

The 456<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, June 9, 2009**, 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:**

As I set here writing my last Trestleboard, I have to think back to the beginning of this Masonic year and wonder where the time went. I would like to thank all of the officers for their hard work this year. I have to reflect back to our practices, which we had a hard time doing, because of lack of participation, but I have to say that we had a very busy year.

This past meeting was our Past Master's night, and we had nine (9) Past Masters in attendance, and we had a very good meal served by the Job's Daughters of Bethel No. 8. Our June meeting will be our annual Strawberries and Ice Cream, and I would like the evening to be **"Business Casual Night"**, with everyone being able to be comfortable and enjoy the evening. Our June meeting is also the time when we elect our officers for the 2009 - 2010 Masonic Year . . . come out to our meeting and let your voice be heard.

Our lodge had three fund raisers this year; two were very successful. The first was our Bakeless Bake Sale, which I feel went over very good. There were a few generous donations from some of our members; Joseph DeBoutez, Arthur Sutton, and AJ Cox, these Brothers made donations of \$50 or more. The second fund raiser was our Ham & Oyster Dinner, which was very

successful because of the all the help we had. The third was our Great Halloween Train Ride, which we worked hard all day in the rain and made very little profit. All in all, we worked together to have a fairly successful year; thanks to all who helped and participated.

We had a very busy year with Degree Work; it all started back in September with the Shield and Square Club doing a Master Mason Degree on two candidates. It was steady work after that; we raised nine Brothers this year, with the last one on May 5<sup>th</sup> . . . congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Brother Frederick J. Lynch, II. We still have work to do; one (1) Fellowcraft Degree, and two (2) Entered Apprentice Degrees.

Christian Lodge has a very good Web Site, thanks to our Senior Warden, Brother William J. Sahm, Jr. He has done a lot of work on our web site, and there is a lot of information to be found. Brother Sahm has also completed his proficiency and is eligible for election to the Oriental Chair for next year; congratulations.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be Worshipful Master of Christiana Lodge No. 35, A.F. & A.M. . . . it has been a hard ride with all the work and very few practices. You all know the old saying that "Practice Makes Perfect."; so let's try harder next year. One was we can do this is to have more Brothers attending practices and learning our Degree Work. This will make our practices run more smoothly in the future

*Remember: "Quality is not an act; it is habit" - Aristotle*

Fraternally,

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

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**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 South America and the Caribbean.



To those 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.*

**GRAND LODGE DAY AT HIGHFIELD**

The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Day at Highfield, our Masonic Home, will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009. This is a wonderful day for you and your family. Food, fun, fellowship, and a chance to meet with old friends and make some new friends. The fun starts at 10:00 AM, so mark this date on your calendars.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our newest Master Mason, Brother Frederick J. Lynch, II.

**OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

An Open Installation of Officers will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 beginning at 7:30 PM. The installation is open to the public, and everyone is invited to attend. A Special Communication of Lodge will open at 6:00 PM to dispense of any final business of the Lodge, followed by a dinner beginning at 6:30 PM. The Lodge will be opened to the public at 7:30 PM for the installation ceremony. Please mark this date on your calendars and make plans to attend this ceremony.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Brethren, you are hereby notified that our

Annual Election Of Lodge Officers will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, during our regularly scheduled Stated Communication. This is your Lodge, my Brothers, the annual election of officers is your time take an active part in the future of YOUR LODGE; please plan to attend.

**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.

**JUNE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

Eugene Baltrush, III	1976
Jason E. Bochniak.	2001
Everson R. Bullen, Jr.	1968
Willard Cathcart	1972
Wayne C. Cohee, Jr.	2005
James T. Hailstone	1976
William I. Kramer	1963
Scott M. Lehman	2005
Edwin M. Newth, PJGW	1950
Charles W. O'Neal, II, SW	1998
James W. Palese	1963
Charles M. Poplos, IV	1998
Bruce B. Roark	1964
William T. Rutherford	1969
John W. Walker, Jr.	1981
Jonathan P. Witwer	2006

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 26	FC Degree, 7:00PM
June 2	EA Degree, 7:00PM
June 6	Grand Lodge at Highfield Masonic Home of Delaware
June 9	Stated Communication, 7:30 PM
June 14	Flag Ceremony - Sussex Co. Veterans Cemetary
June 16	APM Degree, 7:00 PM
June 23	EA Degree, 7:00 PM
June 30	Installation of Officers, 7:30PM Lodge Opens, 6:00 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM