



**ATLAS PYTHAGORAS  
LODGE NO. 10 F.&A.M.**



**HIGHLIGHTS ON THE YEAR 2012**



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**INTRODUCTION**

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**SUMMARY:**

Welcome! That's what you feel upon entering our lodge brotherly love and fellowship here at Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10. Our lodge is a beacon of light which spreads far beyond our walls, crossing all boundaries and oceans. Our lodge is dedicated to spreading light to all the brethren and promoting the tenets of Freemasonry. We work hard and strive to do the same in our community with street fairs, blood drives {CHIP} programs and charity. We believe that our activities in 2012 have increased Masonic awareness with the community at large. We have had many highlights during our year. Starting with our open installation complete with bagpipes & Drums and the George Washington Inaugural Bible Compliments of St. John's Lodge No. 1 in N.Y.C.

Our lecture series has continued to host Masonic scholars from around the world, bringing education and enlightenment to the brethren. As we celebrate the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey this year. Our lodge has been in the forefront or directly been involved with or working with many Masonic jurisdictions with promoting Masonic events throughout the tri state area. Our attendance and membership has grown with every meeting, sometimes its standing room only.

Atlas Pythagoras Lodge has fostered a high regard and reputation for excellence which transcends all boundaries and borders.

## ***PLANNING:***

We are very fortunate to have a core of Past Masters who continue to express their willingness to assist, teach, mentor, advise and most importantly to step aside, and allow new young energetic and dedicated Masons to progress and shine within the ranks. We started the year by organizing and planning many unique events along with arranging for renowned Masonic scholars to visit our lodge. We are ever defining who we are by promoting Freemasonry and in many ways ourselves as well. Our web site is always current and up to date. We have also used the social media internet (facebook, yahoo groups, email) to spread our light and close the distance, by staying in touch with up to date with news and information even from afar, or for those who cannot attend on a regular basis. The brethren can feel a sense of connection and brotherly love from wherever they may reside. We always prepare a financial budget which is voted upon by the members. This ensures the overall financial prosperity and health of the lodge, not just for the incoming year but for years ahead.

## ***EXECUTION:***

Our lodge is heavily involved in a wide range of activities which promotes and heightens Masonic awareness both within Atlas Pythagoras and throughout the greater community. Proper planning leads to an effective execution. Below you'll find many unique activities that Atlas Pythagoras lodge or its members have participated throughout this year.

1. Our public installation of the Worshipful Master and Officers
2. The Worshipful Master and several members of AP10 were hosted as guest speakers at different lodges.
3. We have open meetings and events which benefit all members and their families.
4. AP10 supports the local 32° Scottish Rite Learning Centers by allowing the use of a building we own for free. Of which many of our members are on the learning center board.
5. Atlas Pythagoras Lodge Educational Lectures Series.
6. The Scottish Rite Master Mason Degree team performed the section of the MM° in full costume.

7. AP10 members are active participants at our Grand Lodge Communications
8. AP10 supported our Grand Master MW William L. Morris, Jr a member of our lodge
9. AP10 supported our secretary RW John A. Braun who was appointed Grand Chaplain
10. AP10 participates in the Special Olympics and Wheelchair Track and Field Day
11. AP10 participates in the Arc Walk of Union
12. AP10 participated in several street fair in our community
13. AP10 holds Blood drives several times a year
14. Open house for friends and family, and the community: Square and Compasses Day
15. AP recognizes its members, efforts and contribution to the lodge
16. AP10 honors its Brethren with 50+ years membership in Freemasonry
17. AP10 honors its Brethren with Silver Tokens
18. AP10 performs Masonic funerals for our departed brethren
19. AP10 contributes and participates in the 10<sup>th</sup> District Masonic Scholarship Award Event
20. AP10 members represent the Scottish Rite Jr ROTC program
21. AP10 members visit the Menlo Park Veterans Home for Sunday service
22. AP10 recognizes its Veterans by holding a meeting night with a speaker and program
23. AP10 held special ceremonies for deceased brothers considered pillars of our lodge
24. AP10 holds fund raising events and raffles to help brothers in need and to sponsor lodge activities
25. Members united in spring and summer for Clean-up and re-landscaping efforts
26. Lodge annual Bar-B-Q in the summer for members, families, friends and candidates
27. Annual Children Holiday party in December
28. AP10 maintains a current web site
29. 2012 lapel pin and inscribed pen giving to each member and visiting brethren
30. AP10 publishes a monthly trestle board and online e-newsletter
31. AP10 communicates on many social media avenues, facebook, Yahoo groups
32. AP10 displays 3 Volumes of Sacred Law on its Alter
33. The Chain of Union is done after every meeting around the Alter
34. All officers where tuxedo with white bow tie and gloves, and the top three officers wear tails at every meeting
35. All officers perform the sign of fidelity during prayers, and while the Alter or Sacred Lights opened or closed
36. Delicious, professionally catered dinners at every meeting
37. Birthday and get well cards sent to all members, and Widows
38. Diligent interviewing process for every new candidate
39. AP10 has a special Membership Education Committee
40. A very hard working group of trustees that maintain our beautiful Masonic Temple

