

# THE ATHELSTANIAN



## ATHELSTANE LODGE

**No. 839**

**FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
INSTITUTED 1902**

Naurashank Temple  
2 South Middletown Road  
Pearl River, NY 10965

Communications 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
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December 2012

**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**

November 30, 2012

Brethren:

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the following communications:

**2219th STATED COMMUNICATION**

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 7:30 PM

The 2219th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge No 839 F & AM is to be held in the Pearl River Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, December 4, 2012 promptly at 7:30 PM. The work of the evening will be to ballot upon a worthy class of prospective candidates, conferral of the Degree of Entered Apprentice, and such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge. W.: Louis M. Irizarry, III will grace the East and will confer the First Degree. Our Honorary Brother, V.: W.: Mark Hanson will give the Lecture. Please join us as we bring a new class of candidates into Masonic Light in our Lodge.

Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, N.Y.  
Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.  
Attire: Officers - Formal with White Gloves  
Brethren - Business Attire

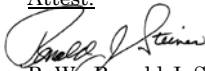
**2220th STATED COMMUNICATION**

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

A warm invitation is extended to you and your family and friends to join us in a celebration of the Holidays in our traditional Athelstane family manner ... good friends ... good food ... and good fellowship and cheer. This year we will again return to our Lodge catering room which will be decorated in the spirit of the season and we will again enjoy the catering of Brother Mike Peters and Lisa for a bountiful buffet dinner. Paid reservations in advance required. Please send your check for \$25 per person to our Secretary to allow us to properly prepare for this evening. On this special family evening we will also share in the honors accorded to our two new Right Worshipful Brothers from Athelstane Lodge, RW David Lee Richards and RW Scott Allan Klein as they receive the Masonic Aprons of their office. And, there will also be a special presentation of a Past District Deputy Jewel to our immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master, our own Right Worshipful Louis M. Irizarry, II. Please join us.

Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, N.Y.  
Time: Evening begins at 6:30 p.m.  
Attire: Officers - Formal  
Brethren - Business Attire

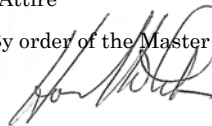
Attest:



R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner  
Secretary



By order of the Master



W.: Howard Whitman



## **WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD**

### **PETITIONS TO BE READ IN LODGE**

Mr. Alan DeJesus Santiago, Petition dated 11/21/12  
Mr. James Thomas Tribble, Petition dated 11/23/2012

### **AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Richard Cespuglio, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 05/23/12  
Mr. Mecene J. Jourdain, proposed by Bro Michael Olmo, 07/21/12  
Mr. Jonathan Kaufman, proposed by W Jay Helfgott, 08/10/12  
Mr. Yitchak Langsam, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 06/14/12  
Mr. Moshe Surkis, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 06/14/12

### **AWAITING BALLOT**

Mr. Marc Andre Jean-Baptiste, Committee has reported favorably  
Mr. Daniel Edwin Badillo, Committee has reported favorably  
Mr. Daniel Daneshrad, Committee has reported favorably  
Mr. Mark A. Persaud, Committee has reported favorably  
Mr. Brian Anthony Restivo, Committee has reported favorably

### **AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT**

Bro. Mihail Bajdechi; Initiated 3/20/12  
Bro. Anthony Barbato; Initiated 10/19/10  
Bro. Seth Geffen; Initiated 10/19/10  
Bro. Brian Gonzalez; Initiated 10/05/10  
Bro. Edward Lawrence Jones, Jr.; Initiated 10/16/12  
Bro. Pablo Sandoval; Initiated 10/16/12

### **AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON**

Bro. Michael Anthony DePaolo; Passed 04/17/12  
Bro. Eric Mateyka; Passed 01/11/11  
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka; Passed 11/16/10  
Bro. Roy Rizzotti; Passed 04/17/12

# THE FUTURE

- Dec. 4th**                    **ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE**  
W.: Louis M. Irizarry III will grace the East and confer the First Degree of Masonry.
- Dec. 15th**                    **United Hospice of Rockland Tree of Life**  
9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. @ Palisades Center Mall. Our annual manning of this outstanding Hospice fundraiser. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!! Brothers, ladies, children and grandchildren; all are welcome! Help us do good work for Hospice for the Holidays! Call Ron at (845) 354-4192.
- Dec. 18th**                    **Annual Athelstane Lodge Holiday Party!!!**  
This year including Apron Presentations to our two new members of the Purple ... Grand Representatives R.W.: David Richards and R.W.: Scott Allan Klein. As well as the presentation of the Past District Deputy Grand Master Jewel to R.W.: Louis M. Irizarry II. Please make reservations now ... \$25.00 per person payable in advance. Please make checks payable to Athelstane Lodge and send to our Secretary.
- Jan. 1st**                      **HAPPY NEW YEAR !** Lodge will not meet.
- Jan. 15th**                    **Robert Burns Night**  
Dinner and "open meeting" for ladies and guests ... "*Brother Bring a Friend Night*" ... always a bonnie time honoring the Bard! Join us for an evening of bagpipes, libations, recitations of the Bard's works and ... (wait for it) ... Haggis!!! That's right ... haggis.
- Jan. 18th**                    **Annual Athelstane Lodge Florida Reunion Luncheon**  
Benvenuto Caterers in Boynton Beach ... for Florida Brothers, Snow Birds, sojourning Athelstane Brothers and Ladies and surviving spouses. NO CHARGE except for a tax deductible contribution to contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund ... \$18 each or 2 for \$25. No charge for an Athelstane Surviving Spouse. Contact R.W.: Hal Dresdale: (561) 278-9507.

