

The 450<sup>th</sup> 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, December 9, 2008**, beginning at **7:30pm**.

Attest: By Order of:

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

### FROM THE EAST:

First, I would like to thank our Senior Warden, William J. Sahm, Jr., for an outstanding job chairing our *Spooktacular Halloween Train Ride*. I would also like to thank all of you who showed up to help with all of the work. It was a very nasty day, but it all worked out for the best, and we had a very successful train ride and we all went home a little wet. One thing we have to remember is that this is a Lodge Fund Raiser, and it takes a lot more help both in setting up and tearing down.

On November 28 and 29, we will be doing our bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Most of the times are taken care of, but we still have some openings. If you are interested, you can contact Brother Ted Stipa, Jr., at 302-739-7446 for times that are open.

We will be doing a Fellowcraft Degree on November 25, 2008, so please plan to attend and support your officers in their work. Our officers have been working very hard to be proficient in all their work. We have practice every Tuesday at 7:00 PM and could really use some help, sometimes it is very hard to practice with four or five people.

Christiana's Breakfast With Santa will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008, starting at 9:00 AM at the Lodge. Contacts for this event are William Joyce, PSGS,

Brother Allan Rogers, and Past Master Charles O'Neal, II (their phone numbers are in this Trestleboard). This is an event which calls for a lot of help also, so if you can come out and give us a hand, it would be greatly appreciated. As you know, this is all possible because of the money raised from the train ride.

Mark this date down on your calendar: December 21, 2008 will be our Church Service at the Masonic Home, and the time will be 2:00 PM. A good attendance is always welcome. The residents there like it when we have a good attendance.

Brethren, as we get closer to the Holiday Season, let us remember our service personnel who are serving in the Armed Forces, especially those stationed in Afganistan and Iraq, and around the world to help preserve our freedom here at home.

For our December Stated Communication, we will have a Covered Dish Dinner preceeding the meeting, that will begin at 6:30 PM. Lady Erika and I will supply the meat dish and you bring the rest. Please call WM Burke with you ideas of what you can bring. Also . . . this meeting will be "Business Casual". We will conduct our business quickly, and rejoin our Ladies and families for some Seasonal Sharing.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving ☺

*Remember: A Lodge is full of willing people: some are willing to work, others are willing to let them . . . Let's see if we can have a Lodge of willing people.*

Fraternally,

*Edward A. Burke, Jr., PJGD, PP*

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### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our Annual Breakfast With Santa and the "Green Elf" will be held at the New Castle Masonic Temple on Saturday, December 13, 2008, beginning at 9:00 AM. Brother Allan "JB" Rogers and PM, Bill Joyce, are again planning this year's holiday event. There will be gifts for the children up to age 12, so please call one of our Chairmen or any Lodge Officer if you plan to attend. This event is free, but we truly need to know the number of children and adults attending, along with the ages of the children and whether they are boys or girls . . . we must be able to tell Santa what to bring to the breakfast for his visit.

### MASONIC HOME

Brothers, you will soon be receiving a notice on the Annual Appeal for Highfield, our Masonic Home of Delaware. We urge each of you to consider a donation to our major Masonic Charity. We have 150 members of our lodge, and we only had 31 members who participated in last year's appeal. *This is our Masonic Family at the Home*, so please help us with the annual appeal, and send in your tax deductible donation right away.

### 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, somewhere in Europe

LCpl Andrew Cox (Grandson of Past Master Carl H. Cox) of the United States Marine Corps, who is now serving in Iraq.

Maj. Katherine A. Sahm, of the US Army, (sister of our SW William J. Sahm, Jr., and daughter of Brother William J. Sahm, Sr.) now serving in Iraq, and is a surgeon at a forward position (similar to a M.A.S.H. unit); 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.*

### ATTENTION GRAND LODGE MEMBERS

There will be a meeting of all Grand Lodge Members of Christiana Lodge No. 35 on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at the New Castle Masonic Temple, beginning at 7:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on any nominations for the elected officers for next year's Grand Lodge, and for the Grand Lodge Award of Honor.

***THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE.*** Govern yourself accordingly.

### \*\*DECEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS\*\*

|                         |      |
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| Peter H. Berg, PM       | 1961 |
| Wesley R. Bumpers       | 1967 |
| Walter W. Candy         | 1970 |
| Curtis F. Critzer       | 1982 |
| Alton C. Graham         | 1961 |
| Michael J. Kirylik, Jr. | 2006 |
| William J. Martin       | 1980 |
| George H. Paris         | 1986 |
| Bruce H. Peachey, Jr.   | 1992 |
| James A. Peronti        | 1987 |
| Theodore F. Stipa, Jr.  | 1966 |
| John C. Weaver          | 2007 |

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Nov. 25      | FC Degree, 7:30 PM                                   |
| Nov. 27      | Happy Thanksgiving                                   |
| Nov. 28 & 29 | Bell Ringing, Christiana Mall                        |
| Dec. 2       | Officer Practice, 7:00 PM                            |
| Dec. 9       | Stated Communication, 7:30 PM<br>6:30 PM, Dinner     |
| Dec. 10      | St. John's Stated Communication                      |
| Dec. 13      | Breakfast w/Santa - 9:00 A.M.                        |
| Dec. 16      | MM Degree, 7:30 PM                                   |
| Dec. 21      | Church Service @ Highfield<br>Masonic Home - 2:00 PM |
| Dec. 21      | Happy Hanukkah                                       |
| Dec. 23      | NO PRACTICE  |
| Dec. 25      | Merry Christmas                                      |
| Dec. 30      | NO PRACTICE  |
| Jan. 1       | Happy New Year 2009                                  |
| Jan. 6       | Grand Lodge Members Mtg.<br>7:00 PM                  |
|              | Officer Practice, 7:20 PM                            |
| Jan. 13      | Stated Communication                                 |