



# 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)

Postfach 1947 66927 Pirmasens Germany

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## From the East

Stated meetings every first and third Monday at 19.30 hrs at our Lodge Hall in Pirmasens, Beckenhofenstrasse 36.

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Dear Brethren,

Another year has passed and it seems like yesterday when we celebrated the New Year 2010.

Back in September the resident Brethren elected me again as your Master for the year 2010/2011. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve you in such capacity. You can be assured that I will do my very best to fill the position. I am living in Metz/France and when I drove to the Lodge the other night I thought that masonry indeed is something special since I am always spending almost two hours on the road just to drive to my Lodge. The reward I am getting there is always worth the drive. Unfortunately we did not have any initiation for the last year. But we are looking forward to one. We had planned the initiation of Mr. Daley the other week but due to snow and ice on the road we could not meet. But it is just postponed. We will initiate him in January. As you can see we are still alive and active.

My Brethren my wife and I wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2011. God bless you and yours

Fraternally

*Joseph Tworek  
Master*

P:S. Don't forget to visit our web-page at [www.823fm.com](http://www.823fm.com)

## From the West

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

**Make all checks payable to:  
"Mt. Moriah Two Bridges Nahe"**

Greetings to all our Brothers one and all, I hope this note finds you and your families doing well.

I wish you and yours the very best for the holiday and winter season.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon  
you and yours.  
Fraternally and Sincerely

*Manfred Weis*  
*Senior Warden*

## From the South

... some good news. Just recently, we received some petitions for initiation and affiliation. We like to welcome WBro. Klaus Presser who affiliated from Vi Veritatis #1737 a German Lodge in Heidelberg, because he moved to the Pirmasens area. Another brother is going to apply for affiliation within the next few weeks. We also received a petition for initiation and are looking forward to a first degree in early December.

As you can see, our schedule will be very busy. Hopefully our Lodge will continue to grow and prosper. For the upcoming holiday season I wish you and yours all the best.  
God bless you all  
Fraternally Your brother

*Thomas H. Lenhard*  
*Junior Warden*

## A tribute to Ray Charles

Our Lodge organized a Charity-Soul-Jazz-event on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2010 at the old railway station in Rodalben, which was modified into a nice bistro some time ago. The lodge was very lucky to hire Brian Anderson for this great event, a singer and entertainer, born in Michigan/USA, who lives in Germany for many years. It was organized to show the community that Mount Moriah Two Bridges Nahe Lodge #823 is still alive and very active and to attract masonry for potential new candidates.

This concert was announced in six different newspapers and by a local radio station. Fortunately we had the finest weather for this year on this Sunday – thanks to the G.A.o.t.U. - and with more than hundred visitors the terrace of the bistro was nearly overcrowded.

After the artist started playing songs of Ray Charles, the audience was enthusiastic and obviously exited in the most positive manner.

Many visitors asked us when we will organize the next Jazz-event. The local newspapers wrote about this famous event as being one of the best concerts in the area for the last years. One Critic stated that closing his eyes he thought hearing the real Ray Charles.

The entrance was free of charge but we asked for donations for the McDonald-Foundation (you know from the articles in our last trestleboard). We collected nearly 500 Euros (approx. 600 USD) which were presented to the representatives of the Homburg McDonald's House on the spot.

All in all the event was very successful for our lodge and a cultural highlight in the area.

We will continue ...



From left: Ron Maskell, Thomas Lenhard, Andreas Grunhofer, Brian Anderson, Jim Bellieu, Joseph Tworek and Manfred Weis



Good entertainment!



