

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE

No. 839

**FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
INSTITUTED 1902**

Pearl River Masonic Temple
2 South Middletown Road
Pearl River, NY 10965

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

November 2016

**M:.W:. Jeffrey M. Williamson
Grand Master of Masons
in the State of New York**

**R:.W:. William E. Howell Jr.
District Deputy Grand Master
of the Orange-Rockland District**

2304th STATED COMMUNICATION

Athelstane Lodge No. 839

Special Program

Tuesday evening, November 1, 2016

Pearl River Masonic Temple
2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River N.Y.
Dinner and social hour begins at 6:30 p.m.
Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.

Brethren,

You and your Masonic friends are extended a warm and fraternal invitation to join us for the 2304th Stated Communication of Athelstane Lodge on Tuesday evening, November 1st, for a special Masonic Education program. Our pre-meeting social hour and dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m. We do hope you will join us for another wonderful evening of Masonic Brotherhood.

Officers Dress: Business Attire

By Order of:



W:. Louis M. Irizarry III
Master



Attest:



R:.W:. Ronald J. Steiner
Secretary

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2305th STATED COMMUNICATION

Athelstane Lodge No. 839

BROTHER BRING A FRIEND NIGHT

DINNER & OPEN MEETING WITH THE LADIES

Tuesday evening, November 15, 2016

Pearl River Masonic Temple
2 South Middletown Road, Pearl River N.Y.
Reception and Dinner begin at 6:30 p.m.

Brethren,

You and your Masonic friends (and others) are cordially and fraternally invited to attend and join us for our last **BROTHER BRING A FRIEND NIGHT** of the year. Please bring your lady and encourage any potential member of your family, friends, neighbors or business associates who may be interested in joining our Athelstane Lodge family. This is important if we are to grow and continue our important activities. As usual, our pre-meeting social hour, reception, and dinner will begin at 6:30 PM.

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WORK ON THE TRESTLEBOARD

AWAITING CLEARANCE TO BALLOT ON PETITION FOR AFFILIATION OR DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Brother Simon Kramer

Brother Kramer is a member of Fidelity Lodge #113, Ridgewood, N., Petition dated June 7, 2016. Request for Clearance from N.J. was made through Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of N.Y. Awaiting Clearance then Ballot.

AWAITING DEGREE OF ENTERED APPRENTICE

At the present time there are no Petitions for Membership awaiting action by the Lodge. This is an opportune time for you to encourage family, friends and/or business associates you feel are well qualified for membership in our gentle craft. Please contact our Secretary for further information. brochures and Petitions.

AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Mr. Rafael Class; Initiated 04/26/16

AWAITING THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Salvatore Luppino; Passed 03/11/14

Bro. Mark A. Persaud; Passed 03/04/14



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

November is around the corner and it's our time to think back on all that we are thankful in our lives.

This fall, I had planned to have an open dinner with families and have a Brother Bring a Friend Night. That is tentatively scheduled for November 15th. If you have anyone you think would make a great mason, now would be the event to bring them by the lodge and introduce him!

Also we are looking for anyone who would like to visit and give a presentation at one of our meetings. Any suggestions or requests, please reach out to me so I can schedule accordingly!

Love home to you and your families!

Fraternally yours,

W. Louis M. Irizarry, III

Master

Athelstane Lodge No. 839

FROM 'YE OLD SCRIBE ...

GLAD TIDINGS ... *let's start out with the positive this month ...*

R:W: MARVIN GESS, our genial Treasurer, was welcomed back to Lodge looking ever so fit and standing straight after his successful knee transplant. Now stay well Marv !!!

W: Douglas Ward, who really IS FIT, completed another marathon run and helped raise considerable \$\$\$ for his favorite charity ... fighting Autism ! Way to run Doug !!!

Congrats and Mozel Tov !!! ... to **Bro. BRUCE BUDOFSKY** and wife **LESLIE** and family on the recent marriage of their son.

Bro. STAN DRESHER, the *poet laureate* of Flagler Beach, FL and **Bro. AL MEALEY** (Myrtle Beach, SC) and spouse(s) came through the recent hurricanes OK, though both had to evacuate to higher grounds. Both reported they are back home and all is now well ! Thank G-d !!!

Well wishes extended to **W: ALEC MULGREW** and **JENNIFER**, and **R:W: BILL MAURER** and **SHON** in their new homes. ENJOY with good health !!!

SAD TIDINGS

W: HARRY KRAMER battling *Bell's Palsy*. Hope things straighten out for you quickly Harry !!!

