

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



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

R .W .: Peter Flihan III
District Deputy Grand Master
1st Westchester Putman District

Chartered in 1865

**Brethren, remember 2nd Wednesdays are the new meeting nights!
Remember your 2009 dues.**

January 27, 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.

3215th Stated Communication

Wednesday 11 of February 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 Fellow-Craft to three duly and truly qualified brothers.

Brethren, come out and support your new. Brothers

Officers' Dress: Formal

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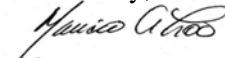
Wednesday 11 of March 2009 at 8:00 PM

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Awards Night

Officer's Jacket & Tie

Fraternally,


Master

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From the East

I wish you and family a Happy and Healthy New Year. How time flies when you are having fun and a successful time.

The year ended with the conferral of the degree of Enter Apprentice to two duly qualified and accepted candidates. Bro. Daniel Higgins was excellent as Sr. Deacon and the floor work was done to perfection by Bro. Ruben Torres the Marshal. Bro. Jaime Aldorando in his unusual style presented the working tools, the demand by R.'W.'. Henry Battestin who also did the Q & A with R.'W.'. Raimo Nuncio III. The degree ended with the presentation of the Historical Lecture by W.'. Hugh Beveridge and Charge by The R.'W.'. Peter Flihan III our D.D.G.M.

The 3014th communication was celebration of a Bro. Robert Burns supper, a return to a Diamond Thistle tradition. The night was successful due to the participation of many brothers who worked very hard in the quarry. Bro. Frank Miller baked the meat pies and prepared the Haggis to perfection. W.'.s Wm Seery and Joseph Passarreti providing the decor and desert. The toast to the Lassies was given by Bro. Frank Miller. Our new Bro's Jose Chevere, Peter Tropodi and Nadir Belardi participated in reading Bro. Burns poem and toasting. The R.'W.'. Peter Flihan III toasted to the Grand Master. After many more toasts, with Scotch whisky of course, the Haggist was piped in by Bro. Dimitri Sywyk carried by the chef, W.'. Joseph Passaretti. This time we made sure the Piper and Chef were paid. The Haggis was then addressed in an exciting and dramatic manner by W.'. Hugh Beveridge. We are very grateful to Solomon's Lodge who made the night possible, R.'W.'. Carter Dorzbacher, W.'. Norman Cairns and W.'. Robert Mawson and other brothers. Please excuse me if I forget to recognize anyone that made the night a success.

Brethren, our next communication 11 of February 2009, we will be conferring the degree of Fellow-Craft to three duly qualified Brothers. These Brothers have worked very hard and diligently to be proficient in the preceding degree, it is our duty to come out and support them and Diamond Thistle. It has been a long time since a Brother and not a W.'. will preside in the East for the conferral of the degree. Bro. Jaime Aldorando will sit in the East on the 11 of February, come out and support him.

***Brethren, come out to share your friendship and brotherly love and enjoy the camaraderie!
Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge!***

Masonic Light

Ground Floor of the Lodge. Mount Moriah, on which the Temple of Solomon was built, is symbolically called the *ground floor of the lodge*, and hence it is said that "the lodge rest on holy ground." This ground floor of the lodge is remarkable for three great events recorded in Scripture, and which is called "the three grand offering of masonry." It was here that Abraham prepared, as a token of his faith, to offer up his beloved son Isaac, this was the *first grand offering*. It was here that David, when his people were afflicted with a pestilence, built an altar and offered thereon peace offerings and burnt offerings to appease the wrath of God, this was the *second grand offering*. Lastly, it was here, that when the Temple was completed, King Solomon dedicated that magnificent structure to the service of Jehovah, with offering of pious prayers and many costly presents, this was considered the *third grand offering*. This sacred spot was once the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, from whom David purchased it for fifty shekels of silver. The Cabbalists delight to invest it with still ore solemn associations and declare that it was the spot on which Adam was born and Abel slain. To the Mason it is sufficiently endeared by the collection that it was here that after a long night of darkness, *Language was restored and masonry found*. Albert G. Mackey, *Lexicon of Freemasonry*

