

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
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December 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**

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## 2240th STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:30 PM

You and your lady and Masonic friends and guests are cordially invited to join us for our annual Athelstane Holiday Dinner Party, this year to be held at the conveniently located **LA TERRAZZA ITALIAN RESTAURANT**, 291 S. Main Street, New City, NY.

Reception and passed hors d'oeuvres starting at 6:30 PM. Sit down dinner follows with a wide selection of delicious entrees. Cash bar. Dress is business attire. Paid reservations in advance.

Athelstane Lodge Brothers subsidized cost is only \$25; \$50 per couple. Other guests are \$50 each. You don't want to miss this evening of good food and fine company. Hurry !!! Make your reservations now. Call our Secretary at (845) 354 - 4192.

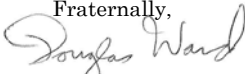
## 2241st STATED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:30 PM

Pearl River Masonic Temple  
2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River N.Y.

You and your lady as well as your Masonic friends, guests and prospective members are cordially invited to join us for a very special dinner and open meeting at which time we will present our 2013 Athelstane Lodge charity checks to the deserving community philanthropies we support. Do join us for our reception and dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Dress is business attire.

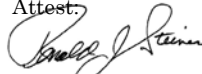
Fraternally,



W.: Douglas Ward  
Master



Attest:



R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner  
Secretary



## **WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD**

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

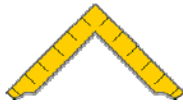
Mr. Thomas Bruce Jr., proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 09/13/13  
Mr. Richard Cespuglio, proposed by Bro. Michael Olmo, 05/23/12

### **AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT**

Bro. Daniel Edwin Badillo; Initiated 02/05/13  
Bro. Mihail Bajdechi; Initiated 03/20/12  
Bro. James S. Burton; Initiated 11/05/13  
Bro. Thomas John Damiani; Initiated 11/05/13  
Bro. Mecene J. Jourdain; Initiated 11/05/13  
Bro. Salvatore Luppino; Initiated 11/05/13  
Bro. Mark A. Persaud; Initiated 10/01/13  
Bro. Pablo Sandoval; Initiated 10/16/12  
Bro. Alain Santiago; Initiated 10/01/13  
Bro. James Thomas Tribble; Initiated 11/05/13  
Bro. Hubert E. Urruttia; Initiated 10/01/13

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

Bro. Daniel Daneshrad; Passed 03/19/13  
Bro. Edward Lawrence Jones, Jr.; Passed 11/19/13  
Bro. Jonathan Kaufman; Passed 11/19/13  
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

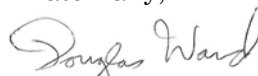
My Brothers:

The holiday season is now upon us, and we have a lot going on at our Athelstane. At our November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, we welcomed five more Brothers into our Lodge at another Entered Apprentice Degree. I would like to extend congratulations and a hearty welcome to our five newest Brothers - Jim Burton, Tom Damiani, Sal Luppino, Mecene Jourdain, and James Tribble. We are happy to have you, and we are all looking forward to your advancement in the months to come! At our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, we passed two Brothers to the degree of Fellowcraft - Jonathan Kaufman and Edward Jones, Jr. Congratulations to these Brothers, and a big thank you to everyone who was a part of both of these degree teams. It goes without saying that we will be having many more degree nights after the calendar turns, and I know we will do a great job. Special thanks to Br. Dennis O'Connor who sat in the East on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and to R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser for a great Middle Chamber lecture. And once again we are in the debt of our honorary Brother V.:W.: Mark Hanson, who gave yet another Historical Lecture on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> and continues to help us at Athelstane in countless ways.

The reservations for our holiday party on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at La Terrazza in New City are rolling in; please send in your checks to Ron Steiner now if you have not already done so (details in Secretary's column)! I'm looking forward to a great night of fellowship on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and I hope you are too. For our second meeting in December (Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>), we will be back at Lodge for a very special meeting where we will present our annual checks to the various charities that Athelstane supports. We will also get a chance to hear from representatives from these charities. This will be an open meeting, and I would encourage you to bring family and friends. Please do join us for this meeting. 'Tis the season for giving. This is your Lodge, and supporting these worthwhile charities should make us all proud to be Athelstanians.

