

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
1st Westchester Putman District

Remember your 2009 dues.

July 30, 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.

3220th Stated Communication

Wednesday 9th of September 2009 at 7:30 PM

Presentation of the 3rd Degree Historical Lecture.

Presentation and balloting on the budget for the ensuing year, By-Law changes & membership petitions.

Officers' Dress: Jacket & Tie

3221st

Wednesday 14th of October 2009 at 7:30 PM

Conferral of the Degree of Entered Apprentice to duly accepted & qualified candidates.

Come out support your new Brothers.

Dress: All Formal

Sunday 18th of October 2009

Lodge of Remembrance

Tarrytown Temple

3222nd Stated Communication

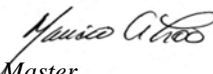
Wednesday 11th of November 2009 at 7:30 PM

Official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master to Diamond Thistle.

Come out and support our District Deputy Grand Master

Dress; All Formal

Fraternally,


Master

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From the Orient

My Brothers, I hope you all had a wonderful and enjoyable summer with your loved ones. The past year was a very successful and productive one. You made it happen through your active participation and many contributions. Several new columns have been installed in the Quarry to strengthen and support it. The year will start out with several petitions on our trestle board.

There are many new Brothers in line and they have demonstrated their love for Masonry and Diamond Thistle with great enthusiasm and vigor. With the help and guidance of our senior Brothers, I know that the chairs will be filled with duly qualified and well prepared officers to lead Diamond Thistle in the future.

My Brothers, I must remind you of two important dates in October: On the 14th, we will have the degree of Entered Apprentice for several duly qualified candidates; and on the 18th, we will hold the Lodge of Remembrance, a day on which we pay our respects to our Brethren who have labored in our Quarries and whose weary feet have come to the end of their toilsome journeys. Your attendance is imperative!

On November 11th, our distinguished District Deputy Grand Master Peter Flihan III, will make his official visit to Diamond Thistle Lodge. Our District Deputy Grand Master has strongly supported Diamond Thistle, come out and give your support to our District Deputy Grand Master! I will see you in Lodge.

Masonic Light

Obligation: An obligation is a solemn pledge, made on your honor, by which you tie yourself to, in this case, a society; and at the same time you tie yourself to the duties and responsibilities imposed by that society. Such an obligation may not be binding necessarily in a public court of law, but it is morally binding, and cannot be disregarded except at the cost of subverting one's honor. The Masonic Obligations are taken by the candidate as binding without time limit--meaning that he accepts them for the remainder of his life. In the future, he may possibly withdraw from the Fraternity, or be suspended or expelled; but that will not release him from his pledge, because he took that pledge as a man and not as a Lodge member. Under no circumstance in the future can he ever violate his pledge without proving himself as being dishonorable. This is the real meaning of the old saying, "Once a Mason, always a Mason."

Another old saying is: "The Obligation makes the Mason." If, during your First Degree, you had retired from the Lodge at any time prior to taking the Obligation, you would not now be a Mason. However, upon taking the Obligation, you became an Entered Apprentice Mason, and nothing can undo that step.

One general point of your Obligation is called the "Tie," which requires that the whole Obligation be kept a secret. LOSOME, *Grand Lodge of F & A M of the State of New York*.



Congratulation to the following Brothers celebrating their Masonic Birthdays

James Barrowman	9/12	Robert Barrowman	9/12	Elias Fellis	11/17
Edward Goldner	9/23	Thomas Hall	10/26	Vincent Houston	11/22
William Houston Jr.	11/22	George H. Johansmeyer	12/2	Bernard Harris	10/13
Nelson Kari	11/10	Barry Kassof	11/15	Charles P. Kelly	12/2
Robert J. Kelly Jr.	11/12	Robert Knesnik	11/22	Mauricio A. Loo	12/1
James Montgomery	11/12	Steven Panko	11/28	Lawrence Pelesh	10/1
Robert C. Trimpe	11/24	Robert P. Trimpe	11/12	Paul Rusinko	10/25
Edward Schmid	11/22	Frederick Scholl	12/12	William Seery	12/1
Herbert Schlemon	11/29	Dimitri Sywyk	9/22	John Lauder	8/22
Lou Wills	11/26	Edwin Zuraw	11/26	George Siegel	11/23

**Brethren, remember October 18th, Lodge of Remembrance
At Tarrytown Temple**

Dates to Remember

September

9

Balloting on petitioners, budget,
and Bylaws.

17

**DDGM visit to Solomon's
Lodge**

21

Masonic Charities meeting,
Tarrytown

October

14

Degree of Entered Apprentice

18

**Lodge of Remembrance
Tarrytown**

November

18

**DD official visit to Diamond
Thistle**

Officers

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

R.'W.'. Mauricio A. Loo
W.'. Miguel Arroyo Colon
R.'W.'. Henry Prescott Jr.
Bro. Daniel Higgins
Bro. Ruben Torres
W.'. William Seery
W.'. Joseph Passaretti
R.'W.'. Robert Knesnik
Bro. Peter Tropodi IV
Bro. Nadir Belardi
Bro. Kareem Haspil
Bro. Kenneth Meade
Bro. Jose Chevere
Bro. Frank Miller
R.'W.'. Henry Battestin Jr.

Trustees

Bro. Peter Tropodi

Bro. Frank Miller

R.'W.'. Robert Knesnik

If you need a ride to Lodge, contact one of the following officers:

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Jr. Warden	R.'W.'. Henry Prescott	914-968-7437
Secretary	W.: William Seery	914-603-3002
Treasurer	W.: Joseph Passaretti	914-962-4376

Please send all Lodge mail to:

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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

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