

The 453rd 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, March 10, 2009**, beginning at **5:30pm**.

Attest: By Order of:

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

FROM THE EAST:

As I sit here getting ready to do this Trestleboard for March, I can't help but think back to our last meeting. It was great to see some of our newly raised candidates sitting on the sidelines with our regulars. It was quite a surprise and very nice to see Brother Mike Kirylik, Jr., home on leave from the US Navy, sitting in lodge with us. Brother Kirylik thanked us for recognizing him and he told everyone present how great it was to be home in the good old USA.

Last month, we held a "Bakeless Bake Sale" which has not had as big a response as we had hoped; so far, we have only received a response from about 10% of our membership. I had really hoped that we would hear from more than 10% of our membership. If you have not responded to our "Bakeless Bake Sale", there is still time to do so.

Our next meeting on March 10, 2009 will be "Shrine Night" at Christiana Lodge. Lodge will open at 5:30 PM to conduct our necessary business, afterwhich, we will break for dinner with our ladies and friends, the Potentate D. Edward Wright and his Lady Agnes, and the Divan and their Ladies, at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be prepared and served by the Job's Daughters of Bethel #8, and will be spaghetti and meatballs with salad, rolls, butter, ice tea, and coffee; all for

only \$6 per person. Christian Lodge will supply the dessert and everyone can pay at the door. **WE DO NEED YOUR RESERVATION BY MARCH 5th**, so please call Worshipful Master Ed Burke at 302-322-1265 or 302-563-1648 or you can email him at eburke617@aol.com . . . **we must have a count by March 5th**. If you do not make reservations, you will not be able to eat. I know as Masons and Shriners that we wait until the last minute to do these things, but this is not fair to the people preparing the meal, so please call by March 5, 2009.

At 7:30 PM we will return to the Lodge Room where Ills. Potentate, D. Edward Wright will have a speaker from the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia for us, and this part of the evening will be open to our Ladies and friends.

On April 4, 2009, we plan to have a Ham & Oyster Dinner, and our Co-Chairmen for this event are PM Charles W. O'Neal, II, and Brother Ted F. Stipa, Jr., plus all the help we can get. We will need help on Friday Night with patting the oysters and setting up tables and chairs. We all have to do our part to make this a success, and we need to get out and sell tickets . . . remember to invite your family and friends. The cost for the dinner will be \$20 per person, and we will have "Dinner Seating Times" at 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:00PM, and 5:00 PM. Each seating can seat 75 people.

Remember: "One man can be a curcial ingredient of a team, but one man cannot make a team." - Kareem Abdul-KJabbar

Fraternally,

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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 \$30 per person and 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.

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 9:30 AM., with registration beginning at 8:30AM. ***THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION***

St. John's Lodge No. Grand Master's Official Visitation

The MW James E. Willey, Jr., and his Grand Staff will make their official visitation to our

sister lodge, St. John's No. 2, on Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Appetizers and social will be at 6:00PM with dinner at 6:30PM (Ham w/ raisin sauce and all the trimmings). Cost is \$16 per person. For tickets, call WM Herb Atkinson, PGM at 302-322-8393.

****MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS****

Robert G. Bell	1994
Kennard E. Brown, III, PM	1996
Aubry J. Cox	1968
Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM	1980
Christos Marasoglou	1969
Charles M. Poplos, III	1990
Ellis M. Schorah	1965
James L. Schorah	1985
Charles E. Smallwood	1986
Theodore F. Stipa, III	2003
Robert M. Sutton	2008
Charles F. Wade	1969
Roy F. Wright	1974
Frank Yasack	1975

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 24	EA Degree, 7:30PM
Mar. 3	EA or FC Degree, 7:30 PM
Mar. 10	Stated Communication Lodge Opens @ 5:30 PM Dinner @ 6:30 PM Lodge Reopens@ 7:30 PM St. John's Lodge No.2 Grand Master Visitation 6:00PM - Appetizers & Social 6:30PM - Dinner 7:30PM - Lodge Reopens
Mar. 11	
Mar. 17	Officer Practice, 7:00PM
Mar. 20	30 th Annual Brotherhood Night NUR Shrine Center
Mar. 24	Officer Practice, 7:00PM
Mar. 28	Grand Lodge of Delaware Semi-Annual Communication Newport Masonic Temple 9:30AM
Mar. 31	Officer Practice, 7:00PM
Apr. 4	Ham & Oyster Dinner New Castle Masonic Temple
Apr. 7	Officer Practice or Degree Work
Apr. 14	Stated Communication, 7:30PM