

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839

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2 South Middletown Road
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Communications 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
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December 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

2263rd STATED COMMUNICATION

SUMMONED COMMUNICATION

Tuesday evening, December 2, 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 are **SUMMONED** and your Masonic friends are extended a most cordial and fraternal invitation to join us for our Annual Meeting at which time we will receive the Reports of the Master, Secretary and Treasurer as well as the Trustees; vote on unaffiliation of any Brothers in arrears for non-payment of Dues; such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge, and a wonderful evening of Masonic fellowship and learning

SHORT ENLIGHTENING MASONIC LECTURES
BY W.: DOUGLAS WARD, MASTER
and
R:W.: "BILL" MAURER

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



2264th STATED COMMUNICATION

OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
Ladies and guests invited

Tuesday evening, December 16, 2014
LA TERRAZZA RESUARANT
291 South Main Street, New City, NY
(845) 638 - 0757

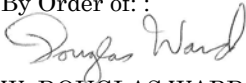
Reception and social hour begins at 6:30 PM
Dinner to follow

You and your Masonic friends and guests are extended a most cordial and fraternal invitation to join us at our annual Holiday Party. This is always a warm social evening as we gather 'round the fireplace and again have the opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship. Do plan to join us for what promises to be another wonderful pre-holiday gathering of our Athelstane Masonic family.


As usual the Lodge subsidizes the cost of this affair to attract the largest possible member support. The cost this year is \$65 per person, tax and gratuity included. However, **Athelstane members pay only \$65 per couple.**

PREPAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED ! Please send your check for \$65 (member only \$35) payable to Athelstane Lodge and mail to our Secretary (see below).

Dress: Business

By Order of :

W: DOUGLAS WARD
Master



Attest: 
R.: W. RONALD J. STEINER
Secretary



WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

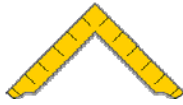
AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

- 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

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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

I hope this latest Trestleboard finds you all well and gearing up for the holiday season with your loved ones. Where does the time go?

At our November 4th meeting, we enjoyed a talk from our Lodge's resident historian and now Trustee of the Livingston Library, R.:W.: Bill Maurer. Due to some technical difficulties (courtesy of yours truly) we did not have the accompanying slideshow but it was a very well received presentation just the same. Look for an interesting follow up as a part of our upcoming December 4th meeting. Also, I am looking forward to our Lodge's field trip to the Livingston Library which we will soon be re-scheduling for springtime.

The November 18th meeting was our Charity Night when we distributed our Lodge's annual donation checks to a "who's who" roster of charitable/non-profit organizations. Congratulations to this year's recipients- Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Rockland, Jawonio, United Hospice of Rockland, Pearl River Ambulance Corps, Mecca Shriners Transportation Unit, Meals on Wheels, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory and the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library. We were happy to be joined by representatives from each of these organizations to receive these checks on behalf of their charities, including two of our own Brothers, R.:W.: Bill Maurer (Livingston Library) and Br. Jim Burton (Meals on Wheels). We should all feel proud to support these organizations and the great work they do.

Don't forget about our regular December 2nd meeting, and a reminder about two other very important December dates. Our year-end holiday party will be held at La Terrazza in New City on Tuesday, December 16th. Please send in or bring in your paid reservations as soon as possible, \$65 per couple for an evening of great food and fellowship. And Saturday, December 20th is the day that Athelstane will be responsible for collecting donations for United Hospice's Tree of Life at the Palisades Mall. Please do plan to block out some time to help us in this all-day effort. Look for a sign in sheet to be circulated via e-mail and at the Lodge and the holiday party.

Finally, I want to wish all of our Brothers and their families a blessed Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season thereafter. Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,

W.: Douglas Ward

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th ... HAPPY THANKSGIVING !

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd ... ATHELSTANE LODGE ANNUAL MEETING ... A SUMMONED COMMUNICATION ... Reports of Officers and two short interesting lectures ... one by our Master, W.: Doug Ward ... and the other by our resident Historian and raconteur R.W.: Bill Maurer ... do join us for another great fraternal night with a bountiful pre-meeting Dinner starting at 6:30..

