

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

Canton, Massachusetts 02021

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Dear Brother:

The 1512th Regular Communication of Blue Hill Lodge, A.F. & A.M. will be held at the Masonic Apartments, 21 Church Street, Canton, Massachusetts on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010

Fellowship Period

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

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

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

FIRST SECTION OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE

Entitled to this honor

BRO. PAUL NELSON CUTLER

BUSINESS MEETING

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

In Memoriam

DR. WILLIAM EDWIN WYMER

Born: April 25, 1932 – New Concord, Ohio

Entered: April 19, 1952 – New Concord Lodge, N. Concord, Ohio

Passed: May 31, 1954 – New Concord Lodge, N. Concord, Ohio

Raised: July 19, 1954 – New Concord Lodge, N. Concord Ohio

Affiliated: Blue Hill Lodge, Canton, Mass. May 6, 1980

Departed: January 23, 2010 – West Roxbury, Massachusetts

50 Year Veterans Medal presented April 6, 2004 at Blue Hill Lodge

May He Rest In Peace

COMPLETION OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE

MARCH 27TH OPEN HOUSE AT ALL LODGES

Important dates of the 7th Masonic District
Saturday, February 20th, Ritual Seminar - Brockton
Monday, March 8, 2010 - Fraternal Visit St. Albans Lodge
Saturday, March 20th - Masters Path - Wakefield
Wednesday, March 24th - Fraternal Visit Azure Lodge
Saturday, March 27th - State Wide Open House
Thursday, April 15, 2010 - Lodge of Exemplification - Stoughton
Monday, April 26th - Fraternal Visit - Cosmopolitan Lodge

7th 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 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, MARCH 25, 2010

Host: J. Philip Berquist Lodge

Speaker: Rt. Wor. Paul M. Carroll

Subject: A Traveling Brother

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010

Host: St. Alban's Lodge

Speaker: Rt. Wor. Lester M. Oshry

Subject: Truth

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

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

OK, now indulge me for a minute and let me pose this question: If you swear an oath in the middle of the woods and no one is around to hear it, did you still make a bona fide oath? It is my opinion, and I think that most good Masons would agree, that a valid oath was still made. On the other hand, if you break your oath in the middle of those proverbial woods (or anywhere else for that manner) and no one witnessed it, was it really violated? I think we can all agree that the answer would be, "yes".

I present this line of questions because of some disturbing reasoning I have been picking up on lately. I heard or read about a few Masons who divulge our Masonic secrets openly and to the uninitiated. The argument being rationalized is that the oath of secrecy in Masonry, which we all so solemnly and sincerely swore before God and our Lodge, has little value these days because anyone can look up just about all of our valuable secrets in a good public library. There is no doubt that anyone who cares to do the research, or even watch the Discovery Channel for that matter, can find out most of what we hold as "secret". This completely misses the point of swearing the Oaths of our Obligation. I don't believe it is so much a question of whether a non-Mason will discover some of our Masonic secrets. Certainly, there is nothing we can, or should do about the content in a public library or a TV documentary. The important thing is that it is a question of whether those secrets were discovered from one of us. Keeping the Oaths of our Obligation is a testimonial about our personal integrity as men and as Masons. We swore an oath before God to keep these secrets, not to "protect" Masonry, but to provide ourselves with a tool to measure our worth as men. And although God may sometimes be our only witness when we swear an oath, we make a pact not with other Masons, but we make a promise to ourselves. And for anyone who has an ounce of self respect, to violate that promise would be to profoundly let ourselves down. And what would that say about us as men or Masons?

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Please don't forget about our suffering brothers and sisters in earthquake-ravaged Haiti. My sincerest thanks to all who have thus far donated to Blue Hill Lodge's St. Rock Haiti Clinic Foundation, the proceeds of which will go to fund the good work being done at the clinic to address the medical needs of those victims of the recent earthquake. At this writing, Blue Hill Lodge has collected over \$1800.00 of which the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts has matched with an additional \$1000.00. Additionally, a donation of \$500.00 was presented to Dr. Ruth McLain for the St. Rock Clinic by R.W. Thomas Rorrie from Eliot-Hyde Park Lodge for which a matching grant is forthcoming. We will continue collecting donations for this worthy cause as long as there is a need. So I ask you to please open your hearts and wallets and donate what you can. And know that 100% of your donation will go to those in Haiti who have such a profound need. Thanks,

Hang on. Spring is coming!

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