

Blue Hill Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

Canton, Massachusetts 02021

Lodge Phone (781) 828-0121

Dear Brother:

The 1504th Regular Communication of Blue Hill Lodge, A.F. & A.M. Will be held at the Masonic Apartments, 21 Church Street, Canton, Massachusetts on:

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009

6:00 P.M. – Fellowship Period

6:30 P.M. – Dinner prepared by Charlene Pearce
By reservation to Wor. Ralph at (781) 828-4088

7:15 P.M. – Lodge opens on the Fellowcraft Degree

FIRST SECTION OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE

Entitled to this honor

BRO. L.H.R.

BUSINESS MEETING

To conduct business that regularly comes before the Lodge, read all communications and pay all bills if approved by the finance committee.

BALLOTING FOR THE DEGREES

M. V. A.

Ashland, MA 01721

Sponsored by **J.K.**

COMPLETION OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE

M.W. Roger William Pageau

Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts

R.W. Lester Miller Oshry

District Deputy Grand Master of the 7th Masonic District

Wor. Vincent J. Dymond

District Deputy Grand Marshal of the 7th Masonic District

Wor. Ralph W. Staples

District Deputy Grand Secretary of the 7th Masonic District

The 7th Lodge of Instruction

Wor. Walter H. Dearing, *Master*

Rt. Wor. Frank R. Porter, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Wor. Vincent J. Dymond, *Sr. Warden*

Wor. Krikor E. Kolandjian, *Jr. Warden*

SEVENTH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

MEETS THE FOURTH THURSDAY

(Third Thursday in November)

at the Stoughton Masonic Apartments

Candidates Education 6:00 P.M. – Dinner 7:00 P.M.

Open Lodge of Instruction 7:45 P.M. – Close & Collation at 9:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Host: Cosmopolitan Lodge

Speaker: Bro. Howard Hansen

Lodge Historian and District Ambassador

Subject: *Touching Local Masonic History*

Thursday, May 28, 2009

Host: Euclid Lodge

Speaker: To be announced

Subject: DeMolay Mother's Degree

UPDATE ON R.W. WILLIAM H. YOUNG

Brethren: R.W. Bill Young was recently rushed to the Cardinal Cushing Hospital in Brockton where he spent a week undergoing many tests to find out why he was falling so often. It was discovered that along with his Parkinson's Disease that he also had blocked arteries in his neck. Bill underwent surgery on April 16th on one side of his neck and reports are that everything went well. Bill's address is **William H. Young, Hellenic Nursing & Rehab. Center, Room 233, Canton, MA 02021**. Please drop him a card and if you have a chance, I am sure he would love to have a visit.

ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT DINNERS

Brethren, because of an increase in costs it has become necessary that we seat **AT LEAST 24 Brothers** at our fraternal meals when we meet monthly. As such, we will be paying for at least 24 meals whether we have that many dinners or not. So please make an effort to join us and share in the great friendship and conversation while we enjoy delicious dinners specially prepared for us by Charlene Pearce. Who knows? You just might enjoy yourself. (I know you will enjoy the wonderful food!)

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

More bad news today as the economy continues to head south, and there doesn't seem to be any end in site. Folks are hurting. People of all walks of life are losing their retirement funds, their nest eggs, their jobs, their houses, their dreams and worst of all, hope. It's tough out there right now. Everyone is suffering, both the folks who are mostly responsible for this mess that America and the world is facing, and the innocent victims they have dragged down with them as well.

It's hard to see a silver lining, although as a Mason, I see a very distinct opportunity. No I'm not talking about carpet bagger speculation where unscrupulous investors buy up cheap foreclosed family homes or repossessed assets of the financially wounded who are caught up in this financial meltdown. I'm suggesting that, as Masons, we now have a unique opportunity to demonstrate that we not only talk the talk, but that we walk the walk, that we really mean what we say in our obligation: that we help, aid and assist distressed friends and brethren. And as anyone watching the nightly news is aware, there is no shortage of distressed individuals who could use our help (without injury to ourselves and families of course).

Not every Mason is, or will be in a position to give financial help to those who need it. But there are other things that can be done to help in tough times like these. Treating families whose breadwinners are out of work to a nicely prepared meal, or maybe watching their kids while they go for a job interview are small but significant examples of things that can be done to show your support and that you truly care. Even just providing a word of encouragement, or being there to listen to a friend's woes can bring a glimmer of light into a persons otherwise darkened world. Given the depth and breadth of the current gloomy financial environment, the number and variety of ways we can help others is only limited by our imaginations. But for those of us able to do so, our help is needed more than ever. Isn't that what we, as Masons do?

When things get better, as they eventually and inevitably will, we will be able to look back and be satisfied that we did not miss this golden opportunity to help those in a time of need and that we were the true Masons that we are meant to be. And just perhaps, a good man that you may have helped, whose life you might have touched in some positive way may see that certain attribute in Masonry and decide that he, too, would like to become a better man.

I see my glass as half full.

Fraternally, Wor. John L. Ciccotelli, *Master*

Don't forget to support YOUR Lodge for an hour or so at our Masonic Open House on Saturday, March 28th. Please come for a while and help out (and maybe have some fun, too).