



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

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From the East

Dear Brethren of Mount Moria Two
Bridges Nahe 823,

This year has passed swiftly and without
much fanfare. We had a productive
year but did not bring in many young
men to energize our Lodge Hall. This is
the same situation many Lodges in
Germany are experiencing now. When
we have the opportunity to talk to a
young man about our fraternity we

should take advantage and be willing to discuss the merits of our brotherhood. Our survival is dependent on getting new members in our mist. Good, upstanding and honorable men. You know people like this so why don't you share your many wonderful experiences with them and get them interested in what Masonry is all about.

Our Lodge, your Lodge, has been blessed with wonderful, committed and hard working Masons. We continue to have productive meetings, great collations and we are supporting great causes such as the Ronald McDonald house, Fisher House, Special Olympics, and of course, we always remember our widows.

Most exciting is the election of our new officers for the coming Masonic year. Our faithful VWBRo Ron Maskell has been elected Master! I am confident I am leaving the Lodge in competent and capable hands. Brother Ron will be a positive and stable influence on the Lodge and the brothers. I am honored to serve the new Master during his tenure. Brothers Manfred Weis and Peter Schell have agreed and were elected to continue in their positions for another year. There is much work to do and we all need to support our Lodge and its elected and appointed officers.

Another exciting event was the recognition of WBRO Karl Gafiuk by the Ministerpräsident for Rheinland Pfalz, Kurt Beck, for his many years of community support. Brother Karl is a wonderful example of service to his fellow man and the community. Congratulations to you Karl. We are not surprised at this recognition as it is well deserved.

It has been my honor to serve as your Master for the last 2 years and I

appreciate all the support and wise council I received during this time. Thank you.

Fraternally,

Thomas Shaver
Master

From the West

Dear Brethren,
Another fine masonic year for our Lodge has almost passed. I have enjoyed working and serving as your Senior Warden.

I am again elected to serve as the Senior Warden for the coming year and will continue to do my part again as Senior Warden.

I wish you and yours a very happy time. May the blessing of heaven rest upon you and yours

Fraternally

Manfred Weis
Senior Warden

From the South

Dear Brethren,
It's already September and it seems that the years fly by. But I think this is caused by age. (Ha, ha) The older you get the faster it seems that time flies. I hope you refreshed yourself during summer and you are now ready to expect the fall and winter seasons.

I found a little poem from the german author Gebhard Schuböck about the time after summer

After a summer

Long lasted the summer,
Long it glowed in me,
But it`s life is predestined.

Long the sun burned,
did it burn out wounds?
At last the rain cooled...

Rich was the summer and lovely!
Is it the last one in life?
Who can bear the woe of wilting?

Great is a brilliant summer,
Soon, autumnly shadows fall,
Nature will icily perish.

We will be waiting then,
discouraged in nebulous hours, -
who keeps glow of summer in us, -
sun reminds us from far...

though years never return,
let us wait for the summer,
it could be the last one of all.

Brethern I wish you and yours a very
happy fall season. May the G.A.O.T.U.
watch over you and yours

Fraternally and sincerely

Peter Schell
Junior Warden

A note from your Secretary

Greetings Brethren, one and all,
I hope this finds you and your
family happy, healthy and doing well.
Congratulations to Brother James
Hadley who was raised on 7 April 2008
and has been appointed Senior Deacon
for the ensuing Masonic year. Keep up
the good work Brother James and the

purple of the fraternity may rest upon
your honored shoulders sooner than you
have planned. We are also happy to
welcome Brother Paul Howard back on
our roles. He requested, and was
reinstated on 5 May 2008.

The Brethren wish Brother Gary
Hemmings and Brother Edgar St. John
speedy recovery from their illness. We
keep you in our thoughts and prayers,
so remember that we are with you even
though we are so far away. Please keep
us up to date as to how you are
progressing.

Brothers Harry L. Long and
William H. Herrick have entered into the
joy of the Lord. They have been called
to reside with the Great Architect, at the
right side of the Judge Supreme, in that
house not made with hands. Their
loving widows inform that they were,
both, extremely proud of their affiliation
with their Lodge in Germany, Mt. Moriah
Two Bridges Nahe.

Please keep the cards and letters
coming, I do read these in lodge and
they are greatly appreciated by us all.

On closing I would be remiss if I
did not again request those, very few,
good brothers that 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.

Kind regards and best wishes to
you all. Thanks for being a part of
Lodge # 823.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Darrell Huddleston
Secretary

Our charity activities

Even though charity activities are not the main focus of freemasonry, it is very important and many of our Brethren get involved in charity activities and provide services especially for the local community and for society in general. At our last Christmas party again both Lodges raised money from our famous tombola which we partially donated to the Ronald McDonald house at the university clinic in Homburg (See previous Trestleboard edition). The remainder of the money was donated to Brother Tobias. Bro. Tobias is not a Masonic Brother but a Franciscan Monk working and caring as the leader of the street ambulance for the homeless people living on the streets of Würzburg/Germany. After receiving some additional personal donations both Lodges were able to donate the amount of 600 Euros (approx. \$ 900) early this year. The monk`s work is strictly financed by donations. Brother Tobias was born in Rodalben which is a town next to Pirmasens and worked there as an instructor for nurses in the local hospital before he went to the monistery in Würzburg about five years ago. Another donation of 500 Euros (approx \$ 750) was donated to Brother Tobias in August.



