

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

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Dear Brother:

The 1514th Regular Communication of Blue Hill Lodge, A.F. & A.M. will be held at the Masonic Apartments, 21 Church Street, Canton, Massachusetts on:

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 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.

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

WORK OF THE EVENING

PLAN “B”

(To be explained by Wor. John L. Ciccotelli)

BUSINESS MEETING

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



<http://www.masonichealthsystem.org>

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IF YOU NEED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

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<http://www.BlueHillLodge.org>

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, MAY 27, 2010

Host: Cosmopolitan Lodge

Speaker: Wor. Paul Ciccotelli

Subject: The Importance of Ritual

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010

Presenters: The 7th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master

Program: Installation of Officers for 2010-2011

Host Lodges: All 7th Masonic District Lodges

CANTON VIADUCT MASONIC MEMORIAL PROJECT

Don't forget the Canton Viaduct Memorial project is well under way, so you may be asked to offer some time and muscle as the project moves forward. And of course the Lodge is accepting donations for it's construction. Learn how donors can reserve space in the Time Capsule to be buried at the Memorial which will be opened in the year 2135 A.D. Send your e-mail address to our Secretary to receive the Canton Viaduct Memorial Flyer with photographs about the project and instructions on what steps to take to reserve a space in the Time Capsule.

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

As a Lodge Officer in line moves toward the East as the years progress, he is required to memorize an inordinate amount of ritual. Accordingly, in my own travels toward the Oriental Chair, I have had my own share of memorization (not a small feat for me). I have found that after the angst of getting the lines down correctly, more or less, has passed, I have been afforded the opportunity to look back more deeply at the meanings of those often flowery or wordy lines and phrases. Although the meaning or meanings of some of them have thus far escaped me, many others have not. Each time that I have discovered a meaning or significance of the words, usually two things happen. First, I realize that there are multiple meanings yet to be discovered. Second, I discovered that the meaning I have fits perfectly into the Freemason jigsaw puzzle we all signed up for when we first took on our obligation as Entered Apprentices. I find myself saying "Ah, so now I see . . ." And that is the the point where it becomes a "Eureka!" moment.

Take for instance my latest cerebral project. "The Attentive Ear receives the sound from the Instructive Tongue . . ." we are told. These are words seemingly hidden in an obscure part of a 2nd Degree lecture. I have pondered those words since I first heard them. On the surface, the literal meaning is pretty obvious. If you listen, you will hear the instructions or the message. But for us Masons, on a deeper level, it means that the Attentive Ear hears not only the words, but the several levels of meanings that those words and the purveyor of those words are trying to convey; "reading between the lines", so to speak. One thing I noticed however was that the Instructive Tongues are not always heard. I think married couples are well suited to comment on this, but you don't have to be married or in a relationship to find yourself not listening to something someone else is telling you. I think it is human nature that we all think we have important things to say, and no doubt much of what we actually do convey is important. So a large part of the burden seems to rest on the Attentive Ear. It is much harder to listen, to actually hear the message behind the words, when we are being talked to. (As opposed to being "talked at", a situation that the Attentive Ear can easily distinguish). How often have we heard or made the comment that a person is a good listener? Obviously that particular characteristic sticks out in our minds because it doesn't come quite as naturally as being the speaker.

Let us not forget that the Instructive Tongue has some responsibility as well. The Instructive Tongue is well meaning. The Instructive Tongue gives advice it would follow itself and for unselfish reasons. The Instructive Tongue does not inflate its ego with exaggeration. The Instructive Tongue has no hidden agenda. The Instructive Tongue is honest and speaks only truth. The Instructive Tongue is a purveyor of kindness, love, friendship and encouragement.

"Eureka!" This is why this rather cumbersome statement was placed uncomfortably into a lecture that otherwise focuses on geometry. It is so it would stand out because it is so important for Masons to HEAR and to SPEAK it to others, more especially with other Masons.

Go out and enjoy the sunshine.

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