Brian Anderson in action



The ladies from the Ronald McDonald house

## Your Lodge Officers for 2010/2011

WBRO Joseph Tworek - Master

WBRO Manfred Weis - Senior Warden

WBRO Thomas Lenhard - Junior  
Warden

BRO Darrell Huddleston - Secretary

VWBRO Peter Schell - Treasurer

VWBRO Ron Maskell - Chaplain

VWBRO Wolfgang Koch - Senior  
Deacon

WBRO Karl Gafiuk - Junior Deacon

WBRO Klaus Presser – Musician

WBRO Julius Prieto - Tiler

## **Farewell to WBRO Jim Bellieu (PM)**

After living more than 10 years in Germany our good WBRO Jim Bellieu and his wife Jane retired back to the states to live in the beautiful state of Virginia close to their family. Originally Jim and Jane had planned to fly to the states in summer for a short vacation and to organize everything for the big move. They further planned that Jim would come back to Germany to organize whatever has to be organized at this end and then fly out while Jane would stay in the states and start to work at her new job. During their visit in the states Jim suffered a tick bite which caused almost all the diseases you can imagine with the result that Jim had to stay in Virginia while Jane came back and organized the move. Jim is now on his way to recuperate and is slowly getting better.

Both live now in Evington, VA and we would like to take the opportunity to wish them well and to let them know that we surely miss them.

# From your Secretary

CMR 434 Box 166  
APO AE 09138-0166

Dear Brethren,

Although it is a little early, the Holidays are just around the corner and I would like to be the first to wish you and your loved ones Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year 2011.

It is indeed a pleasure to, once again, be selected to perform the duties of Secretary for Mt. Moriah Two Bridges Nahe Lodge, No. 823, during the coming Masonic year - 2010 / 2011.

I began officially on 1 November and I look forward to corresponding with all Brethren and hope that you will keep in contact with us as often as possible, to keep us aware of changes in your life, and remember, we never know if you have a problem if you do not tell us about it, so write. If you have email, I ask that you send a current email address my way so I can purify my records. Feel free to mail me at [huddleston@t-online.de](mailto:huddleston@t-online.de) with the update and let me know how things are with you and your Family.

We will pick up Membership cards for 2011 at the ACGL Semi-Annual Communication in Schweinfurt on 20 November and I will then be ready to send your new Card to you. (If by chance you may have been embarrassed and have not been able to send for you 2010 Card, now is a good time to do that and while you are at it include the remittance for 2011 in the same check). If you are unable to meet those obligations at this time write us so we can give assistance and possibly ease the situation or predicament you may be caught in.

It will ease my workload, considerably, if you will please write to my personal post office box:

**Darrell Huddleston**

I check this Box weekly and most letters only take 7 days to reach us from CONUS. We only experience delays in mail time during the Holidays – so timing is very important. Thanks in advance for your response to this and please tell me if the additional envelope was helpful.

In closing I would like to thank you for your continued support of the 'best little Lodge' in Europe and Masonry in General. We do make a difference in the world, so please continue to lead the way as role models for all to emulate. Warm regards to all and may the Great Architect of Universe be with you and keep you safe no matter where you may be in the world.

Fraternally and Sincerely,



Darrell Huddle  
Secretary



# Masonic Compact

*Because I am a  
Freemason. . .*

. . . I believe that *freedom of religion* is an inalienable human right and *tolerance* an indispensable trait of human character; therefore, I will stand in my Lodge with Brothers of all faiths, and respect their beliefs as they respect mine,

and I will demonstrate the spirit of Brotherhood in all aspects of my life.

... I know that **education** and the rational use of the mind are the keys to facing the problems of humanity; therefore, I will bring my questions and my ideas to my Lodge, and strive to advance the growth of my mind alongside by Brothers.

... I know that the rich **tradition of Freemasonry** and its framework of **Ritual** are important platforms for growth and learning; therefore, I vow to stand upon these platforms to improve myself as a human being, and I bow to help in the mission of the Craft to provide tools, atmosphere, challenges and motivation to help each Brother do the same.

... I know that **charity** is the distinguishing human virtue, and that **personal community service** is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity; I acknowledge that words without deeds are meaningless, and I vow to work with my Lodge to provide service to the community, and to promote ;charity, friendship, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and love.

