



TRESTLEBOARD

MOUNT MORIAH TWO BRIDGES NAHE
LODGE NO 823 A.F. & A.M.

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE AMERICAN CANADIAN GRAND LODGE (ACGL)
WITHIN THE UNITED GRAND LODGES OF GERMANY (VGLvD)

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Lodge annual dues
are \$ 60,00 for stateside
members and € 50,00 for all
others

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Grand Masters visited the President of the Ferederal Republic of Germany

On 15 december 2008 a delegation of the United Grand Lodges of Germany (VGL) consisting of the Grand Master of the VGL and all Grand Masters of the 5 Grand Lodges in Germany had the opportunity to visit the German Bundespräsident, Horst Köhler in Berlin. At the moment I do not have any detailed infos on the visit but I will submit them in the next Trestleboard. Below you see Bundespräsident Host Köhler (left) welcoming the Grand Master of the

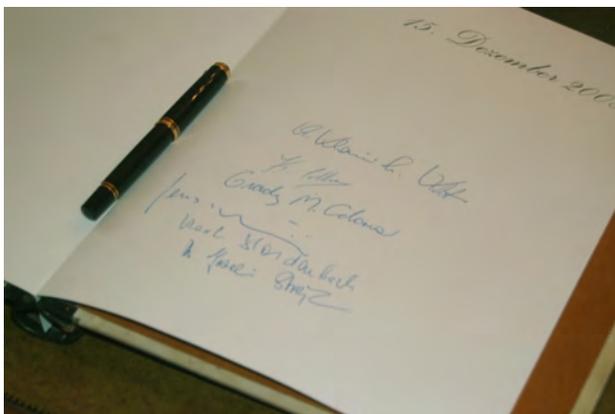
ACGL RWBRO Grady Adams. RWBRO Grady is a member of our Lodge.



RWBRO Grady Adams welcomed by Bundespräsident Horst Köhler.



RWBRO Grady signing the visitors book



The signatures of all the Grandmasters

From the East

Greetings Brethren and Family,
I hope that you are all keeping well, but if not I wish you a speedy recovery and the best of health in the future.
Time these days fly's by for me as I know it does for many of us.
As you will have read in our last Trestleboard, our Annual Elections went well, I have agreed once again to take the WM's hot seat but I am happy to say we still have a line of fine officers who I know will do their best to serve you and our Lodge well, I see by all the paper work etc. that our Secretary Bro. Darrell Huddleston is doing a fine job and for that I thank him and you for giving him your support as you did for me during my term (19 Years) as your Secretary.

In all 7 of our members, that is including our Grand Master RWBRO. Grady Adams who is also a member of our Lodge attended the ACGL Semi-Annual Communication on Saturday the 15 Nov. 2008. This was for only one day but a lot was accomplished and it was enjoyed by one and all.

We are now looking forward to and planning for the new Year as I am sure you are also doing with your family and friends, and on this note and thoughts of Christmas I will close wishing you and yours a Happy, Healthy New Year 2009. Let us all not forget all of those not so fortunate as ourselves and/or who must be away from home and their loved ones during this time, and let us offer a small prayer for them all.

God Bless.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Ron Maskell
Master



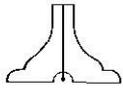
From The West

Holiday Greetings to all Brethren and their families.

I wish all Brethren and their families a happy and healthy New Year.

May God bless you and hold you close in the New Year and always.

Fraternally and sincerely,



*Manfred Weis
Senior Warden*

From the South

Dear Brethren,

Another year has passed by very quickly and soon we welcome the new year 2009.

Just before Christmas we again celebrated our joint Christmas Party together with our sister Lodge "Zur Treue am Berge Horeb No. 701." It was an enjoyable evening for all the Brethren and their families. As usual both Masters spoke welcoming remarks followed by Christmas songs, poems and Christmas stories wonderfully rendered by Patricia Huddleston and Sarah. Sarah is a 12 year old girl of a refugee family residing in Pirmasens and living close to WBRO Karl Gafiuk's house. Since Sarah was a little girl, WBRO Karl and his wife took care of the girl and helped, aided and assisted her whenever possible. She was always with Karl and his wife at all our Lodges social functions in the last few years. During our last Lodge meeting Karl reported that the girl is suffering from asthma and that she requires a one time anti-asthma injection at the cost of 200 euros. The medication was so new, that the german health insurance would not pay for it. So the Lodge donated the 200 euros for that worthy case.