Bro. SETH LEE again suffering from *laryngitis*. Heal fast Set !!!

A BRIEF LOOK BACK ...

October will be remembered as we "officially" welcomed Brothers **DAVON ALTON**, **THOMAS W. BRUCE, JR.**, **JACK SHERRY** and **MANUEL TAUB** who consummated their membership in Athelstane Lodge by signing the By-Laws of the

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Lodge. Our Master, **W.: LOUIS IRIZARRY, III** put them to "work" immediately by appointing and installing them as Officers of the Lodge ... Brothers Davon Alston and Thomas Bruce, Jr are our new Stewards, Bro. Jack Sherry is Jr. Master of Ceremonies, and Bro. Mendel Taub is Marshal. Hope you Brothers have many, many years of active participation, personal fulfillment and enjoyment !

The amendments to our By-Laws affecting fees and Dues were passed unanimously with only one abstention. Look for your 2017 Dues Statement in the mail in early November, In the meantime...delinquency notices will again have to be sent to a handful of Brothers still in financial arrears. P L E A S E ... we do not want to lose anyone because of financial reasons ,, let me hear from you if we can be helpful.

THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG ... E-MAIL, PHONE CALLS AND VISITS

Always good to hear from, see and/or visit from Brothers ... among whom we noted **JONATHAN KAUFMAN, STAN DRESCHER, and W.: AL OSTER.**

We were with **W.: HOWARD WHITMAN and RON POMERANCE** at Sojourner meeting at West Point. Email from **R.: W.: HAL DRESDALE.** Spoke with **R.: W.: MARVIN GESS, R.: W.: SCOTT ALLAN KLEIN, R.: W.: BILL MAURER, W.: ALEC MULGREW, W.: HARRY KRAMER and Bro. PHIL NELSON** (still in temporary motel quarters as his home is being rebuilt after total fire loss).

Bro. CHARLES SEIFERT (Harpersville, AL) called and then sent a picture of his impressive woodworkings (custom foot stools). Charlie sends his best regards to all his Athelstane Brothers.

Saw a great picture of smiling **SUSAN and W.: JAY HELFGOTT** in Fall issue of Jewish Federation Newsletter as they were honored at Congregation Shaarey Israel's 2016 Dinner Dance. Mozel Tov from all of us in Athelstane !

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Ran into Bro. **IRWIN KAHN** (Arapaho Court, Suffern) at Physical Therapy last week. He is looking well and getting ready to migrate south with the Florida bound snowbirds. He sends regards top all.

ATTENTION PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS OF A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ...

The **Totton Essay Contest** is open to any graduating High School Senior who is a child or grandchild of a Master Mason or a member of their extended family and who anticipates entering an accredited college in the fall of 2017. First prize is **\$1,500 and there are a total of 10 winners overall**. The essay topic for the 2017 prizes is **'WHY IS A FREE AND INDEPENDENT NEWS MEDIA IMPORTANT?'** Deadline ... postmarked no later than January 20, 2017. The Essay must be accompanied by Secretary's signature and Lodge seal. Essay is to be a minimum of 200 words and not to exceed 350 words - typed. Let us know if we can be helpful. Good luck !!!

ARREARS ...

THIS IS NEW ... The Grand Master has asked for the list of Brothers who are to be NPD for not paying dues to be sent to his personal attention no later than November 1st ... please read and heed ...

We still have a few Brothers who are delinquent in payment of 2016 Lodge dues. **DUES WERE DUE DECEMBER 31ST LAST YEAR.** An Invoice has been sent three times this year! Please check your wallet for your 2016 Dues Card. If you have not have it, chances are you are financially in arrears to your Lodge !!

IF YOU NEED FURTHER DETAILS OR HAVE A FINANCIAL PROBLEM, PLEASE CALL ME NOW: (845) 354 - 4192.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER and worth repeating again ... and again ...

NEW MEMBERS ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF ANY ORGANIZATION...

NEW MASONIC BROTHERS ARE A NECESSITY FOR A STRONG ATHELSTANE LODGE!

The single most important source of new membership in our Masonic Lodge is you. Please do not hesitate to ask and recommend a member of your family, a business associate, neighbor or friend whom you deem a worthy asset to our gentle craft. Please ask your Secretary for brochures, applications or further information. We are anxious to be helpful !

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.

Ron

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2016 Athelstane Lodge
Annual Holiday Dinner

December 20, 2016

at

The View On the Hudson
100 Shad Row
Piermont, New York 10968

Cocktails beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner at 8:00p.m.