41. AP10 has fostered a very special relationship with seven Masonic organizations which meet regularly
42. Hurricane Sandy relief efforts
43. AP10 participated at Allied Masonic Week in Alexandria
44. AP10 members were directly involved with the first annual Scottish Rite Symposium hosting Bro S. Brent Morris, Bro Christopher Hodapp and Bro Robert Davis
45. AP10 members were directly involved with the Tony pace Concert to benefit the Scottish Rite Learning Centers
46. AP10 members were directly involved with the Grave site bronze plaque dedication of MW & ILL Daniel D. Tompkins first Sovereign Grand Commander A.A.S.R. NMJ
47. AP10 members were directly involved with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Scottish Rite Consistory of Delaware
48. We visited our brethren and widows living at the NJ Masonic Home for the holidays and their birthdays
49. AP10 members participated in the restoration of the Grand Lodge building in Trenton, NJ, and the newly opened Museum and Library of Masonic Culture
50. Donation of a flag pole placed at the Grand Lodge building in Trenton
51. AP10 members participated at the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala event and parade in Trenton
52. Visiting of sick or distressed brethren at home or at the hospital
53. Hosting of many dignitaries and visiting brethren from all over the world
54. Mentoring programs for our officers and candidates
55. AP10 was represented at all DLI's, GLI and Grand Lodge events throughout the year
56. AP10 assisted many lodges with getting programs, speakers etc
57. AP10 supported Boy Scout troops with donations
58. AP10 traveled to the first annual Scottish Rite, SMJ Web-A-Thon
59. AP10 attended several parades including Memorial and Hispanic day parades

### ***HURRICANE SANDY:***

Brethren,

This past month our area was hit with what most believe was the worst natural disaster this country has ever seen.

It affected many of our brethren and their families, by way of damaged homes, power lose for many days, leaving them cold and in the dark. Even our building had trees down and no power which forced us to cancel our meeting. For me what I experienced through this storm was not so much the effects of the storm, but the causes which came about.

I saw firsthand the true essence and tenets of Freemasonry "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth"

In Brotherly Love I saw how many of the brethren cared for each other in this great time of need. The helping hands the phone calls or even the visiting of a brother was very much alive.

In Relief I saw firsthand the disbursements of food, water, fuel, fire wood, generators and in one instance a brother did the laundry for another's family who were displaced. How quickly it was "all hands on deck" with so many pitching in to ease the pain and suffering of a brother in need. In some cases it was just a phone call or a visit to check up or just say hello we're here for you. All who came out to support and help each other at the B-B-Q we had the Sunday after the storm. For many this was the first time they felt the warmth of a building or a warm meal, along with the fellowship we brought to each other which brought a smile to many.

I'm very proud to say that our lodge provided for about 50 members and their families a sense of brotherly love and a deep sense of caring.

In Truth I saw firsthand how this fraternity really stands by and reaffirms in all of us, that we just don't talk the talk but that we truly walk the walk.

These were not just words we utter in lodge or in ritual, but words we live by, words we believe in, words we saw exemplified by many of our brethren!

Out of so much darkness came such wonderful "Light" at the greatest time of need. Only a fraternity such as ours can offer such wonderful tenets! And boy did our lodge come through like rays from a sunburst which warmed the hearts of many.

My brethren it didn't stop here but all over this State and around the country Freemasons came through in true form ready to put aside their needs to assist another. That's the true meaning of Freemasonry a shining example for all to see, even amidst all the turmoils throughout the world. We put aside our differences, beliefs and practices to extend a helping hand as we all swore to do!

The world can take a great big lesson from Freemasonry.

As I lay down my Gavel this month and turn it over to another. In a tradition which goes back hundreds of years. With heartfelt tears I say thank you very much for putting your trust in me this year as your Worshipful Master. It has truly been an honor and indeed a pleasure in serving you all and this fraternity. Thank you very much for giving me this experience and all the memories which I will cherish forever.

And I will continue to pledge my full support to this lodge and my successor when installed.

Thank you so very much.

Your Brother always.

Fraternally,

Moises Gomez, WM

## **EVALUATION:**

In presenting Atlas Pythagoras 2012 activities, I humbly submit that this Lodge's Performance has exceeded our hopes and goals. I guess it can be summed up by the response of the visiting brethren who see firsthand what AP10 all about. The best compliment any one can give is emulation. It's wonderful to see our next line officers ready and eager to take charge and advance. As we close the year out we once again sit down and offer our assistance and support for our incoming officers, with the Budget, programs, speakers and events.

AP10 has reached new heights this past year no doubt in part to all of its members, Past Masters and Officers.

## **CONCLUSION:**

All of our activities and meetings to which we participated have resulted in the following.

- Larger attendance at meetings and events
- Generated over twenty new petitions for membership in our lodge
- Offered enlightenment to many of the brethren with regard to social and esoteric aspects of Freemasonry
- Building a stronger relationship with our community through our works and activities

My Brethren when you elected me as your Worshipful Master you place an unwavering trust in me, and I must say this has been an awesome and successful year. One I will treasure forever! However like all well oiled machines all the gears must work in unison. Teamwork...!!! Is the order of the day, because without your support this year would not have been as exciting, prosperous and enjoyable as it has been.

We experienced many problems and tough situations, with many of our departed brethren, sickness and distress, and a horrible Lady named "Sandy" causing much discomfort. But through it all we made it through like a shining beacon of light for all to see.

We have accomplished so much in our travels this year, and have touched so many with our visions, goals and accomplishments.

A great many thanks to you all for the experience of a lifetime and allowing me to serve you in this capacity it was my honor and pleasure.

Fraternaly submitted,  
Moises I. Gomez,  
Worshipful Master