

# 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  
Mailing Address: 18 Buena Vista Rd. Suffern, NY 10901

## August 2010

**M.:W.: Vincent Libone**  
**Grand Master of Masons**  
**in the State of New York**

**R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II**  
**District Deputy Grand Master**  
**for the Orange-Rockland District**

August 4, 2010

Brethren:

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

**2170<sup>th</sup> STATED COMMUNICATION**

**Tuesday, September 7, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Officers Dress: Business Attire.

Place: Masonic Temple, Pearl River, N.Y.

Business: Organizational Meeting for New Masonic Year, Reports of Investigation Committee, Balloting on Petitions for New Membership. Special presentation to **Jack Greene** by **DDGM R.:W.: Louis Irizarry II** of a 50<sup>th</sup> year apron. EA Degree Rehearsal after meeting.

Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m.

**2171<sup>st</sup> STATED COMMUNICATION**

**Tuesday, September 21, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Officers Dress: Business Attire.

Place: Masonic Temple, Pearl River, N.Y.

Business: Business Meeting, Speaker - To Be Announced. EA Rehearsal after meeting.

Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge Opens at 7:30 p.m.

**On The Cover**

**The George Washington National Masonic Memorial**

Located in Arlington, VA the George Washington National Masonic Memorial is "a repository of many artifacts and the history of American Freemasons, the Memorial remains a lasting monument to George Washington, the Man, the Mason and Father of our Country." Ground breaking began on June 5, 1922 and the cornerstone was laid on November 1, 1923. The Memorial was dedicated on May 12, 1932 with President Calvin Coolidge and former President and Chief Justice William H. Taft performing the ceremony. The memorial was completed in 1970 and the large square and compasses was added to the lawn in 1999. The length of time it took to complete the Memorial was due to the fact that the costs of construction were paid solely through moneys collected for each stage of the project.



## **Work on the Trestleboard**

### **Awaiting Report of Investigation Committee**

Major Frank Letizua	proposed by Bro. William Schroeder 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
Cantor Seth Jay Geffen	proposed by W.: David Richards 09/11/09
Mr. Anthony John Barbato	proposed by R.:W.: Mel Birnbaum 11/21/09
Mr. Martin B. Lieberman	proposed by R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser 10/01/09

### **Awaiting Entered Apprentice Degree**

Mr. Andrew Jersey	Elected 04/15/08
Mr. Brian Michael Gonzalez	Elected 04/06/10
Mr. Seth Patrick Lee	Elected 04/20/10
Mr. Michael Albert Olno	Elected 04/20/10

### **Awaiting Fellowcraft Degree**

Bro. Joseph Chapley	Initiated 11/28/06
Bro. James T. Shanahan	Initiated 01/20/09
Bro. Daniel E. Mateyka	Initiated 11/17/09
Bro. Eric M. Mateyka	Initiated 11/17/09
Bro. Dennis T.P. O'Connor	Initiated 11/17/09

### **Upcoming Events**

September 7th	50th Anniversary Apron presentation to Bro. Jack Greene.
October 2nd	DDGM Apron Presentation - Casa Mia Manor House.
October 5th	Entered Apprentice Degree.
October 19th	Entered Apprentice Degree.
November 2nd	Fellowcraft Degree.
November 16th	Fellowcraft Degree.
December 7th	DDGM visitation to Athelstane Lodge.
December 21st	Annual Holiday Party.

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## Sad Tidings



We extend our deepest condolences to **M.:W.: VINCENT LIBONE, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK** and his family on the passing of his mother, Rose Libone.

We extend our deepest condolences to our **BROTHER, W.:HANK MORRIS** and his family on the sudden passing of his wife, **ANITA**. Our condolences also go to **Anita's** sister, **IRENE LINDENBERG**, wife of our **BROTHER, R.:W.: MARTY LINDENBERG**, and their family.

We extend our deepest condolences to our brother **W.: AL OSTER**, his wife **BEA**, and their daughter Ami Rosen on the sudden passing of Ami's husband Arthur Rosen on August 2nd. Both Arthur's father and grandfather were masons, with his grandfather serving as master of Argonne Lodge (now IMA Lodge #917), 7th Manhattan District.

## Glad Tidings

We are pleased that our **BROTHER, R.:W.: MARTY LINDENBERG** is doing well after having health issues earlier this year. We hope to see him back at Lodge in the near future.

We are also pleased that **MARTY's** wife, **IRENE**, is well on the road to recovery from her broken leg

**R.:W.: RON STEINER** is recovering from a broken bone in his foot

We wish all of them to continue on the road to a speedy and complete recovery.

