

# 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.**

January 25, 2010

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.

3225<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication

## **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 at 8:00 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.

**Ballot on the Application for three Petitioners**

**R. .W. .: Henry Battestin Jr. will talk on "Balloting."**

**Talk on "Early Masonry in America" by W. .: Joseph Passaretti**

*Officers' Dress: Jacket & Tie*

3226<sup>th</sup>


## **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of March 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.

**Conferral of the Degree of Entered Apprentice to three duly qualified candidates.**

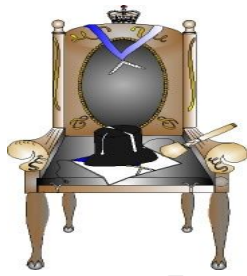
*Dress: Formal or Jacket & Tie*

Fraternally,

  
Master

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#### **From the East**

My dear Brothers, the year ended with great success. The Children's Christmas party was a great success under the direction of our new Chairperson, Mrs. Allyson Sywyk and her husband. We also extend our thanks to R.'W.'. Robert Knenik and his wife for their valuable advice on the party. R.'W.'. Robert Knesnik and his family have been on the committee for the children's party for a long time. W.'. Joseph Passaretti, W.'. William Seery, and R.'W.'. Henry Battestin, all played a very important role. Diamond Thistle thanks you all.

On December 9, the Degree of Fellowcraft was conferred upon two worthy and well qualified Entered Apprentices, who are actively preparing for further advancement in Masonry. We are very happy to see our new Brothers, Bro. Peter Tropodi, Bro. Daniel Higgins, Bro. Nadir Belardi, and Bro. Jose Chevere participating in rituals of the degree.

Best wishes to Bro. Jason LaFond and Bro. Daniel Higgins who were re-elected president and treasurer of the New York Police Department Square Club.

January 13th was the annual Robert Burns Supper. With the participation of all the Brothers and the District Deputy Grand Master, the night was one to remember. Many thanks go to Bro. Frank Miller, one of our chefs and to W.'. Norman Cairns, who made the Scottish Soup. Everyone asked for second and third helpings of the soup! Let's not forget Bro. Dymitri Sywyk who piped W.'. Joseph Passaretti in with the Haggis and entertained us with some beautiful sounds of Scotland. R.'W.'. Henry Battestin also led the group in a round of Scottish songs. We are all looking forward to next year. Attached is the program.

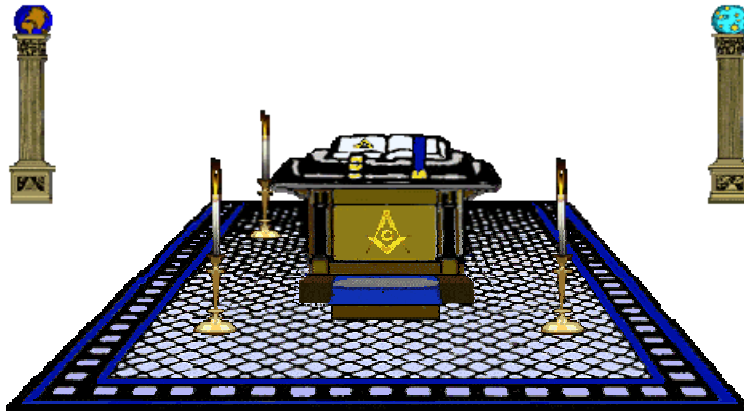
At the next Communication of February 10, 2010, W.'. Joseph Passaretti will speak on "Early Masonry in America." Several years ago W.'. Passaretti gave a lecture on the subject. R.'W.'. Henry Battestin Jr. will talk on one of the sacred rights of a Mason, "The Ballot."



We salute our First President and Brother on his birthday!

***Brethren! Come out and share your friendship, brotherly love and enjoy the camaraderie!  
Looking forth of seeing you in Lodge!***

## Light



### Masonic Light

**Qualifications:** The Lodge ballot box has decided that you possess the necessary qualifications to join the Fraternity. The qualifications are not only to determine your fitness to be made a Mason, but also your fitness to remain one. They remain in force throughout your Masonic career.

There are two internal qualifications. They are called internal because they relate to motives, and only a man himself can know his own motives. The first internal qualification is that a petitioner must come of “his own freewill and accord” and without ulterior motives. A corollary of this is that although no Mason may directly solicit a man to petition for membership, Masons are free to discuss Freemasonry with potential candidates.

The other internal qualification is that the petitioner shall come “uninfluenced by mercenary motives.” Meaning that he must not expect to find business, professional, or financial gain for himself, nor is any Mason to solicit such favors from the petitioner.

There are several external qualifications:

- The physical.
- The mental.
- Civil qualifications.
- Moral and Religious.

