



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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**Election results –
Lodge Officers 2013/2014**

Bro Darrell Huddleston, Master

WBro. Pierre Frédéric A., Senior Warden

WBro Manfred Weis, Junior Warden

WBro Joseph Tworek, Secretary

VWBro Wolfgang Koch, Treasurer/Sr.
Deacon

WBro arl Gafiuk, Junior Deacon

WBro Julius Prieto, Tiler

Congratulations Brethren!!!

From the East

Holiday Greetings Brothers,

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve our great Lodge as Master for the ensuing Masonic year, 2013/2014, and it gives me great pleasure to send Fraternal Greetings and best wishes for warm friendly days to all Brethren and their family, this Holiday Season and throughout the coming year.

The Lodge continues to meet regularly and we manage to open on the Master Mason Degree. Collation is still a high point at our meetings. The few remaining Resident Members keep our Collation standard very high and we continue to enjoy home cooked meals as was practiced in the past. We, the few remaining resident members, have all renewed our dedication to Mt. Moriah Two Bridges Nahe Lodge and will strive to keep it alive and well. We have only eighteen Resident Members in the Lodge now and only eight of those live within a 50 Km radius. We are still suffering from the drawdown of forces in Europe and we have not been able to recruit new members because of the drawdown. Approximately 25 Soldiers makeup the Pirmasens Military Community now and most of them commute from Vogelweh where they are housed with their Families. 'Rumor' is that they will be moving to one of the Kaserne near Kaiserslautern very soon.

It seems that the annual elections were just yesterday, however, exciting things are happening every day. The first three months of this year have passed quickly. The Land Lord of our Lodge Hall is renovating the building, in and out, which may mean that rent will increase. I hope that he will let us continue the building rent as it is so we will not be strapped to meet a higher expenditure in this area.

Our Lodge Annual Communication was held, as required by the Lodge By-Laws, in September. WBro Joseph Tworek, Lodge Secretary, and I, attended the ACGL Semi-Annual Communication,

which was held in Bad Kissingen, as is custom, on 15/16 November. I have a feeling that it was not as successful as the Grand Lodge Officers would have us believe. Some very serious changes in our ritual booklets have been proposed and some are logical changes and others may be ignored. I will address these changes, and more, in our next Trestleboard.

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. Thank you for being a part of the "Best little Lodge" in Europe.

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

Fraternally and sincerely,
Brother Darrell Huddleston



A reminder from the past –

{Your virtue, honor, and reputation are concerned in supporting with dignity the character you bear as a Master Mason. Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows, or betray your trust, but be true and faithful}.

From the West

Dear brothers,

I've been installed at Senior Warden since september and I want to thank the lodge to have elected me at this grade for the masonic year 2013/2014.

After having spent two years in the South I'm now in the West to help my

worshipful Master the worshipful brother Darrell H.

« Proudly serving masonry »

Are our Grand Master's words so be proud of our nice and great institution which has started a day of June 1717 in a tavern called « the goose and the gridiron» (on the English point of view).

Be proud of our rituals and to work with our brothers because I really think that masonry is the only institution of this world which really works for the improvement of humanity and fraternity between men.

Winter is coming soon and I will just wish you a little bit in advance, through this few words, a Merry Christmas to you and your whole family.

Fraternally and sincerely,
WBro Pierre Frédéric A.



From the South

Dear Brethren,

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

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our prayer is that your home is adorned with His love, graced and filled with His presence. With warm wishes for a Season of Joy, I remain,

Fraternally and sincerely,
WBro Manfred Weis



From the Secretary

Greetings, One and all, from the "Best little Lodge in the ACGL",

I hope this finds everyone well and happy with life. It is indeed a pleasure to announce that Brother Tyler Blakeslee, who is serving with the Armed Forces in Korea, has achieved the 3rd, or Master Mason, Degree at the Han Yang Lodge No. 1048 and all paper work necessary will be complete soon so he will be listed on our Rolls. Congratulations Bro Tyler.

It does pay to send your dues remittance early. This year we will again have a drawing, from the group of members who have paid their dues prior to January 1, 2014, in January, to honor a member with a free dues card for the following year. Once again I ask all of you who have not done so to please take care of that obligation as early as possible. Now is the time to make remittance for your 2014 Dues, don't delay, prompt payment helps tremendously in keeping our finances in order. Members residing in the United State will be in good standing with a \$75.00 remittance. Members residing in Europe will be up-to-date with 75.00 €. Dues cards were received at the ACGL Semi-Annual Communication in Bad Kissingen on November 15, 2013 and are now available.

