

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

Canton, Massachusetts 02021

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Dear Brother:

The 1509<sup>th</sup> Regular Communication of Blue Hill Lodge, A.F. & A.M. will be held at the Masonic Apartments, 21 Church Street, Canton, Massachusetts on:

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009**

**There will NOT be a fellowship period or dinner at the December Meeting.**

7:00 P.M. – Lodge Opens on the Master Mason Degree.

*(Please let the Secretary know if you plan on attending this Lodge meeting).*

## **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**

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an interested man from Canton  
who is interested in becoming a Mason  
in Blue Hill Lodge

8:00 P.M. Reception of R.W. Lester M. Oshry  
District Deputy of the 7<sup>th</sup> Masonic District  
for the purpose of his Official Visit to Blue Hill Lodge  
accompanied by a large suite of distinguished Masons

*(This will be the final visit of R.W. Oshry as District Deputy.)*

A Collation will be served following the Official Visit.

*A Donation jar will be out to help defray costs.*

## **HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2010 DUES YET?**

Please check this Lodge notice to see if you have a reminder slip to pay your 2010 dues. A bill was sent out with our September Lodge notice.

Dues for Regular Members are \$85.00 (includes G.L. Dues & Assessment)

Dues for Affiliated Members are \$55.00 (includes G.L. Dues & Assessment)

**2010 Scholarship Application Have Arrived  
Call your Secretary if you wish one sent to you!**

**YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN  
WHO WILL BE ENTERING COLLEGE NEXT YEAR NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE.  
THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MUST RECEIVE THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION  
WITH 4 COPIES, AT GRAND LODGE, NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2010.**

**7<sup>th</sup> LODGE OF INSTRUCTION**

**Wor. Vincent J. Dymond, *Master*  
Rt. Wor. Frank R. Porter, *Secretary/Treasurer*  
Wor. Gordon L. MacKay, *Sr. Warden*  
Bro. Gary M. Rubin, *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.**

**THERE WILL NOT BE A LODGE OF INSTRUCTION IN DECEMBER**

***Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah***

**Thursday, January 28, 2010**

**Host: Gate of The Temple Lodge**

**Speaker: R.W. David P. Duncan**

**Subject: Promoting Masonry**

**M.W. Roger William Pageau**

***Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts***

**R.W. Lester Miller Oshry**

***District Deputy Grand Master of the 7<sup>th</sup> Masonic District***

**Wor. Vincent J. Dymond**

***District Deputy Grand Marshal of the 7<sup>th</sup> Masonic District***

**Wor. Ralph W. Staples**

***District Deputy Grand Secretary of the 7<sup>th</sup> Masonic District***

## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

The Trowel is arguably one of the most well known tools in Masonry with numerous metaphors and allusions to our daily lives as Freemasons. To me, one of the most exceptional allusions of this implement is where the Trowel represents how Masonry unites us as friends and Brothers the same way the operative trowel spreads the cement which unites the many stones of a building as a single entity. So Masonry unites us as one single entity among whom no contention should ever exist except perhaps, that good-natured competition among friends.

So what's the point of all this? I think many (*though perhaps not all*) of us may go through life knowing that we should always endeavor to do the right thing, what is best not just for ourselves, but for others as well. And although we may have such laudable thoughts and intentions, there is that tendency to try to "go it alone". It isn't long before we discover that by going it alone, the results of our best intentions are limited because there is simply only so much we can humanly do when we act on our own. How much more can be accomplished when one man acts in concert with many other like-minded men? Consider that a solitary ant can carry a single particle of sand weighing several times its own mass. But no matter how hard it tries, it can never complete the construction of the anthill. However, if a large number of "like-minded" ants all work together each bearing one sand particle at a time, that anthill will be completed promptly.

About a year ago, there was a news report of a woman who was pushing her baby in a stroller on the sidewalk when a pickup truck veered out of control and ran into it pinning the baby underneath. A group of men working a construction site nearby who witnessed the accident immediately ran to the scene and without thinking, as one, lifted the pickup truck off the child and pulled him to safety. Could one of these well intentioned men have accomplished this feat on his own? Not likely. Could all of these men, each separately taking turns trying to lift the truck off the pinned child have been successful in freeing the toddler? I tend to doubt it. But all of these men were like minded with a single goal of freeing that child and working together as one, successfully lifted that heavy vehicle and rescued the baby.

It is unknown if any of these men were Masons. But the influence of that metaphorical Trowel appears to have been upon them, if only for a moment uniting them as one in that noble endeavor, saving the life of the trapped child. Thus are we, as Masons, cemented together as one by the Trowel, like minded in making the world a better place. Certainly by ourselves we can still be good men doing good things. Nevertheless we would be like that ant with the intention of making the world, our anthill, a better place. But how much can one man do alone? Together however, we can fill the world with like minded Masons building our own version of the anthill, a world that is a little nicer to be in than the one we were born into. Isn't that why we became Masons?

A special word of sincere thanks is in order to all those volunteers, both Masons and non-Masons, who helped out at our MY CHIP event on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Take care, have a safe and happy holiday season, and reflect joyously on all that is good in your life.

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