

THE ATHELSTANIAN



ATHELSTANE LODGE No. 839 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS INSTITUTED 1902

Naurashank Temple
2 South Middletown Road
Pearl River, NY 10965

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

October/November 2009

M.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert
Grand Master of Masons

R.:W.: Robert Morlang, Jr.
District Deputy Grand Master

October 15, 2009

Brethren:

You are requested, and sojourning Brothers are cordially invited to attend the following communications of Athelstane Lodge, No. 839, F. & A. M., to be held at the locations specified:

Stated Communication

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.

Officers Dress: Business Attire
Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY
Business: OPEN MEETING—wives and guests invited.
Wine & Cheese Night with Larry Laraia.
Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.


Summoned Communication

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.

Officers Dress: Business Attire
Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY
Business: Presentation of and vote on the 2009 & 2010 Budgets.
Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to a communication of Athelstane Lodge to be held in the Pearl River Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening, November 3, 2009 for the purpose of voting on the budgets of Athelstane Lodge for the 2009 and 2010 calendar years.

Attest: 
R.:W.: Ronald J. Steiner, Secretary

By Order of the Worshipful Master:




Stated Communication

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.

Officers Dress: Formal Attire
Place: Naurashank Temple, Pearl River, NY
Business: **Entered Apprentice Degree**
Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

On The Cover

Third Degree Tracing Board, Josiah Bowring, 1819

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ATHELSTANE'S FLORIDA LUNCHEON

Friday, January 22, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

BENVENUTO CATERERS RESTAURANT

1730 No Federal Highway

Boynton Beach, Florida 33435

Brothers of Athelstane Lodge: FREE

Widows of Brothers of Athelstane Lodge: FREE

Wives, friends, ladies and guests: 35.00 per person

THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER ... Don't miss it!

Masonic Development Course (MDC)

1st Section - Monday November 23rd. 2009, Time: 7:30 PM ; 2nd Section - Wednesday November 25th 2009, Time: 7:30 PM ; 3rd Section - Saturday December 5th 2009, Time: 8:30 AM . Location: To be announced. The cost to the Brother is \$30.00 (Books, certificate, & pin) please have the brother send me a UPSP money order payable to **Louis M. Irizarry, II**. Contact him as soon as possible at: **athelstania839@yahoo.com** or via cell phone at **914-714-9572** .

SPECIAL NOTE

Congratulations! to our brother **M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick** who is to be invested with the **Degree of Chevalier** by the **Order of DeMolay** on **November 7, 2009**. The ceremony will be held at 5:00 p.m. at Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY. There will be a dinner after the ceremony. This degree is awarded as a citation for outstanding DeMolay service and activity and is the highest degree that can be conferred upon an active or senior DeMolay

Masonic Toys for Tots Holiday Party

Masonic Toys for Tots is holding their Annual Children's Holiday Party on Saturday, **December 5, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at Grand Lodge, 71 West 23rd Street, 2nd Floor. Everyone is invited! Dancing, singing, Shrine Clowns, magician, disc jockey and Safety ID. Each family should bring an unwrapped toy (up to \$15.00) for the children at The Blood Foundation at The N.Y. Presbyterian Hospital. Your generosity will make a child very happy this holiday season.

Anyone interested in supporting this cause with an ad in their 2009 Journal please contact W.: Alec Mulgrew. Order forms and checks must be mailed by October 31, 2009.

Secretary's Mail Bag

Brother **ARTHUR LEMAY** sent a nice note thanking the Brothers of the Lodge for the presentation of his 55 Year Certificate and lapel pin at our last meeting. Arthur wrote, "Your courtesies and warmth and sincere friendship is appreciated!" Thanks Arthur. Stay well and we hope to see you at Lodge again, soon.

HEARTY WELCOME !!! ...is extended to Brother **MANNY 'MAX' NORAT** of Anchorage Alaska, father of our longtime Brother , **MANUEL NORAT** of Manhattan, who just became a dual member of Athelstane Lodge by affiliation and ballot at our last meeting. Another father-son team in our Lodge.

Glad to speak with our Athelstane Lodge Brother **EUGENE FOLADARE** (my GW HS classmate) and he sounds good after his recent hospital stay. But sorry to learn that his ever 'loving better half **EDIE** has macular degeneration. We all hope this is not a serious handicap.

Special "**THANKS !!!!**" ... to Brother **JOSE 'TONY' CARDONA** for his expertise and help in the going out of his way to repair of our Lodge computer. Our PC had died and the diagnosis was the power source was kaput. But Tony did the repair in short order and we are now back up and running.

CONGRATULATIONS !!! ... to Brother **RICHIE BUTTS** who was the lucky winner of the first edition copy of the NEW Dan Brown novel "**THE LOST SYMBOL**" we donated to the Lodge for the benefit of the MMRL. It was exciting reading and had lots of very positive things to say about our fraternity.

A very special and colorful invitation has been received and we hasten to let everyone know that Athelstane Lodge members and their ladies are invited to the INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS and a representative DEMOLAY INVESTITURE on Sunday, October 25th when **SIMON L. KRAMER**, son of **W.: HARRY** and **CLAUDIA KRAMER**, will be installed as Master Councilor of Ethan Allen Chapter, Order of DeMolay. The ceremonies will take place at Fidelity Lodge #113 F & AM Masonic Temple, 99 South Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ with the Installation at 2:30 PM (Sunday 10/25) and a dinner to follow.

Contact Harry Kramer at (201) 262 - 2728 for reservations or for further information ... or to join in wishing Simon congratulations and a year of accomplishments and great personal satisfaction !!!!