The Lodge Web Site, that you can access at <http://823.myacgl.com/> is doing well and we receive notes daily. Write a note in the "CONTACT" section and we will get a response back to you the day we receive it.

We have received many cards, notes, and letters, that are read in Lodge, and they are greatly appreciated - please keep them

coming. We always enjoy news from our Brothers. Mail me at Tworek.joseph@wanadoo.fr if you have a minute to spare and fill us in on your health, and any changes in your home or email addresses, etc., etc. We are here to help and we can only help if we are informed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers, so remember that we are with you even though we are so far away.

"Thanks for being a Member of Mt. Moriah Two Bridges Nahe Lodge No. 823".

My wife and I wish you Merry Christmas, and pray that you and your family have a Happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

With warm regards, I remain,

Fraternally and Sincerely,
WBro Joseph Tworek



From the Treasurer

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and the year is almost over, the time of year when we ask ourselves the question: was it a good year, or was it a bad year? I hope it has been a wonderful year for everyone.

It is that time of the year, again, time to pay our dues to the Lodge. Please take care of that obligation as soon as you can so we can continue the Lodge business, as usual, thanks.

My wife and I wish everyone Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year and pray that we all can come together in peace and friendship

in the New Year. With Best wishes for the coming year, I remain,
Fraternally and sincerely,
VWBro Wolfgang Koch



Chaplain's Corner

seasons greetings ;

*The Officers and Brethren of
Mt. Moriah Two Bridges
Nahe*

*Lodge, NO. 823 A.F. &
A.M. Wish you Merry
Christmas and a happy,
healthy and prosperous
new year, 2014*

This Christmas let us:

Mend a quarrel.

Seek out a friend.

Write a letter to a Loved One.

Share some treasure.

Answer softly.

Show mercy in word and deed.

Keep a promise.

Forgive an enemy.

Try to understand others.

Examine our demands on
others.

Be kind and gentle.

Take up arms against malice.

Welcome a stranger.

Gladden the heart of a child.

Love one and other.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
VWBro Peter Schell



Did you know

{39 members of the Government
signed the U.S. Constitution, 13 (33%)
were Freemasons}

They are:

Gunning Bedford, Jr. 1st Grand Master,
DE

John Blair, 1st Grand Master, VA

David Brearly, 1st Grand Master, NJ

Jacob Broom, Officer in his Lodge

Daniel Carol, (Mason who participated
in the Masonic Cornerstone laying of
the U.S. Capitol with George
Washington)

Jonathan Dayton, Member of Temple
Lodge No.1, Portsmouth, NH

John Dickinson, Member of Lodge in
Dover, DE

Ben Franklin, Grand Master of PA

Nicholas Gilman, Member of St. John's
Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, MA

Rufus King, Member of St. John's
Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, MA

James McHenry, Member of Spiritual
Lodge No. 23, Maryland

William Paterson, Member of Tranton
Lodge No. 5

George Washington, Fredricksburg
Lodge, NO. 4, Virginia

From our Grand Master

Season's Greetings Brothers all,

The Holiday Season is that time of year,

which many of us look forward to on some level, perhaps believing they can or will rekindle that childhood feeling of innocence and wonder, which usually accompanies oneself at this time of the year.

The Holiday Season is a time to reflect upon the meaning and take a good look around you. They are so important and special, because it is about finding something spiritual and wonderful about yourself, your life, and the people who fill it and make it special. Not to just give thanks or show appreciation through some materialistic and commercial sense, but to understand that you have a lot. Despite everything, you are alive, relatively well, and have a life filled with people that love you.

This Holiday Season, while celebrating the special joys of the world, take a moment, to celebrate the special joys of you, and a delightful time spent with your family. Because the real secret of the Holidays is about the love and joy we can choose to share with one another. You and the love you have to give are what make this world special.

It was very enjoyable to see everyone at the Annual November Communication. Please let us know if your thoughts on the Communication, such as accommodations, facilities, length, agenda, timeline, etc., and perhaps you can take it step further, and suggest, how we can improve upon it. I want you to know we are listening, and want to continue to improve your Grand Lodge wherever possible.

On Behalf of the ACGL, and the Elected and Appointed Line, May the Blessings of Peace and Joy be yours, and we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season, with happiness and prosperity throughout the coming year.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
MWB James Barrett
Grand Master, ACGL



We still enjoy “Home made” dinners during collation after our stated meetings. Pictured, here, from left to right, after preparing the Collation Room for a healthy meal, is VWBro Wolfgang Koch {Lodge Treasurer and Senior Deacon} and WBro Julius Prieto {Tiler}. Thank you Brothers for your continued dedication and support of `our Lodge`.



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