

The 451st 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, January 13, 2009**, 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 take this opportunity to thank all who pitched in to help for our December Cover Dish Christmas Dinner, especially my Lady Erika for all of her hard work to make sure everything went off without any problems. There were thirty-eight in attendance and everyone came with a covered dish, which made for a very good dinner . . . nobody went away hungry. After a short business meeting, we rejoined our Ladies for dessert.

I would like to thank all of the officers of Christiana Lodge for their help and hard work in keeping this lodge proficient. As you will soon find out, each month I keep asking for more help and maybe someone will step up and decide to work his way through the chairs to become Master of one of the greatest lodges in the state of Delaware. I have been Master of this lodge for four months now and the time is flying by. Last meeting, a Past Master of this lodge stepped up and volunteered to chair a Ham and Oyster Dinner, and another brother offered to help for a fundraiser for the lodge. Brethren, this is the kind of help we need and we as lodge members have to support him in this endeavor; more information will follow on this event.

Christiana's Church Service at Highfield, our Masonic Home of Delaware, will be held on

Sunday, December 21, 2008, and will begin at 2:00 PM; please plan to attend. Our residents at the Masonic Home really enjoy seeing the officers and members at these services, so please put this date and time on your calendars.

The speaker for our January 13, 2009 Stated Communication will be Brother Jay R. Brackin, PGSB and the "Grand Flasher" (he will have to explain that one at the meeting). Brother Brackin is a retired Delaware State Trooper, and he is also a Ham Radio Operator. He will speak to us on the theme of "Are You Ready". If you want to know what this is all about, you will have to come to our meeting on January 13, 2009 to find out.

As we enter into a wonderful Holiday season, let not forget why we celebrate this upcoming joyous event. My Lady Erika and I hope that everyone has a Happy and Healthy New Year. *Remember: "Our future depends on what we do in the present."*

Fraternally,

Edward A. Burke, Jr., PJGD, PP

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our Annual Breakfast With Santa and the "Green Elf" was held at the New Castle Masonic Temple on Saturday, December 13, 2008, and was a great success. Brother Allan "JB" Rogers and PM, Bill Joyce (our co-Chairmen for this event), and their wonderful crew of "Little Elf Helpers", did a fantastic job, and all are to be commended. There were over 100 people in attendance, and some 39 children enjoyed the breakfast and their special visit with Santa (PGM Glenn F. Davis, Sr.) and the Tall Green Elf (PGM David B. Craig, Jr.). Many thanks to our Chairmen and to the many volunteers who helped to make

this annual event a total success.

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.

2009 DUES NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT

Brothers, the 2009 Lodge Dues Notices have been sent. Please send in your dues as soon as possible, as our dues are a substantial part of our overall operating budget. We thank you for your prompt attention to your dues obligation.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

A huge THANK YOU to all of the Brothers, family members, friends, and Jobs Daughters who helped us with the Bell Ringing for the annual Salvation Army Kettle Drive. Because of your spirit of "volunteerism", we were able to have a successful year. A big thanks to our Chairman, Brother Ted Stipa, Jr. for all of his help in scheduling and coordinating this annual event.

JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Carroll D. Caldwell	1989
John L. Fleming	1981
Earle S. Ford	1992
Clarence H. Joyce	1972
Michael P. Kelman	1999
Richard R. King	1989
Ray H. Krantz, PM	1973
Michael W. Pratola, Jr.	1978
Alton L. Reynolds	1991
Joseph D. Sama, Jr.	1997
Charles R. Sears, Sr., PM	1962
Blair W. Stroup	1984
Joseph C. Woerner, PM	1971

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 21	Church Service @ Highfield 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. 7:00 PM
	Officer Practice, 7:20 PM
Jan. 13	Stated Communication
Jan. 20	Officer Practice, 7:00 PM
Jan. 27	District II Nom. Comm. Mtg.