

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

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



*Chartered in 1865*

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

**Remember your 2010 dues.**

November 18, 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.

3223<sup>rd</sup> Stated Communication

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2009 at 7:30 PM**

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the stated communication of Diamond Thistle Lodge No. 555 for the purpose of transacting such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

**Conferral of the Degree of Fellow-Craft to two duly qualified Brothers.  
Come out support your new Brothers**

*Officers' Dress: Formal*

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2009 at 3:00 PM  
At The Tarrytown Temple  
Children's Holiday Party**

3224<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2010 at 7:30 PM**

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the stated communication of Diamond Thistle Lodge No. 555 for the purpose of transacting such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

**You are all cordially invited to attend our annual Bro Robert Burns Supper.  
Come out and share in the camaraderie and salute our distinguished Brother.**

*Dress: Jacket & Tie*

Fraternally,

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Brethren, the year started out very bright. At our first meeting our budget for the ensuing year was accepted and the changes in the By-Laws was also accepted. Our congratulations goes out to Bro. Daniel Higgins, whose wife gave birth to a beautiful daughter Lillian, during the summer. On October 14, two duly qualified and accepted candidates became Brothers of Diamond Thistle and the Fraternity on a whole. We welcome to our quarry Bro. Sharbel Ayoub and Bro. Michael Caluontano. We also welcome into our quarry Bro. Jason LaFond who became a member of Diamond Thistle. Bro. LaFond is also the president of the NYPD Square Club. These newly initiated Entered Apprentices, have made suitable proficiency in the preceding degree and are worthy to be passed to the degree of Fellow-Craft. The degree will be confer upon them on December 9, 2009. We are very proud to see that our recently raised Brothers participating in conferral of degrees. Our recent raised Master Masons, Bro. Jose Chevere, Bro. Peter Tropodi, Bro. Nadir Belardi for the first time were excellent in their parts. The Sr. Deacon was Bro. Daniel Higgins, whose ritual was impeccable. Congratulations to Bro. Peter Tropodi on winning a seat as a member of the Town Council of the Town of Ossining, our best to you. The District Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Peter A. Flihan III official visit to the Lodge, his message was very inspiring. The secretary and treasurer are to be complemented in keeping excellent records. The DD was well supported by the District. My thanks and appreciation to The Worshipful Master and Brethren of Solomon's Lodge for their support and also to W. W. Norman Cairns, who prepared a beautiful collation that night. The dinner was a work of culinary art!

At our meeting on November 11, we celebrated Veteran's Day. Tribute and respect and thanks was given to our Veterans Masonic Brothers for the sacrifices they made along with others that made the supreme sacrifice to make and keep this great land free. They were escorted west of The Altar and accorded Grand Honors.



Our first meeting for the New Year will be to honor the illustrious Bard, Bro. Robert Burns. A supper will be held in his memory. There will be meat pies, Haggis, bag pipe music and many toasts will be made. Any Brothers with e-mail, please send it to the Lodge. We have few e-mail address that are not accepting the mail. Please up date it with the Secretary or with the Master. Also a reminder to the Brothers who are in arrears of their dues, please try and to be up to date. If by chance you have difficulties, do not hesitate to contact the me or the secretary. If any Brother knows of any Brother in sickness or distress or in need of our aid or sympathy, please don't hesitate to let me or any of the officers of the Lodge know!

My Brothers, on behalf of the officers and your Brothers, I wish you and your loves one a Happy Thanksgiving as we give thanks to TGAOTU for the many comfort and blessing which we enjoy. At the same time The Officer of Diamond Thistle wishes you and your love ones a Happy Holiday and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year and the Blessing of Heaven rest upon all of us, may all your wishes come through.

### From The Secretary

November has arrived and with it Dues Cards for 2010. Notices will begin going out the 11<sup>th</sup> of the month. As a reminder anyone who is in arrears for 2 years (2008 -2009) on December 31<sup>st</sup> will be dropped from the roles for Non Payment of Dues (NPD).

Anyone who is in arrears and may be having financial difficulties please contact the Master for assistance



### Masonic Light

**The Entered Apprentice and The World of Masonry.** The Masonic Lodge room itself is a symbol of the world of Masonry; the Masonic career from the beginning to the end. Your first entrance into the Lodge room signified your birth into the Masonic world; in a poor, blind and helpless condition.