To summarize the qualifications: a petitioner must be physically and mentally able to satisfy the demand of Masonic work; of lawful age; of sound character and reputation; a good citizen; a man of religious faith; his own master, free from external control; devoted to the aim of brotherhood; and acceptable to the members of the Lodge he petitions. L SOME, *Grand Lodge of The State of NY*

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

Hugh C. Beveridge	3/23	Daniel Higgins	2/07	Obrad Jelisijevic	2/15
Ralph E. Johnsen	3/24	Raymond A. Kerr Jr.	3/25	Christian J. Kriegeskotte	3/12
Raymond J. Moniz	2/07	Robert M. Perdock	3/29	Henry E. Prescott Jr.	2/21
Christopher Roberts	2/15	Ruben A. Torres	3/12	Daniel Trotta	2/15

### Sadness & Distress

Brethren: It is with great sadness to report that our beloved Brothers has come to the end of their toilsome journey and were summoned from their labor in this corporal quarry by the Great Architect of The Universe.

Bro. Gerald G. Buch Jr. 25 years of service to the Craft.

Bro. William R. Baker 50 years service to the Craft.

*They do not die, Whom we call death. They go from Life---to Life.*



### Dates to Remember

#### February

- 02 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Fraternity-Dunderberg. 7:30 PM, Peekskill Elk's Lodge
- 03 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Dunwoodie Lodge. 8:00 PM Tuckahoe Temple
- 10 **Diamond Thistle Lodge. Lecture: "Early American Masonry" & instructions on "The Ballot" 8:PM**
- 11 DDGM Official visit to Yorktown Lodge, 8:00 PM Mt Kisco Temple
- 12 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Briarcliff Lodge. 8:00 PM, Tarrytown Temple
- 25 DDGM official visit to Collaberh Radium. 8:00 PM, Phillipstown Lodge

#### March

- 03 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Dunwoodie Lodge. 8:00 PM, Tuckahoe Lodge
- 04 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Courtland Lodge. 8:00 PM, Peekskill Elk's Lodge
- 07 Masons & Families Dedication Service & Breakfast. 8:00 AM-Marina Del Rey, Bronx NY, (see DD)
- 10 **Entered Apprentice Degree 7:30 PM Diamond Thistle Lodge-Tarrytown Temple**
- 11 DDGM Official Visit to Van Cortland Lodge, 8:00 PM-Tarrytown Temple
- 12 Grand Lecturer's Convention Briarcliff Lodge, 8:00 PM-Tarrytown Temple
- 18 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Solomon's Lodge. 8:00 PM-Tarrytown Temple
- 22 Masonic Charities Corp. 8:00 PM, Tarrytown Temple
- 23 DDGM official visit to Fraternity Dunderberg. 8:00 PM Peekskill Elk's Lodge

### 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**

Visit our Website at <http://diamond-thistle.org>

**Diamond Thistle Lodge No. 555**

**January 13, 2010**



**Bro. Robert Burns Supper**

**Worshipful Master**

**Welcomes the Brothers & Guest**

**Piper Plays a Tune**

**Reading of**

**To a Mouse, on Turning Her Up In Her Nest With The Plough**

**Selkirk Grace by R.'W. Robert Knenik**

**Serving of the soup prepared by W.' Norman Cairns**

**Entrance of the Piper followed by the chef with**

**The Haggis**

**Address to a Haggis by**

**Bro. Sharbel Ayoub**

**Payment to Bro. Sharbel Ayoub**

**Payment to The Chef & The Piper**

**Bro. Nadir Belardi**

**Reads one of the Bard's Song**

**Toast by**

**The R.'W.' Peter A. Flihan III**

**To**

**The M.'W.' Edward G. Gilbert Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York**

**R.'W.' Henry Battestin Leads a sing along**

**Toast by**

**W.'.. Mario Gomez**

**To the Military of The United State**

**Serving of The Meat Pies With Haggis**

**Toast to The Lassies**

**By**

**Bro. Frank Miller**

**Bro. Jason LaFond**

**To The Peace Officers of New York**

**Toast by**

**W.' William Seery**

**To The Unisted State of America**

**Toast by**

**Bro. Peter Tropodi**

**To**

**The Master of Diamond Thistle**

**Conclusion**

**Singing of Auld Lang Syne**

**Thanks to :Bro. Frank Miller, W.' Joseph Passaretti, W.'Norman Cairns**

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### Trestles Board for 2010

January 13	Robert Burns Supper
February 10	Ballot on Petitioners Talk on "Early Masonry in America" by W. M. Joseph Passaretti, "The Ballot" by R. M. W. M. Henry Battestin Jr. Time 8:00 PM, Dress: Jacket & Tie
March 10	Entered Apprentice Degree Time: 7:30 PM, Dress: Formal
April 14	Service Awards and Fellow-craft degree Time: 7:30 PM, Dress: Formal
May 12	Election of Officers for the ensuing year Time: 8:00 PM, Dress: Jacket & Tie
May 21	Special Communication for conferral of Master Mason Degree Time: 6:30 PM Collation 7:30 PM Gavel Dress: Formal or Tartan
June 9	Installation of officers for the ensuing year. Time: 8:00 PM, Dress: Formal