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 ambience 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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER, DECEMBER 20th ... UNITED HOSPICE "TREE OF LIFE" fund raising effort. Our major community outreach "hands - on" effort of the year ! 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 1, 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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th ... our annual **Athelstane Lodge Florida Luncheon** for members, ladies and surviving spouses. Always a wonderful gathering of the clan to renew acquaintances and share fond memories. As last year, your ticket of admission is a tax deductible check to the **Masonic Brotherhood Fund** (\$25

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS, (cont.)

per person) and send to R.:W.: Harold Dresdale, 840 N. W. 21st Way, Delray Beach, FL 33445 (561) 278 - 9507
Sen Hal your check today.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - 7 - 8 Our big **ATHELSTANE MASONIC SAFETY ID PROGRAM (CHILD ID)** at the 28th Annual Suburban Home Show. Over this 3-day event we expect to photo ID more than 200 youngsters and seniors. A major effort! A major community service project. Please volunteer to join our team. Contact the Worshipful Master, Doug Ward and sign on with the hours you will be available. No special skills required. Just a few hours of your time to devote to a most worthwhile effort. Call (845) 304) 9003

FROM YE OLDE SCRIBE

One of the nice things about this time of the year is getting your little notes and well wishes along with the incoming dues and the many checks enclosed for our charities. Thanks! We make every effort to acknowledge each one. In the meantime, keep those dues and charity checks coming ... they are very meaningful!

ON THE MEND ...

CINDY DEDEL, lovely wife of **R.:W.: PETER DEDEL**, a past DDGM, recuperating at home after surgery to correct GI problems. Best wishes from the entire Athelstane Lodge family for a speedy and complete recovery have been conveyed.

W.: JAY HELFGOTT, still nursing a post-surgical infection in his new hip. Hurray and get well Jay so we can see **SUSAN** and you at our Holiday Dinner!

DIANE GESS, ever young wife of **R.:W.: MARVIN GESS**, doing her PT and rehab at the same facility as my bride **JOAN STEINER**, and both are doing well thank you!

Bro. SAM NIXON's wife **EDNA** reports the Sam had to be readmitted to the hospital for another infection and another repair to his recently replaced new knee. We all hope and pray that the docs got it right, and Sam is now on the pathway back to good health!!! In the meantime, Thanksgiving will be in a hospital setting for Edna and Sam, but we are all giving thanks that the docs are able to treat with these setbacks.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro. **STEVEN MARCUS** on his forthcoming cardiac valve replacement. We are all hoping for a speedy and complete fix on the old ticker and better days ahead Steven.

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From Ye Olde Scribe (Cont.)

SAD TIDINGS ...

Heartfelt condolences from the entire Athelstane Lodge family to R.:W.: **BRUCE KLEIN** and **RHONDA** and his family and **LESLIE BUDOFSKY**, wife of Bro. **BRUCE BUDOFSKY** and their family, on the passing of Leslie and Bruce's mom **RENEE KLEIN**.

Likewise, we were all saddened by the passing of W.: **ALEC MULGREW'S** mom, **MARY ELLEN MULGREW**.

We are sorry to also note the passing of Bro. **ROBERT MORLANG, SR.**, of Stony Point - Waywayonda Lodge. Bob was the dad of R.:W.: **ROBERT MORLANG, JR.** a good friend of Athelstane Brothers and a Past DD who left us at a very young age just a few years ago.

Our condolences have also been sent to Athelstane Honorary Member, R.:W.: **CHARLES ANTZELAVITCH**, Executive Director of the Masonic Medical Research Lab whose mother died this past week.

We pray that the memory of their lives will be a blessing and to the be-reaved of our extended family may they know no more sadness in their lives for a long time to come.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG ...

So nice to hear from Bro. **DAVID TALLMAN**, always cheerful and happy up at Acacia Village in the Masonic Care Community in Utica, and a cheery not from **BRENDA** and Bro. **STEPHEN KATOV** now back in sunny Florida for the winter.

