

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

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Dear Brother:

The 1510<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, JANUARY 5, 2010**

## **Fellowship Period**

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

6:30 P.M. – Catered Dinner – Reservations Required  
to Ralph W. Staples, *Secretary by phone* or by e-mail

7:00 P.M. – Lodge Opens on the Entered Apprentice Degree.

## **FIRST SECTION OF THE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE**

*Entitled to this honor*

## **TWO LOCAL MEN WHO WANT TO BECOME BETTER MEN BY JOINING MASONRY**

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

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

## **SECOND SECTION OF THE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE**

### **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.**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010**

***Host:* Gate of The Temple Lodge**

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

***Subject:* Promoting Masonry**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010**

***Host:* Rising Star Lodge**

***Speaker:* Wor. Steven A. Cooper**

***Subject:* York Rite**

**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

Greetings from the East. No, really, I mean from the Far East. This month I have the great pleasure of writing to you from the jewel of the Orient. Although I am far from my Brethren at Blue Hill Lodge (*not to mention the chilly New England winter weather*), I am mindful of my friends I have back home, and as this New Year is upon us, I want to wish everyone a warm and wonderful, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year.

I have observed that traveling helps one gain new perspectives on life and is probably one of the best learning tools anyone might have the good fortune to experience. I've learned a few important lessons while here in Singapore. For example, deep fried pressed cow's lung is not likely to become a popular fast food snack any time soon and the fruit, durian, should not be served at social gatherings (*although tasty, it has a strong fetid "odeur"*). I've learned that customs and behaviors that we may assume are universal often times are not (*e.g. in this part of the world it is impolite for a man to offer his hand in greeting to a woman as it is the woman's prerogative as to whether they will shake hands at all*). And I've learned that since I was last in Southeast Asia, there has been an explosion of interest in this mysterious, secretive brotherhood called Freemasonry. Of course with the publication of a new best seller novel involving Masonic secrets and the Discovery International Channel showing numerous documentaries on the subject, it is entirely understandable. I've been spending a lot of time meeting many new and interesting people here, and often the subject of Masonry has come up. Not wanting to miss any opportunity that presents itself to shamelessly advertise our Fraternity, of course I do my best to explain what Masonry is about and try to bring into focus its truths, mission and advantages, and to dispel the myths.

Although anyone here who may decide to look more seriously into becoming part of this Fraternity will not likely be joining Blue Hill Lodge at any time soon. (*the commute is a killer*), I believe that it is still important to spread the word about Masonry to all parts of the world. Fortunately, there are a dozen or so Masonic Lodges within a 500 mile radius from where I am sitting typing this, so there is ample opportunity for good men who are interested and want to become better men to become part of this great international Fraternity. Who knows, one day you may meet one of them in a social setting or in a time of need in your own travels abroad.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year and taking part in the initiation of our two newest candidates for the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in January.

Take care, and make this a Happy New Year for you and your families.

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