The Masonic world exist in the form of duties, law and work; controlled through written and unwritten laws, expressed through Landmarks, traditions, usages, constitutions and by-laws. All guided and directed through officers vested with certain power and authority. When you took your Obligation, you pledge to uphold that lawful system. When you saluted the Wardens following your Obligation, and when you saluted the Master when you retired from the Lodge, you signified your obedience to the legally constituted officers. When you followed your guide and feared no danger, you expressed your trust in, and loyalty to, the Masonic world.

This new Masonic world has its own unique nature; it is devoted to specific purposes and is committed to well defined aims and ideals. The Masonic world cannot be made over to suit the whims or purposes of its member; but rather they must conform themselves to its requirements.

The world of Masonry is quite a complete world. Participation in it satisfies certain of our moral, intellectual, social, spiritual, and even physical needs.

The world of Masonry is dedicated to brotherhood. Unless the Apprentice is willing to lead the brotherly life with genuine sincerity, as he pledged to do in his Obligation, he can never truly, spiritually, call himself a Mason. Unless the Apprentice is willing to follow the laws which exist to define, regulate or control the brotherly life, he will find himself out of step with the Fraternity and unable to truly gain a foothold in our world.

The great meaning of the First Degree relates to the fact that as an Apprentice he is taking his first step from a world of darkness into a world of light and warmth: the light of knowledge and the warmth of brotherly love. So the Degree is not just informality, but a genuine experience-the beginning of a new career where duties, rights and privileges are as actual as anything can be.

An Entered Apprentice must possess the qualities of obedience, humility and industriousness. Obedience: to enable him to learn from his guides and teachers; but not blind or fanatical obedience. Humility: to enable him to be willing to learn. And industriousness: to enable him to overcome the obstacles and hazards that will be encountered on his journey through the Masonic world. Masons are called Craftsmen because they are workmen, and Lodges are called quarries because they are the scenes of work; and wages or rewards will go only to those who earn them.

**Congratulation to the following Brothers celebrating their  
Masonic Birthdays**

Henry F. Battestin	12/7	Warren X. Crawford	12/7	David W. Dudley	12/7
George H. Johansmeyer	12/2	Charles P. Kelly	12/2	Mauricio A. Loo	12/1
Frederick L. Scholl	12/12	William H. Seery	12/1	Edwin D. Zuraw	12/29

**Dates to Remember**

**November**

18	DD official visit to Dunwoodie Lodge
19	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree at Solomons Lodge
20	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree at Briarcliff Lodge
23	Masonic Charities Corp meeting

**December**

1	Fraternity Dundeburg 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree
4	DDGM official visit to Phillipstown Lodge
5	Children's Christmas Party
<b>9</b>	<b>Diamond Thistle conferral of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.</b>
16	Dunwoodie 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree

**January**

2	Fraternity Dundeburg 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree
7	DDGM official visit to Courtland Lodge
<b>13</b>	<b>Diamond Thistle's Robert Burns Supper</b>
21	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree at Solomon's Lodge
	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree At Courtland Lodge
25	Masonic Charity Corp. at Tarrytown

**Officers**

Master	R. 'W.' Mauricio A. Loo
Sr. Warden	W. ' Miguel Arroyo Colon
Jr. Warden	R. 'W.' Henry Prescott Jr.
Sr. Deacon	Bro. Daniel Higgins
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Ruben Torres
Secretary	W. ' William Seery
Treasurer	W. ' Joseph Passaretti
Chaplain	R. 'W.' Robert Knesnik
Sr. Master of Ceremony	Bro. Peter Tropodi IV
Jr. Master of Ceremony	Bro. Nadir Belardi
Steward	Bro. Kareem Haspil
Steward	Bro. Kenneth Meade
Marshall	Bro. Jose Chevere
Organist	Bro. Frank Miller
Tiler	R. 'W.' Henry Battestin Jr.

**Trustees**

Bro. Peter Tropodi	Bro. Frank Miller	R. 'W.' Robert Knesnik
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If you need a ride to Lodge, contact one of the following officers:

Master	Bro. Mauricio Loo	914-830-3522
Sr. Warden	W.: Miguel Arroyo Colon	914-815-0855
Jr. Warden	R.'W.' Henry Prescott	914-693-6157
Secretary	W.: William Seery	914-603-3002
Treasurer	W.: Joseph Passaretti	914-962-4376

Please send all Lodge mail to:

**Diamond Thistle Lodge No.555 F&AM**  
**54 Main Street**  
**Tarrytown, NY 10591-3660**

Dues for 2010 are due now. \$60.00

**Please report all cases of sickness or distress to the Master or Wardens**

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