In closing, I want to wish you and your families all a very happy and bountiful Thanksgiving. I also want to wish a very Happy Hanukkah to those brothers that celebrate. I hope to see you soon at Lodge. As I said, there is a lot going on and it sure would be great to share it with more of our Brothers.

Fraternally,

  
W.: Douglas Ward



## 2014 ATHELSTANE LODGE FLORIDA REUNION AND LUNCHEON

All Athelstane Lodge Brothers and their ladies, surviving spouses of Athelstane Brothers ... any and all of you who will be in Florida in the area of Boynton Beach this January 2014.

A warm fraternal invitation is extended to join us for the 2014 Athelstane Lodge Annual Florida reunion luncheon.

*This gathering of our Athelstane Lodge family is free of charge to all Brothers and their ladies, and the surviving spouse of Athelstane Brothers. As in the past, all we ask is your tax deductible contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund for the current year.*

DATE: Friday, January 17, 2014 at noon

PLACE: **BENVENTO**

1730 North Federal Highway, US 1

Boynton Beach, FL

COST: All we ask is a check from you as a tax deductible contribution payable to the **Masonic Brotherhood Fund** for the 2013-14 campaign.

**THIS IS IMPORTANT:**

**TO CONFIRM YOUR RESERVATION:**

Please contact **RW Harold J. Dresdale**, 840 N.W. 21st Way, Del Ray Beach, FL 33445; phone (561-278-9507).

Please mail your check payable to **MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND 2013-2014**. You will receive an acknowledgement from the Masonic Brotherhood Fund indicating the tax deductible contribution to our 501(c)(3) charity.

*Do plan to join us.*

*Good friends...a good time ... good food ...  
warm memories !*



## FROM DC OLD SCRIBE ...

November was a terrific month for Athelstane Lodge and if you missed either of our two degree night meetings you missed a wonderful night of Masonry. The meeting of November 5th saw five (5) new Brothers brought to light, and we welcome to our Athelstane Lodge Masonic family EA Brothers **JAMES S. BURTON, THOMAS JOHN DAMIANI, MECENE J. JOURDAIN, SALVATORE LUPPINO and JAMES THOMAS TRIBBLE**. Just two weeks later, on November 19th, two duly prepared EA Brothers, **EDWARD JONES, JR., and JONATHAN KAUFMAN**, were passed to the Second Degree of Masonry in a wonderful night of ritual and education. Welcome to our new Brother Fellowcrafts.

It was good to see **R:W: JOEL ROSSENWASSER** at our last meeting and glad to know Joel has lost none of his ritualistic eloquence. And our Honorary Brother **V:W: MARK HANSON** is like a fine wine, improving with each outing! Kudos to all of our ritualists, especially **W: DOUG WARD** and **Bro DENNIS O'CONNOR** who sat in the East during the degrees and did a commendable job. Ditto, to all of those on the ritual teams for their great effort.

### **GLAD TIDINGS ...**

Last month we reported on the first of our Season's Greetings received from Bro. **MANUEL NORAT** together with a thoughtful check to present to Hospice as a donation for the TREE OF LIFE. A few weeks later I had the opportunity to speak to Manny and thank him for that contribution. Manny then related that he had just returned from a trip to Washington, DC with group of veterans where he had been honored during a Veteran's Day ceremony in our Nation's Capitol. At the last meeting we were able to pass around the newspaper article from Anchorage, Alaska with the story and Manny's smiling face Congratulations Manny !!! Your Athelstane Lodge Brothers salute you. We are indeed proud of you and grateful for your military service.

And another Athelstane Lodge Brother **SEYMOUR LIEBMANN**, now a resident of Atlanta, Georgia, is a retired Colonel in the US Army Corps of Engineers and was honored earlier this year by the famed 82nd Airborne Division. Our Brother Seymour earned three battle stars during the Korean War and during the course of his distinguished 30 year active military career he was awarded the prestigious Legion of Merit. He was a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, The Industrial College of the Armed Forces (now the Defense University) and after retirement served with the Army Office of Chief of Engineers in Washington, DC for an additional 18 years. We hail and salute you Brother Seymour. We all wish you much happiness and good health in your "leisure years !"