## FROM DE OLD SCRIBE ...

### LOOKING BACK ...

November 2012 will be a month that those of us living in Rockland County will all remember for a long time. The aftermath of Hurricane Sandy left so many of us literally powerless and while so many suffered discomfort to a greater or lesser degree, thankfully we have no reports of personal injury from our members. However, we were sorry to hear from Bro. **STEVE BARLOTTA** that damage to his home in Jackson, NJ was devastating. Our hearts go out to Steve and his family and all of our Athelstane family and those who were impacted by the storm. Our Master, W.: **HOWARD WHITMAN**, responded to the Grand Master's appeal for financial assistance for Hurricane Sandy victims by

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authorizing a \$500 contribution from Athelstane Lodge relief funds to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, and the special Grand Master's Appeal. This was done.

Our Lodge could not open for the scheduled meeting of November 6th, as the Pearl River Masonic Temple was then still without utilities. However we caught up with work on our Trestleboard with a good meeting on November 20th preceded by a warm social hour, a good dinner, and then the presentation of our 2012 Athelstane Lodge charitable contributions to the deserving community organizations we support. Brother **DOUG WARD**, our Senior Deacon and Chairman of our Charity Committee, made the presentations. The first check was presented to **ALYSON BENOIT** for the HONORABLE GEORGE BERGERMAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND earmarked for the Orangetown DARE project. By coincidence, W.: **GEORGE BERGERMAN** was a Past Master of our Lodge and a respected Rockland jurist for many years. His surviving spouse, grandma **NANCY BERGERMAN** and their daughter, **LAURA BENOIT**, were also on hand for the presentation. Alyson gave a beautiful response indicating how the funds will be used in the local Orangetown community to help prevent bullying, drug and alcohol and other abuse in the schools.

Also on hand to receive checks from our Athelstane Lodge Charity Fund were our own R.W.: **MEL BIRNBAUM** together with W.: **TOM LORENZ** for the Mecca Temple Shrine Masons' Hospital Transport Unit; Mr. **JERRY STAHLER** on behalf of **JAWANIO** was presented with our check in memory of our Brother **PAUL TENDLER** and the Jawonio after school children's activities program; Ms. **LAURIE BANDREMER** on behalf of United Hospice of Rockland and the Hospice Healing Hearts Program for children; and Ms. **GILLIAN BALLARD**, Executive Director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Rockland County. All of the recipients expressed their warm appreciation and gratitude to the Brothers of Athelstane Lodge for these needed contributions.

We still have one more donation to be made; the final \$5,000 payment of a 12 year commitment to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory to retire the mortgage which allowed for the purchase of a confocal microscope used in the research and study of single cardiac cells in the MMRL pioneering work into the discovery of the causes and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias. This check will be presented to the Cardiac Institute of MMRL early next year.

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG ... e-mail, phone calls, etc.**

We were so glad to hear that our Brother **SAM NIXON** had successful knee replacement surgery and is now home recuperating with loving care from wife **EDNA**. We sent warm wishes on behalf of the Lodge with best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a good NEW Year filled with abundant good health ! And the very same to all of you dear readers !!!

Brother **STEVEN KATOV** and his lovely **BRENDA** back snow birding in sunny Florida are planning a sojourn to New Zealand. Safe travels folks.

The sun, the moon, the tides, the calendar, the fates and the gremlins all conspired that **MARTY ERICKSON** (wife of our cherished Brother and friend R.: W.: **GENE ERICKSON**) and **YE' OLD SCRIBE** should literally come together while I was parking my car just before dinner at our last Lodge meeting. Thankfully nobody was hurt and only some material damage to our cars marred an otherwise great evening.

