

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

Canton, Massachusetts 02021

Lodge Phone (781) 828-0121

Dear Brother:

The 1502nd Regular Communication of Blue Hill Lodge, A.F. & A.M. will be held at the Masonic Apartments, 21 Church Street, Canton, Massachusetts on:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009

6:00 P.M. -- FELLOWSHIP PERIOD

6:30 P.M. -- Dinner prepared by Charlene Pearce

By reservations 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
LAWRENCE HAROLD RICHARDS

BUSINESS MEETING

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

BALLOTING FOR AFFILIATION
ON

**A worthy Brother who is a
Mason in Good Standing**

**LEWIS JEWEL PRESENTATION TO
BRO. DAVID J. PERRY**

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

Rt. Wor. 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

Fraternal Visits and other dates of importance

Thursday, February 12, 2009 – Rising Star Lodge, Stoughton
Thursday, February 23, 2009 – Cosmopolitan Lodge, Stoughton
Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – Azure Lodge, Walpole
Wednesday, March 18, 2009 – Gate of The Temple, Stoughton
All Lodges above Assemble at 7:45 P.M.
Tuesday, March 24, 2009 – J. Philip Berquist Lodge, Foxborough
J. Philip Berquist Lodge, Assemble at 6:15 P.M.

Grand Master's Seminar – Brockton Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009 8:00 A.M.

District 7 Table Lodge Saturday, March 21, 2009 – Stoughton

Grand Master's Fair Charlton – Sunday June 14, 2009

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 9:00 P.M.

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Host: Rising Star Lodge

Speaker: Wor. Glen Cunningham

Subject: Stepping up in the York Rite

Thursday, March 26, 2009

Host: Blue Hill Lodge

Speaker: Bro. David Sheehan, Rev. Jean Lenk
and Grand Chaplain

Subject: Arranging a Masonic Service

ILLNESS & DISTRESS

Please take time to send get well cards to **Rt. Wor. William H. Young**, 57-3 Lacivita Court, Stoughton, **Wor. John E. Hutchins**, P.O. Box 298, East Milton, MA 02186, **Wor. Bernard Weinrebe**, 199 Conant Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324 and **Jennessa Seaman**, (daughter of *Wor. Donald G. Seaman, Jr.*), 30 West Street, Attleboro, MA 02703.



MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

8° Fahrenheit and dropping. Now I know why they call it the “dead” of winter. Brrrrr...

Do you remember the very first few words of the Senior Warden’s 1st Degree Lecture? It goes something like this: “A lodge is a certain number of Masons duly assembled...”. Whenever I come across this line I think of Blue Hill Lodge and how it applies to those of us in attendance each month at our Communications. I reflect upon the obvious fact that a Lodge is not a building (though we often call the buildings in which we assemble as Masons a lodge), but the body of Masons who have the unity and camaraderie of belonging to the same society of friends and brothers who meet together with common purpose.

Our ancient Brethren met under tougher circumstances than those we usually face today, yet they still showed up, had their meetings, enjoyed their shared fellowship, and when it was time to go, would ride a horse, carriage, or walk home afterward. Simply put, it was not nearly as convenient to meet then as it is today. This begs the question: “Why, with over 130 fellow Brothers in our Lodge, why does only a small portion of them, usually the same individuals, attend our meetings.

Accordingly, my first self imposed task is to ask, “What can we do, or are we not doing, that would make an absentee Brother long to come back to Lodge”? Seriously. This is a sincere and fundamental question and I think it needs discussion among ourselves, else we will continually have empty seats on the sidelines at Lodge meetings when they could be filled with good men who would rather not be anywhere else but there at that moment.

I have no doubt that everyone who does not come to Lodge has a good excuse. But let’s not confuse a “good excuse” with a “good reason”. I don’t want to try to bully or “guilt” my good Brothers to show up unless they have a desire to do so. That would not be a solution. But what we do need is to know what we at Blue Hill Lodge can do to make every Brother yearn to come to Lodge. Our Lodge, like any other Masonic Lodge, is supposed to be fun, and rife with fellowship. And I think if one were to ask any of our regular attendees their opinion about it, they would say that this is exactly why they come. But I know we can do more to bring back some of those Brothers who just haven’t had that gentle nudge to come back to see what they have been missing.

So this is my challenge to all my worthy Brothers: Simply bring a Mason to a meeting. Any mason will do, but I am putting particular emphasis on bringing those prodigal Masons from Blue Hill Lodge who faithfully continue their membership, but haven’t seen the inside of the building on Church Street in a period of time counted in years. These are our friends and Brothers. Let’s reintroduce them to the enjoyment and excitement of Masonic Fellowship. It’s time to revitalize ourselves and our Lodge. So bring a Mason to a meeting real soon.

And stay warm.

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



In Memoriam

BRO. RICHARD STORY ALLEN

Born: Beverly, Massachusetts July 23, 1922
Entered: October 12, 1953 – Mt. Lebanon Lodge
Passed: November 9, 1953 – Mt. Lebanon Lodge
Raised: December 14, 1953 – Mt. Lebanon Lodge
Affiliated: April 5, 1988 – Blue Hill Lodge, Canton,
Departed: Milton, Massachusetts, January 9, 2009
50 Year Veterans Medal Holder

“May he rest in peace in the Celestial Lodge above”

Blue Hill Lodge Rehearsal

January 27, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

MASONIC DUES CARD

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 ½ x 3 ½ inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a check or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership in a Masonic Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry, and the sick, and to be fair to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who have sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

And finally it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body friends and brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though they be but few, and will forget my faults, though they be many.

It tells me that and a great deal more, this little card, and makes me proud, yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a society of friends and brothers that are numbered by the millions. – *Knights Templar Magazine*