... I know that my obligation to community extends beyond by local sphere and is partly fulfilled in my **patriotism** love of my country, obedience to its laws and celebration of the freedoms and opportunities it symbolizes.

... I know that **leadership** is best demonstrated by **commitment to serving others**; I will therefore participate in, and help work at improving individual leadership skills, and serve Brothers of my Lodge to the best of my ability.

... I know that **friendship, fidelity and family** are the foundations of a well-lived life; I therefore vow to be a faithful friend to my Brothers, as I expect my Lodge to respect my personal obligations, and to treat my family as though my family were their own.

... I know that the last great lesson of Freemasonry – **the value of personal integrity and the sanctity of one's word** – is a lesson for all people in all times; I therefore vow to be a man of my word.

... I know that **Masonry's power is best exercised when its Light is shared** with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the world as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect temple.

**Because I am a Freemason,**

these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through lif

## In Memoriam

WBRO Robert C. Simpson  
Past Master

WBro Bob passed away in silence at a nursing home in Dayton, Ohio after suffering Alzheimers deseas for many years.

May he rest in peace

Lodge donated food to needy children

Once again WBRO Karl Gafiuk organized a food donation to needy

children of the learn and playgroup downtown Pirmasens. Below you see pictures speaking for themselves after the delicious turkey donated by Brethren of our Lodge was cooked and served to the kids.

This is just of of the projects that WBRO Karl (who just turned 80 a few weeks ago) supports to help children in need.

Mr. David Emory  
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10-14-10  
Rec'd 3/10/10

Dear Br. Schall,

I'm Sorry ABOUT my dues being LATE.

my self and wife are both in poor health now. And it takes all we have for living + medical expenses.

As a long time member of the lodge and I do wish to keep my membership + good standing, is there any way my dues could be waived.

Although it's a small amount, it is a large amount when every dollar counts.

Respectfully  
Bro. David Emory



18 October 2010

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Dear Brethren,

I hope you all are in good spirit when you are reading the letter. I am sending you my 2011 dues (\$60.00). I have visited Warwick Masonic Lodge No. 336 (A.F. & A.M.) I enjoyed the visit and I passed yours fraternal greetings to the Lodge Master. My new mailing address is the following.

1159 Pershing Avenue  
Fort Eustis  
Virginia, 23604

Cell phone: 757-604-3917  
E-mail: ssgoku78@gmail.com

Looking forward to receive my dues card from the best lodge within the 1<sup>st</sup> Masonic District. I enjoyed every second and I will always be proud to say: I belong to Mount Moriah Two Bridges Nahe 823.

Fraternally,

Joseph Gadaa - PM  
Past 1<sup>st</sup> DDGM

Rec'd 28 OCT 10  
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10/25/10

Greetings Brethren,

I hope all is well,

I was recently reinstated on 11/2/09. My dues were paid for 2009. I have enclosed dues payment of \$120.00 for 2010/11. Is it possible to submit extra payment or donation to Lodge 823 to allot for my past years of suspension? I would like to set the record straight. I apologize for the delay.

Many thanks! Best wishes for good health, wealth and spirit.

Respectfully,  
Harry R Bruderty  
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Rec'd 10/28/10  
We paid for 2010, so will make this 2011 + 2012. Red

*W. M. and Brethren,  
Just a few words to wish you all  
the best for 2011, as for me I am  
enjoying my retirement.  
W.B. Zeff*

*Rec'd 4 Nov*

Like a tree, our friendship has stood the test of time!

*Enclosed are my dues  
for 2011, not sure how  
much the dues are - hopefully  
I've enclosed enough to  
cover the dues for 2011  
W.B. Zeff*

*cc: JED*

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**Betreff:** Re: Mailing Address

How much are the dues for 2011? Let me know so I can get it paid.  
Jack has a hard time walking as he is on oxygen all the time and has  
a hard time breathing. Other wise guess we are doing OK.  
[jdjmiles@att.net](mailto:jdjmiles@att.net)  
Thanks,  
Jack Miles