Our Bro. **CURT BROWN** and **YVONNE** sent an especially meaningful gift to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and designated for the Medical Research Laboratory for the **Steven Robert Steiner Memorial Fund**.. And again this year, so did Bro. **PHIL NELSON** and Bro. **BENNET SILVER** and Bro. **RICHARD** and **SUSAN SCHWARTZ**.. Received a nice note from W.: **HANK MORRIS** and from W.: **GEORGE BIELSKI** along with a check to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund in memory of our Bro. W.: **RICHARD FASSBERG**. Thank you all !!!

It was good to talk with our Brother, W.: **GEORGE LIBERIS**, who sends his very best to all his Brothers. We miss your smiling face George.

SUSAN and **RICHIE SCHWARTZ** on the road again to relax, boat and fish and photograph nature in all her glory on Florida's west coast. Safe travels !!!

CONGRATULATIONS ...

To **JEREMY DEDEL**, son of **CINDY** and R.:W.: **PETER DEDEL**, now a proud young member of DeMolay, the Masonic Youth group. Dad Peter has been a longtime adult volunteer and leader in our Orange Rockland sponsored DeMolay Chapter.

From Ye Olde Scribe (Cont.)

To **BEA** and W.: **AL OSTER**, DSA, on their __ wedding anniversary !!! So many ???
Much love dear friends !!!! And good health to continue together for many, many more !

A GLANCE BACK ...

What a nice evening we had on November 16th at our Annual Charity Nite Dinner and presentation of checks to the deserving community outreach programs we serve each year, I am sure our Master, W.: **DOUG WARD** will have more to say in his column **FROM THE EAST**. Suffice for me to say I am so very proud of all that we in Athelstane Lodge do in the name of CHARITY ... not just with financial contributions (which are so very vital!) but also with your hands-on support.

AND A GLANCE AHEAD ...

Our **Annual Athelstane Lodge Holiday Party** will be held on Tuesday evening, December 16 at La Terrazza Restaurant in New City . Please send your reservation payment now. We expect a nice turnout for another great gathering of our Athelstane family Hope you are with us.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW for the United Hospice of Rockland's **TREE OF LIFE** Athelstane Lodge fund raising effort at the Palisades Mall on Saturday, December 20th ... we need help from 9 AM - 9 PM. Please contact our Master, W.: **DOUG WARD** and sign on as part of our team: (845) 304 - 9003

DUES REMINDER ...

You have the 2015 Dues letter. If you have any questions or concerns or problems, please call me (845) 354 - 4192.

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 of our Brethren and families celebrating Christmas, our fondest best wishes for a joyous and **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and all the best for the holiday season ...

From Ye Olde Scribe (Cont.)

To all of our Jewish Brethren and those you cherish, **HAPPY HANUKKAH ...** and

To those who celebrate **KWANZAA**, may you enjoy the feast and the week long observance of your heritage ...

and to each of you ... the very, very best for a **HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2015 ...** and for many, many more years to come... with good health ... and peace ... and much love !

Ron

Ron Steiner,
Secretary

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO JEREMY DEDEL
ON BECOMING A MEMBER OF DEMOLAY**



Above: Jeremy Dedel (left) and Simon Kramer



Above: Jeremy Dedel with unknown Knight Templar.

ATHELSTANE CHARITY NIGHT



Left: W: Dog Ward presents a check to W.: Bob Martin on behalf of the Shriners Hospital Transportation Unit.

Right: R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II presents a check to Maryann Portoro from Pearl Rive Ambulance Corps.



Left: W.: Doug Ward presents a check to Bro. Jim Burton on behalf of Meals on Wheels.

ATHELSTANE CHARITY NIGHT

Right: W.: Doug Ward presents a check to Jerry Staller, Division Director, Education and Clinical Services at Jawonio.



Left: W.: Doug Ward presents a check to Amy Stern, Executive Director of United Hospice of Rockland.

Right: W.: Doug Ward presents a check to R.:W.: Bill Maurer, Trustee of the Livingston Masonic Library.



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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 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 *	1999-00 Henry Morris	1972 R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
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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		