



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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Monday at 19.30 hrs at our Lodge Hall in
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**Lodge annual dues
are \$ 60,00 for stateside
members and € 50,00 for all
others**

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From the East

Greetings Brethren, I hope that you and family have all had a good summer and have tanked up enough energy for the winter. We have had hot hot days and cold cold days. My year as Master is now coming to an end, and I must report it has not been a great year, like most Lodges we also are having problems with members returning to the States or to other lands, also time is catching up with us and many of our members are getting on in age and more often we now lose some to that Lodge above.

We here are pushing along keeping things going and keeping that light burning but it is not easy.

This is rather short I know but I will try harder next issue, OK ?? ha ha

God Bless,
Fraternally,

Ron Maskell
Master 823

From the West

Greetings to all Brethren and their Families.

I hope that this note will find you and yours doing well.

I wish you and your Families the very best.

May the blessing of heaven rest upon you and yours.

Fraternally and Sincerely

Manfred Weis
Senior Warden

From the South

Fraternal greetings Brethren, Changes! Changes are sometimes necessary to force things to continue on. We just recently experienced some changes in our own Lodge.

Our good VWBRO Tom Shaver has demitted his membership with our beloved Lodge. So has BRO Darrell Huddleston. Two excellent Brothers and two pillars of strength. For both it was not an easy decision. I am sure both had very good personal reasons. We had long discussions in Lodge but there is nothing we can do, we have to face it. So the number of active, local members is less.

During our annual elections of Lodge officers we experienced that

the hard way. We barely have enough Brethren to fill all our positions. But one of the most important positions in a Lodge, the Lodge Secretary was the hardest to fill. Since we could not find a candidate to fill the secretaries position, we held re-elections to try it again. During the re-election I was nominated for the position of secretary. After a long discussion I announced that I am willing to take the position to let the light still shine on the altar of Mount Moriah. WBRO Thomas Lenhard announced that he is willing to help and assist me.

I do not need to explain to you my Brethren what it means to be the secretary of a Lodge with more than 150 members, most of them overseas. My two predecessors were retirees. I am not. I am still working. However I will do my very best to continue on. So bare with me my Brethren. It may take longer for me to answer your letters and to send you your dues card. I may not update the website as frequently and nice as Bro. Darrell did it. But I do what I can. I myself had a slight heart-attack back in January this year and I am still recuperating and try to slow down and just do things more slowly.

This is why it took so long to complete this Trestleboard edition. I wish you and your all the best
God bless
Fraternally

Peter Schell
Junior Warden and
Secretary elect

From your Secretary

Fraternal Greetings Brethren,
We send warm regards and best wishes to you all. I am glad to report that things are going well for Mt. Moriah Two Bridges Nahe Lodge, No. 823. A very experienced Group of Brothers assisted in raising Brother Wilberto Castro Diaz to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 8 June 2009. Congratulations Brother Wilberto, and Welcome to our Lodge and the Greatest Fraternity in existence, Freemasonry. It is indeed great to have degree work to do and we are looking forward to assisting EA Brother Tyler Blakeslee with his next two degrees. We will keep you posted on his progress. Brother Lloyd N. Rickard applied for and received reinstatement during our Meeting on 15 June 2009. Glad that you are back Brother Rickard and I hope to hear from you often in the future.

This sad news concerning the loss of Lodge Brothers I bring to you with a heavy heart. VWBro Jesse Santana, PM, WBro James Delaney, PM, and Brother Jerry Sullivan have been called by the Judge Supreme to that celestial Lodge, to sit with Brothers who have gone that way before them, in that Lodge not made by hands.

Thanks to everyone who has been prompt in satisfying your monetary obligation to the lodge. Prompt payment of your dues helps tremendously in keeping our finances in order.

Have received many cards, notes and letters, that I read in Lodge, and they are greatly appreciated – please keep them coming. We always enjoy news

from our Stateside Brothers. Please start routing your mail through this address:

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My address will not be available to use for Lodge business after 1 September 2009. Due to my health, changes that have taken place and important issues that must be taken care of by me personally, I will not be able to hold an office in the Lodge this coming year.

Thanks again for being and staying a part of Lodge # 823.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Darrell Huddleston
Secretary

News from (Monk) Bro. Tobias

WBRO Thomas Lenhard again went to Würzburg and visited our well known (Monk) Brother Tobias there. Remember Bro. Tobias works on the streets in Würzburg/Germany to help and assist the homeless and people in need. Bro. Tobias took WBro. Thomas Lenhard on an "alternative city tour". No sightseeing but visiting poor and needy people in the hospital and in the cities "warm-up" center for homeless. WBro Thomas Lenhard was very impressed and deeply touched.

He was even more impressed when he saw the new first aid station (a former old shed in the

monestarie`s garden). Bro. Tobias also uses the room as an office and a room just to talk and advice the homeless and needy. There is also a complete kitchen appliance and a shower and bathroom in the little building.

Bro. Tobias thanked WBRO Thomas Lenhard for all the monetary support from both Lodges. Below some pictures from the new first aid station.



WBRO Karl Gafiuk **again supports local** **children**

Once again WBRO Kark Gafiuk supported local children by helping them to obtain the german sports badge. Seven girls and five boys between seven and twelve years old trained on tuesday afternoons for several weeks to qualify for the german sports badge. The kids were trained and supported by four local volunteers, one of them our WBRO Karl.

At he end all the kids passed the tests and were awarded not only with the badge but also with a nice t-shirt sponsored by a local fitness-center.