Athelstane Brothers \$65.00 per couple
(subsidized)

Paid Reservations Required

Please send checks to:

Ron Steiner
18 Buena Vista Road
Suffern, N.Y. 10901

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 - **2304th Stated Communication** - Join us for a wonderful pre-meeting social hour and enjoyable "Dutch Treat" dinner before we open Lodge for an interesting **Masonic Education Program** as we continue to share Masonic light and Brotherhood. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 6, 2016 - **Daylight Savings Time** ends ...Hope you enjoy the extra hour of rest and relaxation.

Tuesday, November 8, 2016 - **ELECTION DAY** ... it is important that you vote !

Friday, November 11, 2016 - **VETERANS DAY** ... as Masons we always pay homage to the men and women of our Armed Forces past and present. Proudly display your colors.

Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 - **2307th Stated Communication - BROTHER BRING A FRIEND NIGHT.** Bring your Lady for a "night out". Bring any potential member from among your family, friends, neighbors, and business associates whom you would like to call "Brother." Join us at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 24, 2016 - **THANKSGIVING.** We hope you and those you love share a bountiful feast and give thanks to the Great Architect for all our blessings !

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 - **Our Annual Holiday Dinner-Dance.** Join us at: The View On the Hudson, 100 Shad Row, Piermont, N.Y. 10968. Cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 p.m.; Dinner at 8:00 p.m. Cost details to be determined soon. Paid advance reservations will be required. Checks are to be mailed to our Secretary, Ron Steiner, 18 Buena Vista Road, Suffern, NY 10901-1730

Saturday, December 17, 2016 - Athelstane Lodge family event ...Our annual all day effort to support United Hospice of Rockland's **TREE OF LIFE fund raising activity at Palisades Mall** ... 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Volunteers needed. Please call our Secretary, Ron Steiner for hours you can join us ... (845) 354 - 4192.

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Officers Elect 2016 - 2017

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R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale (Karen) (561) 278-9507 luvsflog@aol.com	Secretary Emeritus

Trustees

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

W.: Alexander Mulgrew
2015 - 2018

W.: Dennis O'Connor Jr.
2016 - 2019

Living Past Masters

Dennis O'Connor, Jr.	2015-16 Gerald P. Rickard	1983 Jay Helgott	affl.
Douglas Ward	2013-15 Harold N. Eder *	1981 R.: W.: Daniel E. Jonas	affl.
Howard Whitman	2011-13 Barry Romner	1980-82 Benjamin Kotzker	affl.
Ronald Pomerance, DSA	2010-11 Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979 George Liberts	affl.
Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10 R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979 Nathan Metlitz	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09 R.: W.: Giles M. Purvis	1977 Alvin M. Russell	affl.
R.: W.: David Richards	2007-08 Norman J. Greenberg *	1976 Stuart Sindell	affl.
Louis M. Irizarry III	2006-07 R.: W.: Harold J. Dresdale	1976 R.: W.: Ronald J. Steiner	affl.
R.: W.: Bruce Klein	2005-06 Sander A. Lefkowitz *	1974 Arthur S. Vener	affl.
R.: W.: Louis M. Irizarry II	2003-05 Erwin L. Robbins	1973-74 M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer	2001-02 Leonard J. Plotch *	1972 R.: W.: Charles Antzelevitch	Hon.
R.: W.: Peter J. D. Dedel	1999-01 Henry Morris	1972, 1985 R.: W.: Robert Blanke	Hon.
Harry E. Kramer *	1999-00 R.: W.: Eugene W. Erickson	1971 R.: W.: Hon. Benjamin Gilman	Hon.
Thomas P. Walden *	1997-98 Charles K. Dunlop *	1969 V.: W.: Mark Hanson	Hon.
R.: W.: C.F. William Maurer III	1997-99 Allan P. Oster, DSA	1969 R.: W.: Albert E. Mealey	Hon.
R.: W.: Joel Rosenwasser	1993-95 Henry Chait *	1967 R.: W.: Norman E. Moon	Hon.
R.: W.: Mel Birnbaum	1992, 1995-97 Murray Kaplowitz *	1965	
Anthony Urbinato	1987-88, 1990 Robert Maiman *	1958 * Tappan Zec Lodge No. 1125	
George Bielski	1986, 1989, 1992 Irwin W. Clements		affl.
R.: W.: Scott A. Klein *	1984, 1992-94, 1998-99 Alfred Deninger		affl.