

The 462nd 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 9, 2010**, beginning at **7:30pm**.

Attest: By Order of:

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

#### FROM THE EAST:

Brethren, it has been a great start to 2010 thus far and Christiana Lodge has been very busy! On January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Delaware DeMolay Legion of Honor conferred the Master Mason Degree for Brother's Mark Balch and Antonio Turin, Jr. Congratulations Brothers. The degree was conferred by MW Past Grand Master Herbert P. Fulmer, Grand Secretary, assisted by six additional Past Grand Masters and several other Legion of Honor Brothers. An evening that was special from the start. If you missed this evening, I am trying to put together one more special Master Mason Degree in the spring that I hope can be conferred by ALL Past Grand Masters (more on this at a later date). At our January Stated Communication, we had an informal dinner in the Banquet Hall provided by our Steward's Committee, followed by a visit from Brother Benjamin Franklin. Brother Franklin spent thirty minutes telling us about his life growing up, his travels abroad, and his accomplishments as a Mason, inventor, and humanitarian. The presentation was well received and another fun filled family night was enjoyed by all in attendance. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, Brother Frederick J. Lynch, I was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason . . . Congratulations Brother Lynch. That's three more members for the Steward's Committee already this year.

Please come out and join us on February

2<sup>nd</sup>, for an Entered Apprentice Degree Conferral and then three (3) Fellowcraft Degree Conferrals the very next night on February 3<sup>rd</sup> (special Wednesday night). On February 9<sup>th</sup>, we have our next Stated Communication and once again, I am inviting the ladies out to our lodge. We will have another \$6 per person meal at 6:30 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:30 PM. My wife Sandi will have a Valentine's project for the ladies to do during our meeting. At 8:30 PM, we will invite the ladies to join us in the Blue Lodge Room while we welcome our speaker for the evening, Brother David Price of Solomon Lodge No. 36 in Newark. Brother Price will be presenting a talk on Masonry in the Civil War, with an emphasis on Fort Delaware. I look forward to seeing more brethren out at the next meeting. If you are planning to attend, please give me a call or send me an email [bill.sahn@christiana.org](mailto:bill.sahn@christiana.org).

We still practice on Tuesdays when we are not conferring degrees, so please come out and support your officers. There are a few new additions to the website as well. You can now sign up for tickets for our Annual Ham & Oyster Feast to be held on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> or if you are a big planner, you can even sign up for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive Bell Ringing at the Christiana Mall for this coming November and December 2010.

Please come out and help make Christiana Lodge No. 35, THE PLACE TO BE! I look forward to seeing you at our next event. .

In harmony,

*William J. Sahn, Jr., WM*

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#### MASONIC HOME

My Brothers . . . our Grand Master, Most Worshipful James E. Willey, Jr. has sent out a

letter to announce this year's Annual Appeal for Highfield, our Masonic Home of Delaware. This is a very important appeal, and we urge all of our Brothers to take part. Our residents, our Brothers and Sisters, truly need our support, and only you can make that happen. Our Masonic home is our only Masonic Charity, and only the Brothers of Delaware can make the appeal a success for the residents at Highfield . . . please make special consideration and send in your tax deductible contribution today. Christiana Lodge No. 35 was awarded the Virginius V. Harrison Award for the highest percentage participation of an individual lodge, on two occasions (we received the first ever award and repeated the second year). Let's pull together as a lodge and help our residents at our Masonic Home, and maybe capture the Virginius V. Harrison Award again this year.

#### SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Another huge THANK YOU to all of the Brothers, family members, friends, and others who helped us with the Bell Ringing for the annual Salvation Army Kettle Drive. Because of your spirit of "volunteerism", we were able to have another successful year. A big thanks to our Chairman, Brother Ted Stipa, Jr. for all of his help in scheduling and coordinating this annual event.

#### 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.*

#### 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD NIGHT

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Brotherhood Night will be held on Friday, March 19, 2010 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.

#### ATTENTION GRAND LODGE MEMBERS

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, A.F. & A.M., will be held, on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Newport Masonic Temple, beginning at 9:00 AM. ***THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION***

#### 2010 DUES NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT

Brothers, the 2010 Lodge Dues Notices have been sent. Please send in your dues as soon as possible, as our dues are a substantial part of our overall operating budget. We thank you for your prompt attention to your dues obligation. In an effort to save the lodge some money and to reward those Brothers who continue to send in their dues promptly, dues cards were sent with the bill this year. Please continue to send in your dues promptly.

#### \*\*FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS\*\*

Said Azarbal, M.D.	1977
Gregory T. Cowchok	2009
Christopher E. Jones	1992
Frederick J. Lynch, II	2009
Raymond D. Mears, Jr.	1993
Gilbert S. Montague, Jr.	1965
Charles L. McFarland	1970
George J. Paxson, Jr.	1981
William J. Sahn, Jr.	2006
Mac Stevens	1977
Larry G. Thompson	1985

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 26	District II Nom. Comm. 7:00 PM OFFICER PRACTICE, 7:45 PM
Feb. 2	EA Degree, <b>7:30 PM</b>
Feb. 3	FC Degree, <b>7:30 PM</b>
Feb. 9	Stated Communication
Feb. 16	NO PRACTICE
Feb. 23	Officer Practice, 7:00 PM
Mar. 2	Officer Practice, 7:00 PM
Mar. 9	Stated Communication, 7:30 PM