The highlight and always the official end of our Christmas party was our famous tombola. Again, Brethren donated

beautiful and valueable tombola prizes. At the end of the ticket sale we had a sum of nearly 600 euros which both Lodges will of course use for charity purposes.

Brethren I wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year
Fraternally



*Peter Schell
Junior Warden*

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Off limits for Freemasons?

Refusal and discrimination – Even today's Masons face it.

Bro. P., a sitting Master of a Lodge here in Germany is very well known in his hometown to be a Mason. His Lodge often invites the public to special events and is well known as a charitable organization. Br. P. reports that his child was at a catholic school operated by nuns. He further reports that he was called to school where he was advised to take his child away from that school. The school's principal justified the action due to the child's poor performance and behaviour. But the child's previous performance and behaviour appraisals were always excellent. So there must have been another reason. Bro. P. researched further and found that children of publicly acting Freemasons are not wanted in that school.

That statement was rejected later and it was further stated that the child was never officially expelled from the school. Bro. P. filed an official complaint at the diocese and the proper authorities. To date he received no reply. To avoid any further conflicts and harm to the child Bro. P had his child transferred to another school.

From the Secretary

Greetings Brethren, one and all, I hope this finds you and your family happy, healthy and ready for another grand Holiday Season.

A special thanks to WBro Jeff Beringer, Bro Ernest Corcoran, Bro Cecil Hunnicut and Bro Tim Kennedy, for the timely update of their addresses. Please keep the cards and letters coming, I do read these in lodge and they are greatly appreciated by us all. It would be nice if Brothers with Email would take time to update their email addresses by writing me at secy823fm@t-online.de. Thanks in advance for this favor.

Our Lodge is going strong into this New Masonic Year. We have two petitioners on the books. Plans are to initiate Mr. Wilberto Castro Diaz on 17 November and Mr. Tyler Blakeslee shortly thereafter. Mr. Blakeslee is being investigated as I write these notes and I feel certain that he will be among our ranks soon. EA Brother Tim Hill has moved on to bigger and better things with his normal Vocation and is now residing in Elgin, Ok. He has requested assistance in his desire to finish his Degree work and will be instructed and examined by the capable members of Pilot Lodge No. 367, Elgin, Oklahoma.

I would be remiss if I did not again address the subject of Annual Dues. I request that those, very few, good brothers who have still not paid their 2008 Dues to please do so, but, If you are have a problem meeting this

obligation then please let us know, we do not want to suspend members for NPD, but we must if dues are not paid prior to 31 December 2008.

Thanking you in advance for your time in these items mentioned and with kindest personal regards and best wishes to you all, I remain

Fraternally and sincerely



Darrell Huddelston
Secretary

A very warm welcome to our new EA`s, Bro. Tyler Blakeslee and Bro. Wilberto Castro Diaz.

Masonic humor

Q: How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Three. One to screw it in, one to read the minutes of the previous light bulb replacement, and one to sit on the sidelines and complain that this wasn't the way they USED to screw in light bulbs.



Photo was taken after the EA degree and shows EA Bro. Tyler Blakeslee and the degree team. Unfortunately we have no photo from the EA degree of Bro. Wilberto Castro Diaz.

Brethren, if you have access to the world wide web, visit our web-page at www.823fm.com

If you do so, go to the guest book option and let us know your opinions and comments.

Found on a cup in a Lodge in Ireland:

***"OLD MASONS NEVER DIE,
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO JOIN TO
FIND OUT WHY"***



**THE WORSHIPFUL
MASTER,
OFFICERS AND
BRETHREN WISH
YOU AND YOURS A
HAPPY, HEALTHY,
PROSPEROUS
AND PEACEFUL
NEW YEAR 2009**

**MAY THE GREAT
ARCHITECT OF
THE UNIVERSE
GUIDE YOU ON
ALL YOUR WAYS
AND ACTIONS.**