It was nice to talk with some of our surviving spouses ... all cherished members of our Athelstane family who wish to be remembered to all ... **SANDY JOY, SANDY TENDLER, RONNIE FASSBERG and MARY MULLANE**.

Glad to report that our Bro **DAVID TALMAN** is back "home" in Acacia Village in the Masonic Care Community in Utica. Dave received wonderful nursing care at the Masonic Home Health Care facility for an infection and then a period of rehab and TLC. Stay well Brother Dave !!!

### **Reminder please ... the HOSPICE TREE OF LIFE ...**

Just a few 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.

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

**We still 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. [nvsmason@aol.com](mailto:nvsmason@aol.com) (845) 354 - 4192. Thanks!

**LET'S PARTY ...**

Our Annual Athelstane Lodge Holiday Party will be Tuesday evening, December 3rd. There is still time to join us at **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 is \$25 each, \$50 per couple. You will not want to miss this important social event. Contact our Secretary, Ron Steiner, 18 Buena Vista Road, Suffern, NY 10901-1730.

**OUR CHARITY PRESENTATIONS ...**

Do join us for a special open dinner meeting Tuesday evening December 17th at Lodge as we make our annual ATHELSTANE LODGE CHARITABLE CONTRIUTIONS to the MECCA TEMPLE SHRINE MASONS CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS TRANSPORTATION UNIT, JAWANIO, UNITED HOSPICE OF ROCKLAND and BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS OF ROCKLAND. Just in time to make a meaningful contribution to the lives of others during this holiday season ... and to feel good about the work we do in the community.

**DUES ....**

*The days dwindle down .....if you received a final dues notice please let us hear from you. NPD date is December 31st. We do not want to lose any Brother for financial reasons. If you need assistance, please call the Master or me.*

On the bright side, we have received 2014 Dues cards and notices will be in the mail in the coming weeks. Regular members 2014 dues are \$129; up \$2 from last year. Life members (25 years continuous membership and raised before 1986)... Dues are \$34.

If you were raised after 1987 and have 25 years continuous membership, dues for 2014 are \$25 plus \$34 Grand Lodge *per capita* Assessment = \$59. It's OK to send you check now, and why not include a gift contribution to the Lodge or the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Thanks !!!

**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 for a joyous holiday season and the very best of everything for the new year 2014 ... especially good health for you and those you cherish, and our military past and present!!!

Ron Steiner  
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# Entered Apprentice Degree

November 5, 2013



Top Row (l - r): W.: Ronald Pomerance, D.S.A., Bro. Dennis O'Connor; Bro. John Gebbia III.

Bottom Row (l - r): Bro. Mecene Jourdain, Bro. Salvatore Luppino, W.: Douglas Ward, Bro. James Burton, Bro. James Tribble, Bro. Thomas John Damiani.



## COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 25th - Wednesday, January 1, 2014 - *On behalf of the Master, Officers and Brothers of Athelstane Lodge, Christmas and New Year's greetings to you and all of those you hold dear. May the holidays be bright and may all your wishes come true. May the New Year be filled with love, good health, warm friendships and much personal fulfillment. If you are on the road during this holiday season, drive safely. And let's remember the men and women in the Armed Forces with a special prayer for their well being and safe return to their loved ones. Amen !*

Tues. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - 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.

Saturday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - United Hospice of Rockland Annual Tree of Life Fundraiser, Palisades 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.

Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> - Athelstane Lodge ... 2242nd Communication. Special guest speaker. Pre meeting dinner and social hour starting at 6:30.

Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - 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 details. Not to be missed !

Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - Our annual ROBERT BURNS NIGHT ... a very special open dinner meeting filled with laughter and merriment, good food and beverage in the style of our ancient Brethren and warm fraternalism. Do plan to join us for this festive board. Ladies, lassies and guests welcome.

Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - A really significant celebration of Washington's Birthday at the National Historic Site in nearby Morristown, NJ, sponsored by area Chapters of National Sojourners and open to Brother Masons, ladies and guests. Pre-meeting dinner at historic local "tavern." See R:W:. Bill Maurer for more details and reservations.

Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - Annual ORDMA Dinner-Dance. Mark your calendar now. The Orange Rockland District Masonic Association affair is always well attended and an enjoyable social evening. See W: Howard Whitman for more details.

## Officers 2013 - 2014

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## 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		