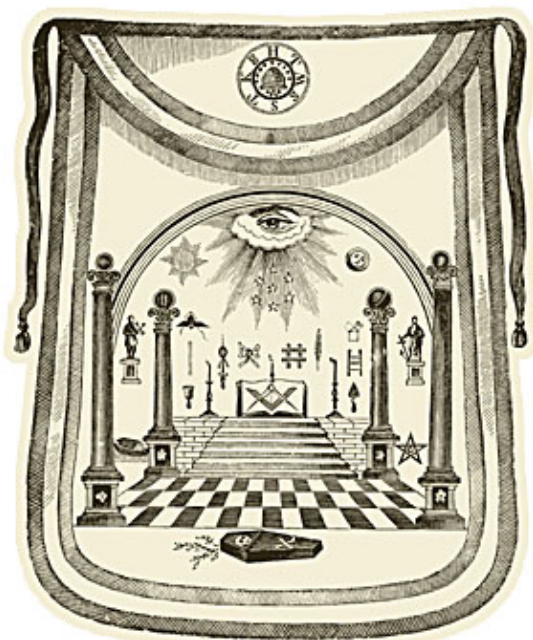


THE ATHELSTANIAN



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

December 2009

M.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert
Grand Master of Masons

R.:W.: Robert Morlang, Jr.
District Deputy Grand Master

November 23, 2009

Brethren:

SUMMONED COMMUNICATION
Tuesday, December 1, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.

You are **SUMMONED** and your Masonic friends and Brothers are extended a cordial and fraternal invitation to join us at the 2156th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No 839 F & AM to be held on Tuesday evening, December 1, 2009 at the Pearl River Masonic Temple at 7:30 PM sharp on the occasion of the

OFFICIAL VIST OF
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL ROBERT E. MORLANG, JR.
District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland District
representing
The Most Worshipful Edward G. Gilbert
Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York

and

THE HOMECOMING OF
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL LOUIS M. IRIZARRY II
Grand Director of Ceremonies
to his mother Lodge

and, in accordance with the by-laws of the Lodge, to vote on the unaffiliation of certain Brothers for non-payment of dues for the current year.

Reception starting at 6:00 PM
Pre-meeting Dinner as guest of the Lodge at 6:30 PM.

By Order of the Worshipful Master:

Attest:

R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner, Secretary



STATED COMMUNICATION
Tuesday, December 15, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.

Officers Dress: Business Attire
Place: daNina Italian Restaurant, Suffern, NY
Business: Holiday Dinner
Time: 6:30 p.m.

On The Cover

The Lafayette Apron

Masonic apron belonging to Brother George Washington. Traditionally believed to have been presented to him by the Marquis de Lafayette in August 1784. Tradition also holds that Madame Lafayette embroidered the apron.



Work on the Trestleboard

Awaiting Report of Investigation Committee

Major Frank Letizuia	proposed by Bro William Shroeder	04/02/08
Mr. Michael B. Seidenfrau	proposed by Bro. Howard Whitman	07/10/08
Mr. Robert E. Lysiak, Jr.	proposed by Bro. Howard Whitman	09/15/08
Mr. Seth Patrick Lee	proposed by Bro. Duncan R. Lee II	10/20/09
Mr. Michael Albert Olmo	proposed by Bro. Richard Butts	06/23/09
Mr. Seth Jay Geffen	proposed by W.: David Richards	09/11/09

Awaiting First Degree

Mr. Andrew Jersey	Elected	04/15/08
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Awaiting Second Degree

Bro. Joseph Chapley	Initiated	11/28/06
Bro. Roy Richard Powell	Initiated	02/05/08
Bro. James T. Shanahan	Initiated	01/20/09
Bro. Michael J. Joy	Initiated	11/17/09
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Initiated	11/17/09
Bro. Eric M. Mateyka	Initiated	11/17/09
Bro. Dennis T.P. O'Connor, Jr.	Initiated	11/17/09

Upcoming Events

December 1st	DDGM Visitation and Homecoming for R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	7:30 p.m.
December 5th	Masonic Toys for Tots Holiday Party Masonic Hall - 71 W. 23rd St., NY, NY	2:00 p.m.
December 14th	Hospice Tree of Life Palisade Center Mall - West Nyack	1:30 p.m.
December 15th	Holiday Dinner DaNina's Restaurant - Suffern, NY	6:30 p.m.
December 27th	ORDMA Holiday Party Hoffman Lodge - Middletown, NY	4:00 p.m.
January 22nd	Florida Luncheon Benvenuto Caterers - Boynton Beach, FL	12:00 p.m.

