

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

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Dear Brother:

The 1513th 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 6, 2010

Fellowship Period

6:00 P.M. – Come and enjoy fellowship with your brothers!

6:30 P.M. – *Dinner by Bro. Jimmy* \$12.00 – Reservations Required to Ralph W. Staples, *Secretary by phone* or by e-mail.

Bring your wife, significant others, friends, neighbors, prospective candidates.

7:30 P.M. – Special Program, in the banquet hall, pictures and remembrances about their last trip to Haiti for non-Masons by Dr. Ruth Johnstone and Ralph Stowe.

7:30 P.M. – **Lodge Opens on the Master Mason Degree.**

BUSINESS MEETING

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

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE

CANADIAN CHARGE

by R.W. Richard B. Burgess

Closing of Lodge

Collation in the banquet Hall.

with a

Special Presentation to the

St. Rock Haiti Foundation

by Wor. John L. Ciccotelli

Important dates of the 7th Masonic District
Monday, April 26th - Fraternal Visit - Cosmopolitan Lodge
Sunday, June 13, 2010 - Grand Master's Fair - Charlton

7th LODGE OF INSTRUCTION
Wor. Vincent J. Dymond, *Master*
Rt. Wor. Frank R. Porter, *Secretary/Treasurer*
Wor. Gordon L. MacKay, *Sr. Warden*
Wor. Gary M. Rubin, *Jr. Warden*

SEVENTH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION
MEETS THE FOURTH THURSDAY
(*Third Thursday in December*)
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 22, 2010
Host: St. Alban's Lodge
Speaker: Rt. Wor. Lester M. Oshry
Subject: Truth

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010
Host: Cosmopolitan Lodge
Speaker: Wor. Paul Ciccotelli
Subject: The Importance of Ritual

FROM THE EAST

Our April meeting will feature a talk by Dr. Ruth McClaine Johnstone, wife of our own Bro. Ian Johnstone, who will be returning to Haiti to volunteer her time and medical expertise at the Saint Rock Clinic. She will fill us in on the valuable work being done there to help Haiti's poor and earthquake ravaged population. Wives, and significant-others are cordially invited and encouraged to come and dine with us to hear Dr. McClaine Johnstone speak. Donations to the St. Rock Clinic are welcome and greatly appreciated.

M.W. Roger William Pageau
Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts
R.W. Thomas A. Rorrie
District Deputy Grand Master of the 7th Masonic District
Bro. Paul A. Bishop
District Deputy Grand Marshal of the 7th Masonic District
Wor. Peter J. MacDonald
District Deputy Grand Secretary of the 7th Masonic District

Imagine a world that was governed entirely by the tenets of Freemasonry and that everyone lived by those tenets. It would be a world where those less fortunate than ourselves, those who were destitute and in need, would be helped through unselfish charitable acts. It would be a world where truth and honesty (fraternal twin virtues) prevailed and were part of every transaction. Accordingly, no one would ever have to be concerned about being wronged, cheated or defrauded in their daily dealings. Everyone would be square and on the level with each other thereby building trust and understanding. Our personal demons and eccentricities would be circumscribed and kept within due bounds. And there would always be a friend to help us in our time of need or just for some fraternal companionship no matter where we go.

Alas, humanity is not like that. Just look at a newspaper (*or your favorite online news service - after all this is now the cyber age*) and ask yourself if most of what's wrong with the world could be avoided if the tenets of our institution were the rule and guide of our lives. It seems that too few people care about those in want. As a result, the poor get poorer, the sick get sicker, and the lonely get lonelier. Truth and honesty are becoming endangered virtues. Else, how could our financial and governmental institutions have failed us so miserably during the past decade? We are wronged, cheated and defrauded by the puppeteers of the business and industries that have run amok (resulting in our own personal and family hardships), who then reward such bad behavior with obscene amounts of "compensation". Has there been a single war anywhere on this planet of ours that wasn't seeded with a lie or some degree of dishonesty? I can't think of one. Time and time again, we hear about another famous individual or politician who has been involved in one scandal or other because of their desires or passions were not kept within reasonable or honorable bounds. In the past few years, suicide rates have skyrocketed. I wonder what might have happened in many of these unfortunate cases had there been a friend, companion, or just a friendly smile there in that crucial time of need.

So why do I portray this contrast between what is and what could be? In this fast-paced and often hectic world of ours, it is sometimes easy to lose sight of the light we have gained as Masons or to forget why we became Masons in the first place. But then I see the world as it is and I have made the decision that I do not want to take part in those things that make life so difficult for mankind. I then see the world as it could be and have decided that taking the path toward that world is the direction I want to take. Will the world ever be like like that Utopian society described above? Probably not in my lifetime. But then I can look back in my old age with that happy reflection, consequent on a well spent life, and die knowing that I at least made a tiny, but positive difference. How do you want to reflect on your life when you look back?

Well, the crocuses and tulips are pushing up through the rain soaked soil. It won't be long now

Fraternally, Wor. John L. Ciccotelli, *Master of Blue Hill Lodge*