

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

Canton, Massachusetts 02021

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Dear Brother:

The 1507th Regular Communication of Blue Hill Lodge, A.F. & A.M. will be held at the Masonic Apartments, 21 Church Street, Canton, Massachusetts on:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009

6:00 P.M. – Fellowship Period

6:30 P.M. – Dinner catered by Charlene Pearce Donation \$12.00
Reservations required to Ralph Staples (781) 828-4088

7:15 P.M. – Lodge opens on the Master Mason Degree

First Section of the Master Mason Degree
Entitled to this honor

A WORTHY FELLOWCRAFT MASON

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 and Third Sections of the Master Mason Degree

ANNUAL MEETING

**READING AND ACCEPTING ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE
Treasurer, Secretary, Trustees and
Blue Hill Masonic Association**

Official Visits 2009

Monday, October 26, 2009 – Cosmopolitan Lodge, Stoughton

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – J. Philip Berquist Lodge, Foxboro

Monday, November 9, 2009 – St. Alban's Lodge, Foxboro

Thursday, November 12, 2009 – Rising Star Lodge, Stoughton

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 – Gate of The Temple, Stoughton

Wednesday, November 25, 2009 – Azure Lodge, Walpole

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 – Blue Hill Lodge, Canton

(Final visit for our District Deputy Grand Master)

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

In Memoriam

BRO. DAVID LINCOLN PRESCOTT

Born: Sharon, Massachusetts, September 25, 1923

Entered: Blue Hill Lodge, Canton, Massachusetts, Sept. 1, 1959

Passed: Blue Hill Lodge, Canton, Massachusetts, Nov. 3, 1959

Raised: Blue Hill Lodge, Canton, Massachusetts, Dec. 1, 1959

Departed: May 2, 2009, Fayston, Vermont

May He Rest in Peace

The 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 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, September 24, 2009

Host: Blue Hill Lodge

Speaker: Aleppo Shriners

Subject: Workings of Shrine Hospitals

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Host: Cosmopolitan Lodge

Speaker: R.W. Aaron Manoogian

Subject: The Grand Lodge Constitutions

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

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST OF BLUE HILL LODGE

Here's a little bit of a brain teaser. I know I enjoy a good mind puzzle once in a while, so I am fascinated by conundrums, those enigmas or logical loops that pose questions that have no correct answers, or at least none if you think the problem through to its conclusion. We are all familiar with that age old conundrum "If God is all - powerful and can do anything he wants, can he make a rock that is too big for him to lift?" I find that such conundrums are built into many institutional dogmas. Masonry is no exception.

So this particular puzzle came to me and I have been trying to find a single answer, but to no avail. Maybe you can try your hand (*or mind*) at it. We, as Masons all know that we are absolutely bound to keep the secrets of a Brother Mason, no matter what (with the exception of two instances we should all know from the obligation, and those left to our own discretion). We also know that we should not wrong, cheat or defraud a Brother or a Lodge. Pretty clear and simple don't you think?

OK, so here's the conundrum (*please keep in mind, this scenario is being described as fictitious*): What happens if Bro. Jubilum comes to, say, Bro. Jubilo with a very dark secret? Let's say, for example that their Lodge, Beehive Lodge, A.F. & A.M. is voting on whether to accept the application of a potential new initiate who is also a good friend of Bro. Jubilum, we'll call him . . . ummm . . . Jubila. Let's also say that Bro. Jubilum has some paranoid suspicion that his good friend may be blackballed and so after the voting was completed, he tells Bro. Jubilo in confidence that he removed all the black balls from the ballot box when no one was looking so there was no chance of his friend, Jubila, being rejected.

Obviously, the removal of the black balls is wrongdoing, cheating, and defrauding Beehive Lodge as the brethren had no opportunity to fairly and impartially cast their votes. Bro. Jubilo could tell the Master or someone about it, but it is hardly a matter of murder and, without stretching the definition, is also not treason. Bro. Jubilo would therefore be bound by his obligation to keep and conceal that secret. But knowing about it and not doing anything also makes Bro. Jubilo an accessory which violates his promise not to wrong, cheat or defraud a Lodge. He's never violated his Masonic Obligations before and he doesn't want to start now.

What's a good Mason to do? What would YOU do? Have a little fun with this. And let me know if you come up with anything interesting. This is meant to be an entertaining exercise of the mind, but I hope it gets the moral and ethical juices flowing.

Take care Brethren.

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

And Don't Forget! October 17th marks two important events for Blue Hill Lodge. First, it is Square & Compasses Day and we will be holding our Open House between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. It is our opportunity to elicit new membership to the Craft, particularly with the rapidly growing interest in Freemasonry due to Dan Brown's new novel. Please plan on helping out for an hour or so in order to share this task evenly among our Brothers. And you'll be able to hang out with your fellow Brethren as well.

Secondly, our semi-public installation of Officers will take place later in the day. Please contact me if you plan on partaking of the meal. I guarantee a good time.