

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

Canton, Massachusetts 02021

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Dear Brother:

The 1505th 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 5, 2009

6:00 P.M. – Fellowship Period

6:30 P.M. – Dinner prepared by Charlene Pearce
By reservation to Wor. Ralph at (781) 828-4088

7:15 P.M. – Lodge opens on the Entered Apprentice Degree

FIRST SECTION OF THE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Entitled to this honor

M. V. A.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE MASONIC YEAR 2009-2010

REPORT ON THE DEFIBRILATOR FUND

COMPLETION OF THE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

M.W. Roger William Pageau
Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts

R.W. Lester Miller Oshry
District Deputy Grand Master of the 7th Masonic District

Wor. Vincent J. Dymond
District Deputy Grand Marshal of the 7th Masonic District

Wor. Ralph W. Staples
District Deputy Grand Secretary of the 7th Masonic District

The 7th Lodge of Instruction

Wor. Walter H. Dearing, *Master*

Rt. Wor. Frank R. Porter, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Wor. Vincent J. Dymond, *Sr. Warden*

Wor. Krikor E. Kolandjian, *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, May 28, 2009

Host: Euclid Lodge

Speaker: To be announced

Subject: DeMolay Mother's Degree

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Host: All District Lodges

Installation of 7th Masonic District

Lodge of Instruction Officers for 2009-2010

ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT DINNERS

Brethren, because of an increase in costs it has become necessary that we seat **AT LEAST 24 Brothers** at our fraternal meals when we meet monthly. As such, we will be paying for at least 24 meals whether we have that many diners or not. So please make an effort to join us and share in the great friendship and conversation while we enjoy delicious dinners specially prepared for us by Charlene Pearce. Who knows? You just might enjoy yourself. (I know you will enjoy the wonderful food!)

GOOD NEWS ABOUT R.W. BILL YOUNG

I am thrilled to report that R.W. Bill is doing very well at the Hellenic Rehabilitation Center in Canton. His surgery has healed very fast, he has put on weight and feels great! He wants me to let everyone know that he appreciates all of the prayers, cards and visits he has had from his many Masonic friends this past month. If you want to give him a call at (617) 680-3186 I am sure that he would love to talk with you.

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Consider symbols. They are everywhere. Some are universal in their meaning. Others have specific meanings or allusions only to the population, culture, fraternity, clan, club or gang that subscribe to them. From the earliest days we are schooled through the use of signs and symbols. (*I know I learned at a very young age to refrain from walking through a door that had a symbol of a human stick figure wearing a stick figure dress.*) One of the main reasons is because of the universality of the meanings of symbols, either implicitly or explicitly. A Cross, a Star of David, and a Crescent Moon are all objects that are universally symbolic of three major religions, although these items in and of themselves are simply a pair of short lines intersecting at a 90°, a six-pointed geometric figure, and a stylized lunar phase. The dove is regarded by many cultures to represent peace, but it is literally just a bird in the pigeon family. Some symbols have multiple, and sometimes conflicting meanings like the swastika. In the West, it is the hated symbol of the vileness of Nazi doctrine, but in Asian cultures this ancient symbol represents fire and the sun or heaven and earth. Each of these symbols is intended to evoke a certain idea or thought. It is one of the oldest ways of remembering or passing down ideas from one generation to the next. Some symbols have been around since before the development of writing.

As Masons, we have more than our share of centuries-old symbols. Our symbols are used to remind us of what we need to keep in mind to be good men and on what to focus on to help make our world a better place. We recognize other Masons through Masonic symbols. They are our moral compasses. And it is not just Masons who recognize some of our symbols. Who does not know that the Square and Compasses are the symbols of Freemasonry? Many of our symbols have become universal, so much so, that they have even crept into our language. To be "on the level" or to "be square" with others are two commonly used phrases which are intended to render moral guidance to their user.

But it is not enough to just remember what Masonic symbols mean. The more important step is to put those remembered teachings into practice. Just as the dove brings to mind peace, one must actually strive for peace, and live a peaceful existence for that symbol to have any real meaning. Likewise, as Masons, we must actually live by the lessons of our symbols. For instance we should walk uprightly in our daily lives (*the Plumb*), being fair and square with others (*the Square*), and being on the level with all with whom we have dealings (*the Level*), so that as we continue to pass these symbols down to the following generations of Masons, they are more than just quaint relics on an ancient Fraternity, but are instead active tools to be used daily to keep all Masons forthright.

Enjoy the Spring weather.

Fraternally, Wor. John L. Ciccotelli, *Master*