Brothers Masonic Birthdays

Jaime Aldorando	2/15	Hugh C. Beveridge	3/23	Daniel Higgins	2/7
Obrad Jelisijevic	2/15	Ralph E. Johnsen	3/24	Raymond A. Kerr	3/25
Christian J. Kriegeskotte	3/12	Raymond J. Moniz	2/7	Robert M. Perdock	3/29
Henry E. Prescott Jr.	2/21	Christopher Roberts	2/15	Ruben A. Torres	3/12
		Daniel Trotta	2/15		

Congratulations my Brothers on your Masonic birthday. I wish you many more and thanks for your dedication and support to Diamond Thistle. I am looking forward of seeing you in Lodge. **Any brother that needs a ride to Lodge, don't hesitate to call me.**

Officers For The Ensuing Year

Master
 Sr. Warden
 Jr. Warden
 Sr. Deacon
 Jr. Deacon
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Chaplain
 Sr. Master of Ceremony
 Jr. Master of Ceremony
 Steward
 Steward
 Marshall
 Organist
 Tyler

R.'W.'. Mauricio A. Loo
 W.'. Miguel Arroyo Colon
 R.'W.'. Robert Knesnik
 Bro. Daniel Higgins
 R.'W.'. Henry Prescott Jr.
 W.'. William Seery
 W.'. Joseph Passaretti
 R.'W.'. Henry Battestin
 Bro. Raymond Moniz
 Bro. Daniel Trotta
 Bro. Kareem Haspil
 Bro. Kenneth Meade
 Bro. Ruben Torres
 Bro. Frank Miller
 Bro Charles G. Saeger

Trustees

W.'. Robert Kelly

Bro. Frank Miller

Bro. Jaime Aldorando

Dates to Remember

February

11	Conferral off the Degree of Fellow-Craft	7:30	Diamond Thistle Lodge
2	3 rd Degree	7:30	Dunwoodie Lodge
5	2 nd Degree	7:30	Courtland Lodge
6	1 st Degree	7:30	Solomon's Lodge
11	2nd Degree	7:30	Diamond Thistle Lodge
18	D.D.G.M. official visit	8:00	Dunwoodie Lodge

March

5	D.D.G.M. official visit	8:00	Courtland Lodge
8	Masonic Family Dedication Breakfast	8:30 AM	Leonard's of Great Neck
18	Grand Lecture's Convention	8:00	Dunwoodie Lodge
19	D.D.G.M. official visit	8:00	Philipstown Lodge
23	Masonic Charities Corp meeting	8:00	Tarrytown Temple
26	3 rd Degree	8:00	Collabergh-Radium

If you need a ride to Lodge, please 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.'. Robert Knesnik	914-968-7437
Secretary	W.: William Seery	914-603-3002
Treasurer	W.: Joseph Passaretti	914-962-4376

Brethren, remember Lodge meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month!

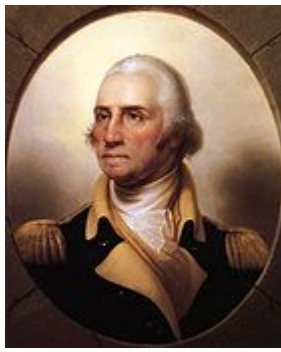
Please send all Lodge mail to:

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

Dues for 2009 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>



Happy Birthday to our First President
Bro. George Washington
On His 277 Anniversary.

Bro. George Washington was born on 22 of February 1732.

4 of Nov. 1752 initiated as an Entered Apprentice at Fredericksburg Lodge in Frederickburg Virginia

3 of March 1753 passed to the Degree of Fellow-Craft

4 of August 1753 raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

Later became Master of His Lodge.

Burns Supper 2009



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