

# Diamond Thistle Lodge No. 555 F. & A. M.

R M .:W .: Edward G. Gilbert  
Grand Master of Masons  
In the State of New York



R .:W .: Peter Flihan III  
District Deputy Grand Master  
1<sup>st</sup> Westchester Putman District

*Chartered in 1865*

**Remember your 2009 dues.**

March 22, 2009

Dear Sir and Brother:

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the following stated communications of Diamond Thistle Lodge No. 555 to be held in the Tarrytown Masonic Temple, 54 Main St., Tarrytown, N.Y., for the purpose of transacting such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

3217<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication

## **Wednesday 8 of April 2009 at 7:30 PM**

Brethren, you are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the stated communication for the purpose of transacting such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

**Conferral of the Degree of Master Mason to three duly and truly qualified brothers.**

**Brethren, come out and support your new brothers.**

*Officers' Dress: Formal*

3218<sup>th</sup>

## **Wednesday 13 of May 2009 at 7:30 PM**

Brethren, you are hereby **SUMMONED** to attend the **3218<sup>th</sup>** stated communication of Diamond Thistle Lodge No. 555 to be held at the Tarrytown Masonic Temple, 54 Main St., Tarrytown, NY.

For the following purposes:

- To take action on all business brought before the Lodge
- Report of the Trustees
- Report of the Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Election of officers for the ensuing year

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*Secretary*

By the order of

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*Master*



*Officers' Dress; Jacket & Tie*



3219<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication

## Wednesday 10 of June 2009 at 8:00 PM

Brethren, you are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the stated communication for the purpose of transacting such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

### Installation of Officers for the ensuing year

*Officers' Dress: Formal*

Fraternally,

Master

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### From The Grand Orient

How swiftly the time goes by—it seems as if the year had just begun and now we are preparing for the election of officers for the coming year. The year was very productive and successful. Although we only had one communications a month and did not have ample time to implement all of our plans, many dedicated brothers gave their time to make this year a success. We had the pleasure and honor of Bro. Jaime Aldorando conferring the Degree of Fellow-Craft on three EAs. I want to express my gratitude to many brothers who participated in our degrees. Many thanks go to our District Deputy Grand Master the R.'W.'. Peter Flihan III, and the R.'W.'. George Kyriasis, who stepped in to do the Middle Chamber for me during my duress. I also extend my thanks to the Brothers of Solomon's Lodge, R.'W.'. Numzio Raimo III, W.'s Norman Cairns, Mario Gomez, and Bro. Charles Breitenbach. I also extend my apologies to those who I have forgotten to acknowledge. My sincere thanks to everyone. We expect to see more ritual work from Bro. Aldorando in the future. It has been a long time since a brother without the title of W.' conferred a degree. We also had the honor of W.' Hugh Beverage giving the Historical Lecture of EA for several lodges. Bro. Daniel Higgins represented Diamond Thistle Lodge at the Grand Lecturer Convention as the Sr. Deacon for the Degree of EA. It will be an honor for me to sit in the East for the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, it has been a while since I have had this privilege. For our Awards Night, it was great to see many Brothers from the area present, especially Bro. Edward Schmid, who we have not seen for a long time.

I want to thank all the Brothers of Diamond Thistle who gave me their undaunted support throughout the year to make it a positive one. This year we brought back our Bro. Robert Burns Night, which was a success. I hope next year's will be better.

Spring is here and summer will be here soon. Enjoy the beauty of the seasons, and have a safe and wonderful summer!

### Masonic Light

**Speculative Masonry.** Freemasonry is called speculative masonry, to distinguish it from operative masonry, which is engaged in the construction of edifices of stone. Speculative masonry is a science that borrows from the operative art its working tools and implements, sanctifies them by symbolic instruction to the holiest of purposes—the veneration of God and the purification of the soul.

The operative mason constructs his edifice of material substance; the speculative mason is taught to erect a spiritual building, pure and spotless, and fit for the residence of him who dwells only with the good. The operative mason works according to the designs laid down for him on the trestle board by the architect; the speculative is guided by the great trestle board, on which is inscribed the revealed will of God, the Supreme Architect of heaven and earth. The operative mason tries each stone and parts of the building by the square, level, and plum; the speculative mason examines every action of his life by the square of morality, seeing that no presumption nor vain glory has caused him to transcend the level of his allotted destiny, and no vicious propensity has led him to swerve from the plum line of rectitude. Lastly, as it is the business of the operative mason, when his work is done, to prove everything "true and trusty," so it is the object of the speculative mason, by a uniform tenor of virtuous conduct, to receive, when his allotted course of his life has passed, the appreciative reward from his Celestial Grand Master of "Well done, good and faithful servant". Albert Mackey *Lexicon of Freemasonry*



## Masonic Birthdays

Gordon Smith	5/16	David G. Sullivan	4/10	Dimitri Sywyk	4/9
Robert P. Tauber	5/8	Joseph Trapani	6/5	Slavko Vukic	6/8
Henry F. Braidwood	4/8	Robert H. Schollmeyer	4/14	Michael Russak	6/6
Craig A. Burrows	5/8	Neil M. Gallo	6/1	Virgilio S. Hassang	5/19
James W. Lundy	4/6	James A. McGraw	5/1	William J. McQuillan	5/28
Eugenio Segarra	6/8	George H. Johansmeyer Jr.	4/4	Robert J. Kelly	4/11
James W. Kemp	5/24	James E. Larsen	5/25	Joseph Passaretti	4/19
Duncan Livingstone	4/22	Eugene Makar	4/24	Charles G. Saeger	4/10
Thomas M. McGregor	5/23	Kenneth C. Meade	6/8	Frank L. Miller	4/2
Robert Parker	5/27			George C. Rosvally	6/5

## Dates to Remember

### April

02	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree at Courtland Lodge	7:30 PM
07	<b>DDGM official visit to Fraternity Dunderberg Lodge</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>08</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at Diamond Thistle Lodge</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
16	DDGM official visit to Solomon's Lodge 8PM	

### May

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13	<b>Grand Lodge Annual Communication</b>	
	<b>Annual meeting and election of officers, Diamond Thistle Lodge</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
18	Masonic Charities Corp meeting at Tarrytown Temple	8:00 PM

### June

04	Installation of Officers, Courtland	8:00 PM
<b>10</b>	<b>Installation of Officers, Diamond Thistle</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
11	Installation of Officers, Yorktown	8:00 PM
12	Installation of Officers, Briarcliff	8:00 PM
25	Installation of Officers, Collabergh-Radium	8:00 PM

## Officers

Master	R.'W.' Mauricio A. Loo
Sr. Warden	W.' Miguel Arroyo Colon
Jr. Warden	R.'W.' Robert Knesnik
Sr. Deacon	Bro. Daniel Higgins
Jr. Deacon	R.'W.' Henry Prescott Jr.
Secretary	W.' William Seery
Treasurer	W.' Joseph Passaretti
Chaplain	R.'W.' Henry Battestin
Sr. Master of Ceremony	Bro. Raymond Moniz
Jr. Master of Ceremony	Bro. Daniel Trotta
Steward	Bro. Kareem Haspil
Steward	Bro. Kenneth Meade
Marshall	Bro. Ruben Torres
Organist	Bro. Frank Miller
Tyler	Bro Charles G. Saeger

### Trustees

W.' Robert Kelly	Bro. Frank Miller	Bro. Jaime Aldorando
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# AWARDS NIGHT



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