

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

Canton, Massachusetts 02021

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Dear Brother:

The 1503<sup>rd</sup> 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 3, 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 Fellowcraft Degree

## **FIRST SECTION OF THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE**

Entitled to this honor

**BRO. L. H. R.**

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

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

## **COMPLETION OF THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE**

**M.W. Roger William Pageau**

*Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts*

**R.W. Lester Miller Oshry**

*District Deputy Grand Master of the 7<sup>th</sup> Masonic District*

**Wor. Vincent J. Dymond**

*District Deputy Grand Marshal of the 7<sup>th</sup> Masonic District*

**Wor. Ralph W. Staples**

*District Deputy Grand Secretary of the 7<sup>th</sup> Masonic District*

## The 7<sup>th</sup> 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, March 26, 2009**

**Host: Blue Hill Lodge**

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

**Subject:** Arranging a Masonic Service

**Thursday, April 23, 2009**

**Host: Cosmopolitan Lodge**

**Speaker:** Bro. Howard Hansen

*Lodge Historian and District Ambassador*

**Subject:** *Touching Local Masonic History*



### **THE TROWEL**

**T** is for the tools of the first three degrees

**R** for every rule as each brother agrees.

**O** is for the oath, in making all brothers true

**W** is for the work each one of us must do;

**E** is for the effort to answer every call

**L** stands for love . . . the most important thing of all:

**These letters spell TROWEL, and as every brother knows;**

**It spreads love and friendship, wherever it goes.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Did anyone get an opportunity to tune into the recent historic inauguration of our new President of the United States, Barack Obama? As I was listening to the Oath of Office being delivered (*all be it in fits and starts*), I noticed that the language of the oath was hauntingly familiar. Could it be that the basis of that oath might have been used in a few Masonic rituals? I thought about how many Masons have taken that very oath over the years.

We learn that "Truth is the divine attribute and foundation of every virtue". Every one of the virtues we hold dear as Masons and as civilized people all stem from the most basic tenet. This principle explains, for example, why our forefathers who founded this nation did so. As truth is the foundation of every virtue, this nation of ours was founded on the extension and exercise of the virtue of truth. All of the moral virtues we have been taught in our lives as well as those that have been handed down in our Constitution (*that awesome handiwork based on Masonic values*), are meaningless unless they are built on a foundation of truth. We have lately seen in the collapse of some of our most fundamental institutions the results of what happens when men no longer exercise that one basic and valuable virtue.

First and foremost, though, I think that what is meant by being true is that we be honest with ourselves and by extension with others. Else, what do we use as a barometer to determine when we are actually being virtuous or simply experiencing that "secret evasion of mind . . ." that allows us to disguise what we are doing as virtue? Is it really a virtue, for instance, to help someone if, in fact, we are actually going to personally and primarily benefit from the deed in the end? Is that help we are "offering" nothing more than a stepping stone to the real purpose of our endeavor? Or when we "render unto men their just due", is it truly for reasons of justice, a virtuous motive, or are we simply being vindictive to make us feel better? Only by searching our hearts and consciences can we answer this question honestly for ourselves. And that is why being good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry.

Just think, Spring is right around the corner. I can hardly wait.

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