From left: Brother Tobias and our Lodge musician and sitting Master of our sister Lodge WBRO Thomas Lenhard presented a check to Brother Tobias on behalf of both Lodges.

During the last few months Brethren of both Lodges also provided donations to

the maltesian ambulance services, donated books, food and other necessities for two institutions bearing the same name, the Pirmasens community and the catholic church "childrens learn and play group". These groups supervise and take care of kids of poor local families in the afternoon after school. They provide free meals and assist the kids during their homework.



WBRO Karl Gafiuk presents books to Mrs. Schweitzer from the "learn and play group"

Bro. Wolfgang Goods, a Forstmeister and Brother of our german sister Lodge organized an excursion through the forest with the kids of the "childrens learn and play group". Another Brother from Mount Moriah Two Bridges was expecting the group because he had prepared a nice meal for the hungry children at a hunting resort in the middle of the forest.



BRO Wolfgang Goods together with the group of children

Both Lodges also donated four complete computer systems for these institutions back in may.



WBRO Thomas Lenhard, Mrs. Krämer and WBRO Karl Gafiuk together with children of the "learn and play group"

In July 2008 WBRO Karl Gafiuk organized a sports event for local kids in order for them to obtain the German sports efficiency badge. Unfortunately WBRO Karl could not attend since he had to stay in the hospital for a minor surgery during that event.

As you can see, your Lodges here in Pirmasens are very active concerning charitable activities within the local community.

WBRO Karl Gafiuk honored by german Government

In August WBRO Karl Gafiuk received the pin of honor from the prime minister of Rhineland palatinate, Kurt Beck for his social engagement and meritorious services provided to the Pirmasens community and also for his engagement for several decades in support of children traffic education. The pin and the supporting certificate was presented to WBRO Karl by the Pirmasens Lord Major Dr. Bernhard Matheis on behalf of

the Rhineland- Palatinate prime minister Kurt Beck.

WBRO Karl was really surprised about the honor and thanked all that had supported him through all these years. He especially thanked his wife for her support. WBRO Karl, who will celebrate his 78th birthday in two months, promised that he will continue to support the needy as long as possible.



Pirmasens Lord Major Dr. Bernhard Matheis presents the pin of honor to WBRO Karl Gafiuk.

AURORA LODGE is UNIQUE.

Aurora Lodge No.30, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, works in the German language and follows the ritual of an early French Rite. The Lodge was formed before the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. When that Grand Lodge was organized, Aurora Lodge became a member with the understanding that it be permitted to continue working as it had been.
MSA.

LODGE for MASONS ONLY.

Operative Lodge No. 150 of Aberdeen, Scotland, consists entirely of members who are or have been operative stonemasons. This is not unusual as there are many Lodges in Scotland and England which base their membership on the occupation of the members.

MSA



FREEMASONRY and the WHITE HOUSE.

James Hoban was the architect who designed and supervised the construction of the White House. When the British destroyed this building during the War of 1812, he designed the one replacing it. James Hoban was a Mason. he was probably present when the cornerstone was laid by Maryland Lodge No. 9 of Georgetown on October 13, 1792, with Masonic ceremony. He was also a devout Roman Catholic.

MSA



Below two letters received from our Brethren

Dear Brothers,

Sorry to be so late but I have had some complications enter into my life that I was not prepared for at all. Around the first of the year I had a gall bladder attack. I really don't remember much about it except I was out for several days. My gall bladder had liquefied and I guess they had a hard time getting it all out. I was getting along alright until they discovered I had a lot of water in my body And quite a bit around my heart. This had to be eliminated and I am still on lasix which requires a lot of time in the bathroom. I am feeling a lot better but I have lost about thirty pounds and I still get very weak if I do anything physical. I hope to be completely recovered before October. It's been a long haul.

Hope this finds everyone in good health .

Sincerely,
GARY N. HEMMINGS

Pres. Gary N. Hemmings
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REMINDER TO PAY DUES

14 June 2008

Harry L. Long
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Dear Brother Harry,

Fraternal Greetings.

A review of the records shows that you have not paid your Year 2008 dues of US \$ 60.00.

I am looking forward to your earliest possible response, (the correct address and amount of dues are shown below), and wishing you well in the interim, I remain,

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Darrell Huddlestone
Secretary

AMOUNT OWED: \$60.00

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7/5/08
Please note and change your records!
Harry went to be with his Lord and Senior
and sing with the Angels, on Feb. 26, 2008. He has
had colon cancer since April 2005. He was so
proud of his Masonic Lodge affiliation, especially
the one in Germany. His loving widow, Daralyn Long