### FROM YE OLD SECRETARY ...

The work of the Lodge goes on, even during the "dog days" of summer and even when hobbled by a broken foot. Thanks from your scribe for all the well wishes !!! I am free of pain and looking forward to getting out of the walking boot cast ASAP. Hope that you and yours are well and staying cool.

We had a nice note from Brother **MANNY NORAT TORRES** from way up in Anchorage, Alaska. All is well and he sends Brotherly love and affection to all his Brethren in Athelstane Lodge.

There was a cheerful voice on the answering machine the other day ... the caller was Brother **DAVID BLOCK**. David and **LINDA** are in Florida but hope to visit our area in the coming months.

R.:W.: Brother **HARRY SKY** called from Israel to say that all is well and regards to all. He misses his Athelstane family.

**CAROLYN METLITZ**, wife of our good W.: **NATE** and mother of Brother **ADAM METLITZ**, recuperating from foot surgery. Speedy healing Carolyn.

Our good Brother **FEDERICO LARRINAGA** was home during the heat wave following surgery to correct an hiatal hernia. He is doing very well thank you!

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Congratulations to Brother **RICHARD SCHWARTZ**, DSA, who has accepted the job of Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman. All of your gifts to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund can be sent to Richie at his home address: 19 Buena Vista Road, Wesley Hills, Suffern, NY 10901 - 1730. A tax deduction receipt will be sent. Your donations are always welcome and when appropriate, notes of sympathy or congratulations for happy events will be sent for those you honor or memorialize. Charity and good deeds do not take a vacation.

Good luck to Brother **LAWRENCE KRAMER** and his wife **RONNIE**, parents of **W. HARRY KRAMER**, on their move back to Rockland. We are sorry that there have been health issues and we pray that they may return to good health and live many years with the joy of seeing their children and grandchildren grow.

Our annual closing dinner and Awards Nite presentations were very well attended and we thank all who joined us and those of our Officers who assisted in making it another grand and glorious night with our Ladies. We are all looking forward to our next big night, the Apron Presentation and Dinner honoring our own **LOUIS M. IRIZARRY, II** as District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland District.

**Mark the date: SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 2, 2010 at the  
CASA MIA MANOR HOUSE on Route 303 in Blauvelt, N.Y.**

**Reservations required**

**\$60 per person payable to Athelstane Lodge.**

**Athelstane Brothers only: \$60.00 per couple payable in advance.**

**Please send checks to:      Ron Steiner  
   18 Buena Vista Road  
   Suffern, N.Y. 10901-1730**

Early reports from the boys who attended the first session at **CAMP TURK** were unanimous ... everyone had a great time and the boys send thanks to Athelstane Lodge for their opportunity to enjoy three weeks in such wonderful surroundings.

Glad to report that we have now received 2010 Lodge Dues from almost 90% of our brothers. To those of you (24 Brothers currently) who have not answered our plea (and the three Dues reminder mailings so far) please send your dues check and save us the time and postage costs for another expensive mailing. If there are financial problems ... please let us know. If not, please send your check payable to Athelstane Lodge for \$105.00 ... for life members it is only \$30.00 for the Grand Lodge per capita assessment. Thanks for your help.

Stay well ... stay cool ... let us hear from you.

Fraternally,

Ye Olde Scribe ... Ron Steiner

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## N.Y. Masonic Safety ID Program

Jawonio - July 29, 2010



**L: W.: Bruce D. Klein  
creating an ID record.**

**R: R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II  
shows Sarah Assa from Big  
Brothers Big Sisters of  
Rockland County how to  
use the ID equipment.**



**L: Marie Larrinaga, Joan  
Steiner; R.:W.: Ron  
Steiner and Sandy  
Weinberg man  
the intake table.**

**R: W.: Bruce D. Klein and  
W.: Alec Mulgrew man two  
of the ID stations.**



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**TESTIMONIAL DINNER DANCE & APRON PRESENTATION**  
**IN HONOR OF**  
**THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL LOUIS M. IRIZARRY III**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, ORANGE-ROCKLAND DISTRICT**  
**REPRESENTING**  
**THE MOST WORSHIPFUL VINCENT LIBONE**  
**GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

*Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM is honored to have our own Brother appointed by the Grand master as district Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland District for the years 2010-2012.*

*You, your lady and your Masonic friends and guests are invited to join us un a gala dinner and celebration of the high honor accorded our Brother as the personal representative of the Grand Master in this Masonic District. We will have a presentation of the District Deputy Grand Master Certificate and presentation of his District Deputy Grand Master Masonic Apron as a gift from hi s mother Lodge.*

DATE: Saturday October 2, 2010.

TIME: Cocktail Reception – cash bar, at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner with choice of entree at 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Casa Mia Manor House, 577 Route 303, Blauvelt, N.Y.

ATHELSTANE LODGE BROTHERS AND LADIES - \$60 per couple includes tax and gratuity.

