

The 458th 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, October 13, 2009**, beginning at **7:30pm**.

Attest: By Order of:

Glenn F. Davis, Sr. PGM Secretary
William J. Sahm, Jr. Worshipful Master

FROM THE EAST:

Brethren, we have started off the masonic year in fantastic fashion. Our September 1st Special Communication for the conferral of the Master Mason Degree was well attended and was an exciting evening. There were 22 brothers including seven visitors from other Symbolic Lodges in DE, PA, and MD. The hospitality was provided by our new "Stewards" Committee chaired by Brother Corey Link, a former professional chef. The refreshments were outstanding and a welcome change from the usual. The Stewards Committee consists of our Junior Steward, Brother Frederick J. Lynch, II, and all newly raised Master Masons, giving the new Master Masons an opportunity to immediately get involved in the lodge and meet other members. Congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Brother Gregory T. Cowchok.

On September 8th we had our first Stated Communication for this year. Another great turn out for our meeting and especially for the dinner that followed. The evening was open to families and friends for a Spaghetti/Lasagna Dinner followed by an informative Fire Prevention Presentation by Brother James Watson (Washington No. 1 and President of the Shield & Square Club), and Dennis Lofton of Station 15 in Delaware City.

Thank you to all of the families that attended and helped out with the hospitality; your efforts never go unnoticed. I plan on having more family oriented Stated Communications in the future, so please keep your eye on the calendar for these special events.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank PJGW Edwin M. Newth for his five years of service as the representative to the New Castle Masonic Hall Company. Right Worshipful Brother Newth was always an advocate for Christiana Lodge during his tenure and was always willing to assist the Hall Company in any area of their need; he even used to cut grass to assist in the maintenance of the facility. Thank you Right Worshipful Brother Newth. Past Junior Grand Deacon, William J. Joyce, Sr. is the new appointee as the representative to the Hall Company. Brother Joyce has long been the individual who has assisted with all of the outside electrical issues including the replacement of the lamp post in the parking lot this past spring. Thank you Brother Joyce for taking over the responsibility. Please come out and check out the improvements made by the Hall Company over the summer. The new Hall Company Board is really striving to make significant improvements at our lodge. They have added some much needed electric to the banquet hall, new carpet around the hall wall, new carpet in the Tiler's Room, as well as the Preparation Room, re-stained many of the wood surfaces throughout, new fluorescent tubes for better energy efficiency, and my favorite; the pass thru from the kitchen to the banquet hall. If you know someone on the Hall Company Board, please tell them "Thank You" for all of their continued efforts to make our lodge facilities truly great.

There are many events in the future that I would ask for your participation. Firstly, Brother Ted Stipa, Jr. is chairing the Salvation Army Bell Ringing once again this year. The dates are November 27, 28, and December

19, from 9:00AM to 9:00PM each day, in two hour shifts. Sign-up sheets will be available at our next Stated Communication, or you can call Brother Stipa.

On September 19th, St. John's Lodge No. 2 has invited all members, family, and friends to the lodge for a Cornerstone Laying Re-Enactment. There will be a picnic following the event. Worshipful Master Harley Spry has extended this invitation to us free of charge. The ceremonies begin at 5:00PM and dress is casual.

On September 22nd, we will be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on one new candidate. Lodge will open at 7:00PM with hospitality following by your Steward's Committee. A Fellowcraft Degree is tentatively scheduled for September 29th, for Entered Apprentices Mark Balch and Michael Grimes. We will also welcome and receive our Most Worshipful Grand Master, James E. Willey, Jr., and his Grand Staff, on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 (more info next month). Please check out the online calendar at our website for all up to the minute changes and additions. WWW.CHRISTIANA35.ORG

Lastly, our October Stated Communication's Speaker will be Lt. Col. James M. Sahm, USAF, also my brother and the son of our Tiler. Lt. Col. Sahm is an 18 year veteran of the USAF, having served our country through Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Dessert Storm, and many others. He is currently stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In closing, it's been a great start. I've seen many new faces at the two meetings thus far, and I look forward to seeing many more in meetings to come. Don't forget we practice on Tuesday nights at 7:00PM. Please come out and get involved in your lodge. I look forward to

seeing you soon.

In harmony,

William J. Sahm, Jr., WM

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OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Robert L. Coburn, Sr.	1972
Charles F Gross, Jr.	1989
Albert L. Kirchner	1971
Charles N. O'Neal, PM	1964
Antonio W. Pinero	1965
Donald S. Pyne	1998
Edward L. Pratte, Jr.	1985
Gene L. Shelly	1977
Robert B. Stack	1960
Franklin J. Touchton, Jr.	2000

ATTENTION GRAND LODGE MEMBERS

There will be a meeting of all Grand Lodge Members of Christiana Lodge No. 35 on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at the New Castle Masonic Temple, beginning at 7:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting will be to determine any nominations that we may have 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 22	EA Degree, 7:00 PM
Sept 29	FC Degree, 7:00 PM
Oct 5	Grand Lodge of Delaware Annual Communication Registration begins - 8:30 AM Atlantic Sands Hotel Grand Lodge Banquet - 6:00 PM
Oct 6	Officer Practice, 7:00 PM
Oct 13	Stated Communication - 7:30 PM
Oct 20	Officer Practice, 7:00 PM
Oct 27	Lodge Grand Lodge Members Nominations Meeting, 7:00 PM Officer Practice, 7:20 PM
Nov 10	Stated Communication Grand Master's Visitation