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

November 17, 2009



Left to Right: Bro. Michael Joy, Bro. Dennis O'Connor, Bro. Howard Whitman (Master for the degree), Bro. Daniel Mateyka, and Bro. Eric Mateyka.



Left to Right: W.: Alec Mulgrew, Bro. Ron Pomerance, Bro. Howard Whitman, Bro. John Gebbia, Bro. Doug Ward.



**ATHELSTANE LODGE NO. 839
2009 HOLIDAY PARTY**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009

6:30 P.M.

Da Nina Italian Restaurant

1 Lafayette Avenue
Suffern, NY 10901

\$60.00 per person

\$30.00 per person for Athelstane Brothers
and their wives/significant others

RSVP with check required by December 8, 2009

Please use the enclosed response sheet.



ORDMA Holiday Party



ORDMA's Annual Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 27, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hoffman Lodge, 9 Courtland Street, Middletown, NY. Bring the kids for food and fun!

Contact W:. Bruce Klein for more information. (845) 642-5559.



HOSPICE TREE OF LIFE



It has become a tradition in Athelstane Lodge each year during the holidays to lend a few hours to assist United Hospice of Rockland at their fund-raising tables set up in the Palisades Center Mall in West Nyack. We hope you can join us again this year for a few hours at the "**Hospice Tree of Life**".

Our day for Athelstane volunteers is MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th

Time: Any hours you can spare between 1:30 PM and 9:00 PM

Place : first level Palisades Center Mall in West Nyack east end.

This effort is very gratifying and personally fulfilling ... and the company is exceptional. We traditionally raise \$\$\$ thousands for this very worthwhile charity...and this year the need REALLY is greater than ever. Please join us.

Please RSVP to Brother Richie Schwartz ... (845) 354 - 2161

This is important so we know our coverage for this important event.



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839
4TH ANNUAL FLORIDA LUNCHEON

To all Florida resident Brothers, " snowbirds" and visitors,

You are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the Fourth Annual Athelstane Lodge Florida Luncheon on January 22, 2010 at Benvenuto Caterers in Boynton Beach from 12:00 noon to 3:00

This year, in addition to a great meal and an opportunity to meet and greet your Brothers, we will have two guest speakers. Their topics will be "Acupuncture, Myth or Reality" and "What Can Medical Massage Therapy Do For You?"

The Lodge is once again helping to fund this luncheon. The cost for an Athelstane Lodge Brother or widow of a Brother is free. The cost for anyone accompanying a Brother is \$35.00 each.

Please respond by December 30, 2009.

Please use the enclosed response sheet.



Essential Vision

An Exhibit at the Pomona Cultural Center

Featuring **Susan Lee Schwartz**

Reception:

December 6, 2009

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Exhibit Runs:

December 6, 2009 - January 16, 2010

548 Route 306, Pomona, NY

845-362-8062

Gallery Hours: Friday - Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Essential Vision



Dec. 6, 2009 - Jan. 16, 2010





SUSAN LEE SCHWARTZ THROUGH MY EYES

Pomona Cultural Center
Holiday Season Exhibit
Dec 6, 2009- Jan 16, 2010

NJFCC: Medal winner 2009
Landscapes Competition;
Numerous merit awards.

Travel Photographer:
Gurney's Quarterly; Special
fall 2009 issue: *Through
The Eyes of Susan Lee
Schwartz*. Go to
www.gurneysinn.com/gq/

1998 NYSEC Educator of
Excellence award

Multiple inclusion in'
*Who's Who Among
America's Teachers*

There are moments in time,
on the landscapes of my life,
when the light is perfect,
and the scene before my
eyes screams "CAPTURE
ME!"

This is when I put the
camera to my eye, to find
those images where color
and form converge, combine
and capture the beauty of
that moment, the essence of
the subject and a sense of
place.

My work is rooted in reality,
which I believe is the
strongest way to conjure
emotions and to convey the
totality of an experience in
this two dimensional
medium.

My photographs reveal the
mood and the implied
narrative so that the
observer can savor - not
merely its special color,
energy and splendor - but
also its story.

The Master's Station

The Holiday Season is fast upon us. I hope, by the time this reaches everyone, that you have all had a Happy Thanksgiving.

On November 17th the Lodge initiated four new Entered Apprentices, Brothers Michael Joy, Dennis O'Connor, Daniel Mateyka and Eric Mateyka. Please join me in welcoming our new brothers. I thank the following brothers for their work in the degree: Howard Whiteman, who sat in the East for the degree, Ron Pomerance, John Gebbia, Richard Butts, Doug Ward, Richie Schwartz and W.: Nate Metliz. I would also like to thank R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II for serving as Chaplain, W.: Dave Richards for sitting in as one of the Stewards and W.: Louis M. Irizarry III for jumping in as the Junior Master of Ceremonies. And finally, I would especially like to thank R.:W.: Robert Blanke for again assisting in the degree.

Our first meeting in December is our District Deputy Grand Master Robert E. Morlang's visitation to Athelstane Lodge. In addition this will be the homecoming of the District Deputy's travelling companion, our own R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II, Grand Director of Ceremonies. Please join us in welcoming the District Deputy and his staff and in welcoming home R.:W.: Louis. Prior to the District Deputy's visitation we will vote regarding dropping brothers from membership for non-payment of dues.

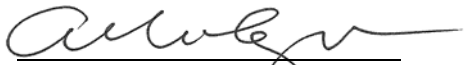
Our second meeting in December is the annual Holiday Dinner. Please join us at daNina's Italian Restaurant, 1 Lafayette Avenue, Suffern, NY at 6:30 p.m. for a little fraternity and holiday cheer.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Lawrence R. Whitehead was called by the Great Architect of the Universe on November 13, 2009. A Masonic Funeral Service was performed on November 16, 2009 at T.J. McGowan and Sons Funeral Home. Letter and card may be sent to Mrs. Janet Whitehead, 106 East Eckerson Road, Spring Valley, NY 10977.

Mrs. Rose Glick, the mother of **Diane Gess**, and mother-in-law of **R.:W.: Marvin Gess**, passed away on November 16, 2009. A funeral service was held on November 18, 2009 at Riverside Funeral Chapel in Mt. Vernon, NY. Contributions may be made in her memory to United Hospice of Rockland, 11 Stokum Lane, New City, NY 10956. Cards and letters may be sent to the Gess home at 16 Charnwood Drive, Suffern, NY 10901.

Brother Peter Berkowitz was called by the Great Architect on November 21, 2009. A Masonic Funeral Service was held on November 23, 2009 at Hannemann Funeral Home in Nyack, NY. Cards and letters may be sent to the Berkowitz home at 123 Piermont Avenue, South Nyack, NY 10960



Alexander Mulgrew, Master

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Trustees

R.: W.: Martin Lindenberg R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser Br. Richard Schwartz D.S.A.

Past Masters

Thomas Sassone	2008-09	R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979	Jay Helfgott	affl.
David Richards	2007-08	R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977	George Liberis	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07	Norman J. Greenberg *	1976	Nate Metlitz	affl.
R.: W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06	R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976	M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05	R.: W.: Martin Lindenberg	1975	R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
Harry F. Anderson	2002-03	Sander A. Lefkowitz *	1974	R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02	Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74	R.: W.: Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
R.: W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01	Leonard J. Plotch *	1972	R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00	Henry Morris	1972, 1985		
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98	R.: W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971	* Tappan Zee Lodge No. 1125	
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99	Charles K. Dunlop *	1969		
R.: W.: Glen L. Weinberg *	1994-97	Allen P. Oster	1969		
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95	Henry Chait *	1967		
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97	Murray Kaplowitz *	1965		
Anthony Urbinato	1987-88, 1990	Robert Maidman *	1958		
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992	M.: W.: Neil I. Bidnick	affl.		
V.: W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94	R.: W.: Robert Blanke	affl.		
	1998-99	R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.		
Richard H. Fassberg	1984, 1991	R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.		
Gerald P. Rickard	1983	Alvin M. Russell	affl.		
Harold N. Eder *	1981	Stuart Sindell	affl.		
Barry Ronner	1980-82	Arthur S. Vener	affl.		
Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979	Harry Sky	affl.		