COST FOR GUESTS - \$60 per person payable in advance, *includes tax and gratuity.*

Please send your check today payable to : ATHELSTANE LODGE NO. 839 F & AM

**There will be no tickets mailed. Your name will be recorded on the guest list at the door. Please send you reservation in advance, so roper arrangements can be made. Your cooperation and prompt attention is appreciated.**

**\*\*\* Please advise as to any special dietary requirements. \*\*\***

**Detach and mail to**

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**Ronald J. Steiner, Secretary**  
**Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM**  
**18 Buena Vista Road, Wesley Hills, Suffern, N.Y. 10901-1730**

**Testimonial Dinner for Right Worshipful Louis M. Irizarry III**

Enclosed please find my reservation and check payable to: **Athelstane Lodge No. 839 F & AM**

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_ Dollar amount of check enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

## From The East

My Brothers - Greetings to all as we labor through New York's midsummer "heat and humidity", although I suspect that our Florida Brothers will have something to say about that characterization. Your newly elected and installed officers are using this "dark" summertime to plan for the upcoming year activities and have made many exciting plans for our activities. We have a large number of men awaiting their degrees. Some dates are already assigned. There will be an Entered Apprentice Degree on October 5. We are also holding October 19 for a second set of EA Degrees. In November we will have a group of Fellowcraft Degrees, followed by more in January and February. Finally the Master Mason Degrees will be conferred during April and May. I suspect that by then we will all be ready for our annual year end party. Meanwhile, there is more excitement. On September 7, R.:W.: "LOU 2" will present **BRO. JACK GREENE** with his well earned and well deserved 50 year apron. "LOU 2" will again visit us for his formal DDGM visit on December 7.

On October 2nd, **ATHELSTANE LODGE** will have the pleasure and honor to have a Testimonial dinner to celebrate the Apron Presentation to our own **RIGHT WORSHIPFUL LOUIS M. IRIZARRY, II** on his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange-Rockland District. This gala event is one every **ATHELSTANE** Brother and his lady will want to attend. It will be a night to remember. It will be held at **CASA MIA MANOR HOUSE**, Route 303 in Blauvelt. The cost for members of **ATHELSTANE LODGE** will be \$60 per couple and the cost for guests will be \$60 per person.

Our Holiday Party will be December 21 followed by **ROBERT BURNS** on January 4 and the eagerly anticipated presentation of **RENDEZVOUS WITH TREASON** on February 15. We have not forgotten our Florida Brothers and their luncheon will be held during the winter after the holiday season.

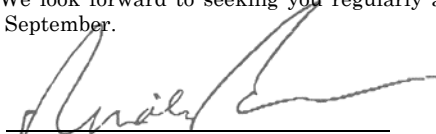
My Brothers, as you can see we have a busy year planned. We can never stop trying to make this Lodge a better place. Each and every member is a vital "cog in the wheel of success". We must attract and keep new members as well as retaining the members we already have. To do that we must keep everyone's interest. That means each of you, my Brothers. That means remaining interested and participating ("participation" is not a dirty word) in Lodge activities, We cannot succeed if only a handful attend meetings. We need - we really need- participation by everyone. So I earnestly reach out to each of you, every Brother of the Lodge. Come to Lodge. We miss you, we want you here and we need you. You joined Masonry for a reason. That reason has not changed over the years. The Lodge - Your Brothers - are here for you. You must be here for the Lodge.

One final thought - **SPECIAL AND HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED AND ASSISTED IN THE SAFETY ID PROGRAM HELD AT JAWONIO ON JULY 29th:** R.:W.: Ron and Joan Steiner, R.:W.: Louis and Wanda Irizarry, R.: W.: Bruce Klein, W.: Louis M. Irizarry III, R.:W.: Bill Plank from Briarcliff Lodge No. 1155 in Tarrytown, Sandy Weinberg. W.: Alec Mulgrew, Bro. Richard Butts, Bro. Doug Ward, Bro. Federico and Marie Larrinaga, and Sara Arras from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rockland County. Also thanks to Jawonio; particularly Jeff Kassover, Jerry Staller, and Tracy Corriel; for hosting the event.

If I may be permitted to "plagiarize" the words of **PRESIDENT KENNEDY** - "Ask not what your Lodge can do for you. Ask what you can do for your Lodge".

Thank you in advance my Brothers. We look forward to seeking you regularly at Lodge. Have a great rest of summer. See you in September.

God Bless America!!



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Ronald V. Pomerance, Master

## Officers 2010-2011

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## Past Masters

Alexander Mulgrew	2009-10	Eugene Folandare, DSA *	1979	Harry Sky	affl.
Thomas Sassone	2008-09	R.: W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979	Jay Hellgott	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. Lelkowitz *	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.		