



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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From the East

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve our great lodge as your Worshipful Master for the ensuing Masonic year. It seems that the election was just yesterday and now I'm already in office since two months. Time flies by.

Since our Soul-Jazz-Event in 2010 was such a great success, we again discussed about another similar concert in the upcoming spring/summer. Additionally we will continue to support social activities for people in need. For the New Year, we also plan another charity cooking session.

I also have a few other things in mind which I'm not able to talk about in detail at the moment, since they are just sparks in my (small) brain. One idea may be a masonic golf tournament. But to realize each idea it requires a lot of work. So, my dear Brethren, the resident members and officers will do their best, again in 2013/2014/2015 ... to make these ideas real.

The general situation of the lodge has not changed. We are still suffering from the drawdown of forces in Germany and subsequently the lack of gaining new members. Just recently, after we have received your comments and positive answers we voted to increase our annual dues. Believe me my Brethren, the decision was not easy and we had lengthy discussions in open lodge concerning the increase. But at the very end we had to be honest to ourselves that the increase is not avoidable in order for our beloved lodge to continue.

For the future of our Lodge I trust in the G.A.O.T.U. and his guidance: Everything will be alright.

I wish You and Yours a merry Christmas Season and all the best in the New Year 2013. God bless!

Thomas H. Lenhard, Master

P.S. Best wishes also from our monk brother Tobias.

From the West

Please permit me this opportunity to thank you for electing me to perform the duties of Senior Warden for the Masonic Year 2012 / 2013. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve you in this capacity and I will do my best to insure completion of all required duties in a diligent manner.

Our Lodge, Mt. Moriah Two Bridges Nahe, is off to a good start with the strong leadership of WBro Thomas Lenhard in the East as he has demonstrated in the past and I look forward to his guidance and council while learning the do's and don'ts in the West.

I hope this finds everyone well and staying ahead of the recession that is keeping a damper on things. We here in Pirmasens are glad to call you brother, and thank you for being a part of the best Lodge in the ACGL, # 823.

I send warm regards and best wishes to you all, and may the Great Architect of the Universe be with you and keep you safe and healthy no matter where you may be in the world.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year I remain,

Darrell Huddlestonm Senior Warden

A reminder of the past –

*{You swore to answer and obey
the summons sent you duly:
By Brother's hand or Lodge away,
you swore that you would never stray
from ancient laws that bound
Freemasons in the day's renowned,
but would observe them truly...}*

From the South

Before anything, I will have a special thought towards our Right Whorshipful Brother Ron who had joined the celestial Lodge. He always said to me "Pierre you have a good english accent !!!!!" He was a good and true brother.

My second thought will go to our American brothers who have suffered from the Sandy Hurricane.
We thought a lot about them while forming the chain before the Lodge is closed.

Now just have a look to the future.

The snow will arrive soon and Christmas is just around the corner. I will use this new Trestleboard edition to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dear Brothers, please accept my most fraternally salutations.

Pierre Frédéric A., Junior Warden

From your Senior Deacon and Treasurer

Soon another Year has past, and it was indeed a very bad year.
We lost great Brothers such as WBRO Marvin Hayton and our Lodge leader in many ways, RWBRO Ron Maskell. We will always remember them in our thoughts and prayers.

My brothers, as I always say life will go on and it's that time of the year to pay our dues to the Lodge again. The Lodge needs the money, so we can continue with our business.

All Sisters and Brothers, have a nice and Merry Christmas, a happy Chanukah and a nice and healthy New Year.

Wolfgang Koch, Senior Deacon and Treasurer

From the editor

As you may read in this Trestleboard, our beloved Brother and friend RWBRO Ron H. Maskell went to the celestial Lodge above very sudden and unexpectedly. Let me say a few words about this man. I was initiated in the the Lodge back in 1991. VWBRO Willy Kunkel was my sponsor. Good old Bro. Willy. I have not heard from him in years after he had demitted from all the Lodges that he was a member of. In 1991 year I became a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 823. Beside Willy, RWBRO Ron was the only other Mason I knew at that time because I submitted my petiton to the Lodge Secretary and that was BRO Ron. Since I entered the Lodge for the first

time, Ron was always present. There was hardly any meeting in all these years that the missed. Mt. Moriah was "his" Lodge. He was the Lodge Secretary when I joined and he continued to be the secretary until a few years ago when his wife Irmgard said that she thinks it's enough of being the secretary a younger Brother should take over the secretaries position. She wanted Ron to dedicate more time for her instead of dedicating all his free time to the Lodge secretary duties. This is very understandable after 18 consecutive years of Ron being Lodge secretary. Unfortunately she passed away also very suddenly and unexpectedly just a short time after his secretary "retirement". But Ron was more than just the secretary. He was also one of the moral institutions in the Lodge. He always reminded us to keep the high standards set by the Lodge. He said, don't deviate from our standards, deviation starts with little things. It's the little things that count. It starts by not wearing white gloves in Lodge, not standing up when speaking, eating from paper plates at collation, etc. etc. That was Ron. A pillar of strength. When we travelled to other Lodges, he closely looked at things other Lodges did. Not to criticize them but to note good things, things we could adopt for our Lodge. He was perfect about wise council. He hardly criticized a Brother in open Lodge. He pulled him aside after Lodge and gave him "wise council". He never liked a Brother to be embarrassed in open Lodge. He always thought positive. He liked people, he liked Brethren. He liked to be among Masons. He very much enjoyed travelling to Grand Lodge to meet all the Brethren there.

He was not only a Brother, he was also a true friend. He liked to laugh and he liked to have a good time. He held the contact between us and our German sister Lodge for all these years. He not only spoke about, but practiced tolerance. He approached things in a positive manner.

I will never forget the travellings we did together with wives and Brethren to VGL meetings, to the ACGL meetings, the trips to Scotland and the day trips together with Lodge Brethren and York Rite companions. Very fond memories.

BRO Ron, we all surely miss you. I like to thank the G.A.O T.U. for the privilege of meeting such a man and Mason.

My Brethren I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. May all your good wishes for the New Year become reality.

Peter Schell, Editor

**Merry Christmas and a happy and
healthy New Year**

**from the WM, Officers and Brethren
of Mt. Moriah Two Bridges Nahe
Lodge No. 823**

A Tribute to R.W. Brother Ronald H. Maskell



a Brother and friend, who was called to sit with the Judge Supreme, in that celestial home not made with hands, on Friday, September 28, 2012. Brother Ron passed suddenly, and unexpectedly, from an infection in his pancreas. Masonry has lost a very dedicated member, and Mt Moriah Two Bridges Nahe Lodge, No. 823, has lost a corner stone, or even more so, one of its great Pillars.

Brother Ron served as Master of Mount Moriah Two Bridges Nahe Lodge No. 823 in Pirmasens and Deputy District Grand Master, District # 5, and was accorded the Honorary Rank of Junior Grand Warden of the ACGL. He also served the Grand Lodge for many years as Custodian of the Paul Skoglund Memorial Fund which awards scholarships to deserving students.

Funeral services were held at Church in Luthersbrunn, near his home in Kröppen, as he requested. Brother Ron did not want a Masonic grave side service.

May he rest in peace and hear at last those welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."