

The 460<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, December 8, 2009**, beginning at **5:30pm**.

Attest: By Order of:

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

#### FROM THE EAST:

Let me start by saying thank you to all who attended the Grand Master's Visitation on November 10; we had a great turnout for the evening. FIFTY brothers in lodge and seventy two total for the dinner. It was indeed an honor to have M.:W.: James E. Willey, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware and his staff and ladies as our guests for the evening. A special thank you to my wife Sandi for all of her creativity in organizing the dinner and for entertaining the ladies. We had plenty of help setting up as well, from SW Edward A. Burke, Jr., PM and his Lady Erika, Brothers Ted Stipa, Greg Cowchok, and William Sahn, Sr., as well as Grand Tiler Charles N. O'Neal, PM. The meal provided by Executive Chef Henry Miller of Two If By Sea Café' was outstanding. No one left hungry! Thank you to Henry for donating a portion of the proceeds from the dinner back to the lodge and for providing all of the Jams, Jellies, and Spices to be used as a fund raiser for our Masonic Home - Highfield. We will continue to sell these items throughout the year.

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Brother Michael Grimes, who was raised on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and to Brother Gregory Cowchok for proving proficient and receiving his permanent membership card on November 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a great deal of degree work coming up in the next few months, and we could use some help from

some of the brothers who haven't made it out to lodge in awhile. Please come out and support the officers and meet some new people. There's nothing worse than a new candidate opening his eyes and seeing an empty lodge room. We always have refreshments after each degree and lately they have been terrific as supplied by our Steward's Committee. Congratulations to our newest member, Bro Vincent L. Giovannozzi who received his Entered Apprentice Degree on November 17th.

Our December Stated Communication will be our Family Christmas Gathering. Dress code for the evening will be Business Casual; Coat and Tie for Officers. We will be having a "Pot Luck" dinner with our families beginning at **6:30PM** following our meeting. Please call me and tell me what type of dish you will be bringing.

Please check our ONLINE calendar for all upcoming events at Christiana Lodge, as well as other Masonic events through out the state. During this Holiday Season, please keep our military in your thoughts and prayers. Many of them will be spending Christmas away from home, family, and friends. Remember the sacrifices that they have made for our freedom. I've placed some military Christmas poems on our website. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

In harmony,

*William J. Sahn, Jr., WM*

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#### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our Annual Breakfast With Santa and the "Green Elf" will be held at the New Castle Masonic Temple on Saturday, December 12, 2009, beginning at 9:00 AM. Brother Allan "JB" Rogers and PM, Bill Joyce, are again

planning this year's holiday event. There will be gifts for the children up to age 12, so please call one of our Chairmen or any Lodge Officer if you plan to attend. This event is free, but we truly need to know the number of children and adults attending, along with the ages of the children and whether they are boys or girls . . . we must be able to tell Santa what to bring to the breakfast for his visit.

#### MASONIC HOME

Brothers, Christiana Lodge will be presenting the Church Service for Highfield, our Masonic Home of Delaware on Sunday December 20, beginning at 2:00 PM. Please come out and support your lodge and take a moment to visit with some of our residents at our Masonic Home.

#### 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.



*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 5, 2010 at the New Castle Masonic Temple, beginning at 6:15 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.

**THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE.** Govern yourself accordingly.

#### \*\*DECEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS\*\*

Peter H. Berg, PM	1961
Wesley R. Bumpers	1967
Walter W. Candy	1970
David E. Coffman	1990
Curtis F. Critzer	1982
Alton C. Graham	1961
Michael J. Kirylik, Jr.	2006
Corey A. Link	2005
William J. Martin	1980
John C. Massey	2007
George H. Paris	1986
James A. Peronti	1987
Theodore F. Stipa, Jr.	1966
John C. Weaver	2007

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 24	FC Degree, 7:00 PM
Nov. 26	Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 27 & 28	Bell Ringing, Christiana Mall
Dec. 1	Officer Practice, 7:00 PM
Dec. 8	Stated Communication, 5:30 PM 6:30 PM, Dinner
Dec. 9	St. John's Stated Communication
Dec. 11	Happy Hanukkah
Dec. 12	Breakfast w/Santa - 9:00 A.M.
Dec. 15	Officer Practice, 7:00 PM
Dec. 20	Church Service @ Highfield Masonic Home - 2:00 PM
Dec. 22	EA Degree, 7:00 PM
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas
Dec. 29	NO PRACTICE
Jan. 1	Happy New Year 2009
Jan. 5	Grand Lodge Members Mtg. 6:15 PM MM Degree, 7:00 PM
Jan. 12	Stated Communication, 5:30 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM Special Program, 7:30 PM Open To Public....
Jan. 19	MM Degree, 7:00 PM***
Jan. 26	FC Degree, 7:00 PM***

#### HAPPY HANUKKAH

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE  
NEW YEAR 2010**