

The 448th Stated Communication of Christiana Lodge No. 35, A.F. & A.M., will be held in the New Castle Masonic Temple, 1406 Old Wilmington Rd., on **Tuesday, October 14, 2008**, beginning at **7:30pm**.

Attest: By Order of:

Glenn F. Davis, Sr. PGM *Edward A. Burke, Jr.,*
Secretary PJGD, PP
Worshipful Master

FROM THE EAST:

I would like to thank all who attended our first Stated Communication for the 2008 - 2009 Masonic Year; we all looked good in our football jerseys. A special thanks to Past Master Carl Cox, for filling in as Senior Warden. I would like to congratulate all who had Masonic Birthdays; David B. Craig, Jr., PGM and Treasurer on his 45th - our newly installed Junior Steward Jonathan Paxson on his 1st, and Master Sargeant Ken Knox who is home after serving his fourth tour of duty in Iraq on his 18th. A special Happy Masonic Birthday to all.

As you all may know, October is fire prevention month, so it is only proper that our speaker for this month will be Chief James Watson, who is President of the Eastern Division International Association of Fire Chiefs, Assistant Chief of Wilmington Manor Fire Company, and is also President of the Shield and Square Club of Delaware.

Our Spooktacular Halloween Train Ride this year will be on Saturday, October 25, 2008. The train departs Greenbank Station at 6:00 PM sharp. Ticket prices remain the same as last year at \$15 for adults, \$8 for children (age 4-12). For tickets, call JW Bill Sahm, Jr. at 302-420-4440 or visit www.christiana35.org and clic on the Halloween Train.

On Saturday, October 4, 2008, the NUR Shrine Center will hold the NUR Shrine Family & Blue Lodge Picnic. If you are interested in attending, call the NUR Shrine Office to make your reservation (302-328-6100); there is no charge for this event. Let's see if we can make a good showing from Christiana Lodge No. 35.

Our November meeting will be our Grand Visit from our new Grand Master, MW James E. Willey, Jr., his Grand Staff, and their Ladies; please plan to attend this special meeting. Tickets for the dinner (beginning at 6:30 PM) will be \$20 per person, and can be purchased from any Lodge Officer. Ladies are invited, and special entertainment will be provided.

Remember: "The future depends on what we do in the present."

Fraternally,

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To the family of the Christiana Lodge Brother or Widow whose name appears on the mailing label: In the event that he or she goes into a hospital, a nursing home, or is incapacitated in any way, please notify the Secretary of Christiana Lodge, Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM, at 376-9289, or write to his address shown in this Trestleboard . . . we do care, and we would like to know.

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 203rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, A.F. & A.M. will be held on **Monday, October 6, 2008**, at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Room, in Rehoboth Beach, DE, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. **THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE.** Govern yourself accordingly.

GREAT HALLOWEEN TRAIN RIDE

That's right Brothers, the "Great Halloween Train Ride" is back again this year, and promises to be better than ever. The Wilmington & Western Railroad is open once again, with the train back on its regular full scheduled run to Mt. Cuba. Our "GOULISH" Train Ride will be held on **Saturday, October 25, 2008**, and the GHOSTLY EXPRESS will leave the Greenbank Railroad Station promptly at **6:00 PM**. Please visit our web site at www.christiana35.org, or call SW Bill Sahm at 302-420-4440 to get your tickets. Cost for this "Spooktacular" event will be \$15 for adults, and \$8 for young ghosts aged 4 - 12 (tiny ghosts aged 3 and under are free). Come join us once again for the extended train ride and the fabulous "weenie and marshmallow roast" over the open bon fires back at the train station. There will also be apples, apple cider, and hot chocolate. Prizes will be awarded for costumes in several categories and ages.

ATTENTION GRAND LODGE MEMBERS

There will be a meeting of all Grand Lodge Members of Christiana Lodge No. 35 on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at the New Castle Masonic Temple, beginning at 7:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting will be to determine any nominations that we may have for the elected officers for next year's Grand Lodge, and for the Grand Lodge Award of Honor.

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MILITARY FAMILY UPDATE

Please remember our Brother CS3 Michael J. Kirylik who is now serving active duty with the United States Navy, on the USS Hawes FFG-53, and will be departing for somewhere in Europe in the near future. We also send our thoughts and prayers out to LCpl Andrew Cox (Grandson of Past Master Carl H. Cox) of the United States Marine Corps, who has recently been deployed to Iraq, and to all of our service men and women who serve or have served our

great country; please remember and support them.

If you know of any other Christiana Lodge Masonic Family members who are currently serving in the military, please call our Secretary, PGM Glenn F. Davis, Sr.

OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Robert L. Coburn, Sr.	1972
Charles F Gross, Jr.	1989
Samir S. Kassees	1970
Albert L. Kirchner	1971
Charles N. O'Neal, PM	1964
Antonio W. Pinero	1965
Donald S. Pyne	1998
Edward L. Pratte, Jr.	1985
Gene L. Shelly	1977
Robert B. Stack	1960
Franklin J. Touchton, Jr.	2000

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 30	Master Mason Degree, 7:30 PM
Oct. 5	Grand Master Banquet
Oct. 6	Grand Lodge Annual Communication, 9:00 AM Rehoboth Beach Grand Lodge Banquet
Oct. 7	Officer Practice, 7:00 PM
Oct. 8	St. John's Lodge No. 2, Stated
Oct. 10	Grand Lodge Installation of Officers Cheswold Fire Hall, 7:00 PM
Oct. 14	Stated Communication, 7:30 PM
Oct. 21	Officer Practice, 7:00 PM
Oct. 28	Lodge Grand Lodge Members Nominations Meeting, 7:00 PM Officer Practice, 7:20 PM
Nov. 11	Grand Master's Official Visit Dinner - 6:30 PM Lodge Opens - 7:30 PM

A Special Note Of Interest . . . as you may know, all Masons when they are called from Labor, are entitled to a Masonic Memorial Funeral Service. If it is your desire for your Lodge to perform a Masonic Memorial Funeral Service upon your passing, please make your significant other, your family, or next of kin aware of your wishes, and advise them how to contact the Lodge. Please show them the names and phone numbers on your Trestleboard, and ask them to call the WM or one of the Officers listed. Your lodge will be proud to honor you and your family's request for a Memorial Funeral Service. Thank you Brothers.