Word has been received that the Grand Master, **M.: W.: EDWARD G. GILBERT** has appointed our Athelstane Lodge Brother, **M.:W.: NEAL I. BIDNICK** as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. Congratulations on the appointment and good luck on your deliberations Brother Neal.

Had a nice e-mail from Brother **DAVID BLOCK** ... he and wife **LINDA** are still in Florida, but hope to return north for Thanksgiving. They send regards to all.

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The Lodge has also received notification that the Grand Master has confirmed the following appointments (and reappointments) of the following Athelstane Lodge Brothers to these Grand Lodge Committees: **Grand Lodge Committee on Youth** ... our ever young R.:W.: MELVIN J. BIRNBAUM; **Grand Lodge Committee on Public Relations** . . . R.:W.: C.F. WILLIAM "Bill" MAURER III, and R.:W.: RON STEINER (Chairman); **Grand Lodge Committee on The George Washington Masonic Historic Site in Tappan** . . . R.:W.: C.F. WILLIAM "Bill" MAURER III (Chairman), R.:W.: Louis M. Irizarry II, and R.:W.: Daniel E. Jonas.

On the way to to Brother **GLENN ZEMANEK** serving another tour of active duty with a Special Forces unit somewhere in the war zone ... a special pre-holiday care package and our prayers for a safe and speedy return to his family and Brothers. The 44# gift package (including a sack of Starbucks coffee) was sent by the Brothers of Athelstane Lodge and West Point Lodge No 877 as part of the Grand Lodge Military Outreach Program.

R.:W.: **HARRY SKY** is home again and ready to visit Athelstane at our next meeting before flying off again to Israel.

NOBODY ASKED ME, BUT ...

Wasn't it another great night listening to our Brother **HOWARD SCHACK** at our last meeting. There were some 40 Athelstane Lodge Brothers, ladies and guests at dinner

followed by a captivating talk given by our own 007. Keep up your dedicated work Howard ... we can all breath a little easier (a little easier) knowing your watchful eye is helping our nation's Homeland Security efforts.

Nice turnout of Athelstane Lodge Brothers at the GRAND MASTER'S DAY observance at the George Washington HQ site in Tappan ... the DeWint House. The program on this picture perfect afternoon was chaired by our own RW **BILL MAURER**. Among those participating in the program were our Athelstane Brothers **RW LOU IRIZARRY II**, Brother Rabbi **ELI MALLON** , and **RW RON STEINER**. We also saw **RW BRUCE KLEIN**, **RW EUGENE ERICKSON**, **RW HARRY SKY**, **RW DAN JONAS** and **W HARRY ANDERSON**, as well as Honorary Brothers **RW NORMAN MOON** and **RW BOB BLANKE** and an Athelstane "regular" **W.: BILL THORNE**. And a bow to all of our lovely ladies who were on hand to make a great Autumn day even nicer. Please forgive me if I missed anyone.

WE NEED YOUR HELP !!! There are still a few Brothers who are still delinquent in payment of their 2009 dues. It will soon be time to send a "final reminder", so please help us save the costs of certified mail and if you are not holding a 2009 Athelstane Lodge Dues Card, please contact our Secretary without further delay. Thanks for your cooperation.

R.: W.: **RONALD J. STEINER**
Secretary,
Athelstane Lodge No. 839, F & AM

The Master's Station

As we get into the swing of the new Masonic year I hope that you and yours are doing well. We started slowly in the month of September, but are looking forward to exciting events as the year progresses.

My thanks to Brother Howard Schack for his presentation on covert intelligence operations in the Middle East. It was a very interesting program and was enjoyed by all who attended. Our next meeting on October 20th is another open meeting. Larry Laraia from Laraia's Cheese Shop will present our Wine & Cheese Night. Please bring your wives, significant others and friends. I look forward to seeing your better halves and hopefully a few new faces as well. The program will start at the beginning of dinner so arrive for 6:30 p.m.

Our first degree of the year will be held on November 20th at 7:30 p.m. We will be conducting the Entered Apprentice Degree and are looking forward to initiating some fine gentlemen. Brother Howard Whitman will sit in the East for the degree.

Sickness and Distress

Bro. **Irving Schucker**, 50 Year Award recipient, had emergency gastric surgery at the end of September and was in intensive care at Good Samaritan Hospital. Brother Irving is now at home and recovering.

R.:W.: **Marvin Gess's** grandson **Eric** suffered a ruptured appendix at the end of September and is recovering.

Simon Kramer, son of W.: **Harry Kramer**, underwent surgery on September 29, 2009 to have polyps removed from his nose. The surgery went well and Simon is now home and recovering.

Bro. **Jack Kramer**, the uncle of W.: **Harry Kramer** and brother of Bro. **Lawrence Kramer**, laid down his working tools on September 26, 2009. A military funeral was scheduled to take place at The Florida National Cemetary sometime at the end of September.

R.:W.: **Glen Weinberg** suffered a seizure on September 25, 2009 and has been suffering from a fever. Please keep R.:W.: Glen and his wife Sandy in your thoughts and prayers.

Carol Metlitz, wife of W.: **Nate Metlitz** and mother of Bro. **Adam Metlitz**, suffered a bad fall on September 14th. Fortunately there were no broken bones.

Bro. **George Berkowitz** and his wife **Joan** have both been under the weather. Their son, Bro. **Peter Berkowitz's** illness continues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



Alexander Mulgrew, Master

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R.:W.: Martin Lindenberg R.:W.: Joel Rosenwasser Br. Richard Schwartz D.S.A.

Past Masters

Thomas Sassone	2008-09	R.:W.: Marvin R. Gess	1979	Jay Helfgott	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. Lefkowitz *	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.		
Eugene Foladare, DSA *	1979	Harry Sky	affl.		