

The 452nd 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, February 10, 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 our speaker for our January meeting, Brother and Past Master Jay Brackin from Union Lodge No. 5 in Middletown, DE. Brother Brackin spoke to our lodge about "Are You Ready". Although the meeting was not well attended, we all enjoyed his talk and it was a good subject. I think everyone left that night thinking about being ready in the event of a disaster.

We had two committees report that the Breakfast With Santa and the Salvation Army Bell Ringing were both very successful, and we are looking forward to next Christmas when we can participate again.

Past Master Charles W. O'Neal, II has volunteered to chair a Ham & Oyster Dinner with the help of co-chair Brother Ted Stipa. We don't have a date as yet, so think about this because it is going to take a lot of work and help. We will be asking all our members to chip in with all the work that has to be done to make this a success. More information will follow at a later date. This is going to be a major fund raiser this year, as you all know we worked very hard last year in the rain all day for our Halloween Train Ride with little success, that money covers our Breakfast with Santa. Let's make this Ham & Oyster Dinner our best fund raiser

ever, we can do it with everyone's help.

We need to do as many fund raisers that we can do for our Lodge, so we approved to do a **Bakeless Cake Sale**, this is so easy for all of us to do, and there is no work involved. All we have to do is respond to the enclosed flyer. We have kept our dues the same for the past few years and we would like that to remain the same with this fund raiser, so now we could use some extra help.

We have a Master Mason Degree scheduled for February 3, 2009, beginning at 7:30 PM, we need some people in attendance to help support the officers of your lodge. We also read two new petitions at our January meeting, so we will be getting ready to do two Entered Apprentice Degrees in the near future. This is a great opportunity to get out and see how hard your officers have been working to stay proficient in their work. We do need some new blood in the chairs, so if you are thinking about getting in the line, now is the time to step up and be noticed.

It is hard for me to believe that this Masonic Year is flying by; I don't know where the time has gone. We have been very busy with degree work this year and it seems like the time is flying by. I would like to thank all my officers for their hard work, especially Past Master Carl Cox for all of his hard work in keeping us straight in our ritual.

Remember: "The only man who never makes a mistake, is the man who never does anything." - Theodore Roosevelt

Fraternally,

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason Members, Brother Corey Link and Brother Rob Sutton, who received their Master Mason Degree on Tuesday, December 16, 2009. Your officers did a fantastic degree conferral. Haven't seen a Master Mason Degree conferral lately? Come on out and see Your officers at work, as we will be having a few Master Mason Degree conferrals coming up in the near future.

30TH ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD NIGHT

The 30th Annual Brotherhood Night will be held on Friday, March 20, 2009 at the NUR Shrine Center. Social Hour with cash bar will begin at 5:30 PM, with dinner being served at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact the Worshipful Master as soon as possible . . . tickets are limited.

MILITARY FAMILY UPDATE

Please remember those who serve . . .

Brother CS3 Michael J. Kirylik who continues his service 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 continues to serve 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.) continues her service 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.

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.

ALL GRAND LODGE MEMBERS . . .

The 42nd Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, A.F. & A.M., will be held, on Saturday, March 28, 2009, at the Newport Masonic Temple, beginning at 9:00 AM. **THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION**

FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Said Azarbal, M.D.	1977
Christopher E. Jones	1992
Raymond D. Mears, Jr.	1993
Gilbert S. Montague, Jr.	1965
Charles L. McFarland	1970
George J. Paxson, Jr.	1981
Charles N. Pritchard	1992
William J. Sahm, Jr.	2006
Mac Stevens	1977
Larry G. Thompson	1985

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 20	Officer Practice, 7:00 PM
Jan. 27	District II Nom. Comm. Mtg.
Feb. 3	MM Degree, 7:30 PM
Feb. 10	Stated Communication, 7:30 PM
Feb. 11	St. John's Lodge No.2 Stated Communication, 7:30 PM
Feb. 17	EA Degree or Officer Practice
Feb. 24	EA Degree or Officer Practice
Mar. 3	Officer Practice, 7:00 PM
Mar. 10	Stated Communication Lodge Opens @ 5:30 PM Dinner @ 6:30 PM Lodge Reopens @ 7:30 PM
Mar. 11	St. John's Lodge No.2 Stated Communication, 7:30 PM