**(From Ye Olde Scribe ... , Continued)**

**LOOKING AHEAD ...**

**Invitations** have gone out to all the members of our Athelstane Surviving Spouse group to join us as a guest of the Lodge at our **Annual Holiday Party** at Lodge on December 18th and at our **Florida Sojourn Luncheon** on January 18th. Do hope you are planning to be with us as well. See details elsewhere in this Trestle-board. But PLEASE be sure to send your check as your paid reservation in advance. Only \$25 per person. This is a must!

**REMINDER ...**

Close to 50% of our Brothers have already sent their checks and paid their 2013 dues. **THANK YOU!** If you have not yet send your dues please do so today. We are counting on you to help with our Lodge's cash flow. **2013 dues are now due!** Grand Lodge *per capita* goes from \$30 to \$32 in 2013. Accordingly, our Athelstane Lodge dues for 2013 are now \$95 plus \$32 = \$127. 25 year Life members (25 consecutive years in good standing) i.e. those raised prior to 1986 will be \$32, which is Grand Lodge per capita only. Please help.

**PAST DUE ...** *sorry to note there are still nine (9) Brothers in arrears in their financial obligations to the Lodge ... without naming names ... their 2012 dues are way past due. Please avoid embarrassment Brothers. If there is a financial problem, we stand ready to try to assist. Let us hear from you so we can resolve this without the necessity of dropping you from Masonry.*

**Next to the last word ...**

*Joan and I extend our warmest personal and fraternal wishes to you and those you love for a most joyous Holiday season ... Chanukah, Christmas, and way beyond ... may the new year be filled with much love and happiness and good health ! Amen !!!*

**Finally ...**

**PLEASE REMEMBER ...**

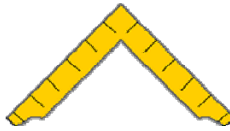
**THERE IS MORE TO MASONRY THAN SIMPLY PAYING YOUR DUES.**

*With warm fraternal regards,*

Ron

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## FROM THE EAST

My Brothers:

November proved to be an interesting month for the Lodge. We had to postpone our November 6<sup>th</sup> Communication because the Lodge was without power from Hurricane Sandy.

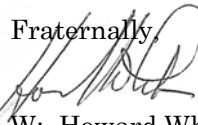
On November 20<sup>th</sup> we had a very interesting presentation by Brother Earnest Hudson of Joseph Warren-Gothic Lodge. The subject of his presentation was "A Grip .... Of What?" and engaged all of the Brothers who were fortunate enough to be there.

Unfortunately, we lost two Brothers at the end of November; W:. Robert Maidman and Bro. Harold Prenskey. Our condolences go out to their families.

December will be a very busy month as we are having an Entered Apprentice Degree on December 4<sup>th</sup>. On December 15<sup>th</sup> ( Saturday ) the Lodge will again participate in the United Hospice Tree of Life Fundraiser at the Palisades Mall in West Nyack, NY. We need volunteers for that Saturday. Please contact either Ron Steiner or myself if you can be there.

December 18<sup>th</sup> will be a Very Special Evening at our Holiday Party. We will be having our Formal Apron Presentations to R:.W:. David Richards, and R:.W:. Scott Klein. Additionally, we will have the Jewel Presentation of the Past District Deputy Grand Master to R:.W:. Louis Irizarry, II of the Orange/Rockland District. Please send in your checks ( \$ 25.00 per person ) immediately, as we need to have an accurate count to properly order the necessary food for the Party.

I want to wish all of our Brothers and their Families, a Healthy, Happy, and Safe Chanukah and Christmas.

Fraternally,  


W:. Howard Whitman

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W.: Alexander Mulgrew  
2012- 2015

R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser  
2011 - 2014

Br. Richard Schwartz D.S.A.  
2010 - 2013

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Ronald Pomerance	2010-11 Richard H. Fassberg	1984, 1991 R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10 Gerald P. Rickard	1983 Benjamin Kotzker	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09 Harold N. Eder *	1981 George Liberis	affl.
R.: W.: David Richards	2007-08 Barry Ronner	1980-82 Nathan Metlitz	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 R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
R.: W.: Harry F. Anderson	2002-03 Norman J. Greenberg *	1976 Arthur S. Vener	affl.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02 R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976 M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
R.: W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01 R.: W.: Martin Lindenberg	1975 R.: W.: Charles Antzevitch	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00 Sander A. LeKowitz *	1974 R.: W.: Robert Blanke	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98 Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74 R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99 Leonard J. Plotch *	1972 R.: W.: Albert E. Masley	Hon.
R.: W.: Glen L. Weinberg *	1994-97 Henry Morris	1972, 1985 R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95 R.: W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971	
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97 Charles K. Dunlop *	1969 * Tappan Zee Lodge No. 1125	
Anthony Urbinato	1987-88, 1990 Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969	
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992 Henry Chait *	1967	
V.: W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94 Murray Kaplowitz *	1965	
	1998 - 99 Jay Helfgott	1965	
		affl.	