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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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In Memoriam

RWBRO Grady Mack Adams
Grand Master, ACGL
February 13, 1954 – March 18, 2009

RWBRO Grady was called to the
celestial Lodge while travelling to visit
our Brethren in Saudi Arabia.

May he rest in peace

From the East

Greetings Brethren,

I hope that you and family are keeping well, recovering from the winter months and now looking forward to the Spring and Summer weather with thoughts of a vacation to regain that strength lost during the long winter months, and not to forget the bad situation all over the world that has hit us all in some way or another, but we must all look to the future and trust that world situation will begin to improve and that our governments will have learned how to be more aware of these quick changing situations. Sorry to report the sudden loss of our Grand Master RWBR. Grady Adams, who was a member of our Lodge and a good friend.

All is still going well at Lodge, inspite of the extra duty hours some of our Brothers are being faced with, as a small token of our thanks and to show them we do care for the support that they give us we will be taking our ladies out to dinner on Mothers day 10 May. Once again some of our Brothers will be attending the ACGL Annual Communication 16-17-18 April 09 in Bad Kissingen. On 23 May 09 we will be holding our Annual Lodge Memorial Service. On 15 June we will be holding our Annual Lodge Election of Lodge Officers for the next Masonic Year, and the Installation of Officers will take place on 26 Sept. 09.

We are now giving support to the Ronald McDonald house located in Homburg, Germany.

Many other events are planned but as you all know all this plus much more can be read on the Lodge Web Site so pay us a visit and don't forget to leave your comments etc for us to read.

Thank you for being a Member. God bless.

Fraternally

Ron Maskell

Master

From the West

Greetings to all Brethren and their families.

I hope this note finds you and yours doing well.

I wish you and your families the very best for the upcoming spring season. May the blessing of heaven rest upon you and yours.

Fraternally and sincerely

Manfred Weis
Senior Warden

From the South

Dear Brethren,

Things in life can change very rapidly. Also things in our Masonic life. As you may have noticed on our front page, we lost our immediate Past Grand Master, RWBRO Grady Adams. RWBRO Grady suffered a massive heart attack while getting off the plane at Bahrain Airport in Saudi Arabia. He was traveling to Saudi to visit the Lodges in the 9th Masonic district. He was escorted by RWBRO Jess Minton and his wife Gisela. After they had landed in Bahrain and departing the plane, they were walking down the ramp. Lady Gisela and RW Grady were talking and RW Jess was walking in front of them. All of sudden with no notice RW Grady grabbed his chest and fell over on the ramp. There was a retired Army Major walking on the ramp also who immediately took charge and started CPR. There was a nurse nearby who assisted in trying to revive RW Grady. They kept CPR up for about 15 minutes and they could not revive RW Grady.

-In the midst of life we are in death and the wisest can not say what tomorrow may bring forth. We live but to see the ones we love passing away into the silent land.....

This little passage from our Lodge of Sorrow ritual is so very true..

Grady is survived by his wife Elfriede, son Marc-Oliver, daughter in law Tanja, grand daughter Alexis, his mother Maggie and his brother Homer. Grady had served as Master of Alt Heidelberg Lodge, Treasurer of the European Shrine Club and Grand Master of the ACGL. His Brethren of Alt Heidelberg Lodge organized and arranged two dignified Memorial services in Mannheim and Heidelberg.

With RWBRO Grady we not only lost a Grand Master, but an upright man, Mason and friend. May he rest in peace.

Fraternally

*Peter Schell
Junior Warden*

A note from the Secretary,

Greetings Brethren,

Kind regards and best wishes to you all. I hope this finds everyone well.

It is nice to announce that the majority of the members have met their monetary obligation for the year and we are only in the fourth month of 2009, if you haven't had the opportunity to take care of that, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks for being prompt and thanks too, for being a part of the 'best Lodge' in Europe. Prompt payment helps tremendously in keeping our finances in order.

Things are looking great for Mt. Moriah Two Bridges Nahe Lodge No. 823. EA Brother Wilberto Castro Diaz has announced that he will do his proficiency at our next meeting and will soon be ready to pass to the Fellowcraft Degree, and hopefully, his work load permitting, EA Brother Tyler Blakeslee will follow suit – We may even be able to do a double ceremony and celebrate the event with a special collation and invite the world. It is great to have work to do.

RWBro Grady 'Adams and Bro Keith Garrett 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.

VWBro Harold Adams has again improved our web site. Look for a weather page, and while you are there you can have a look at how our dollar is trading here in Europe. Those little improvements help tremendously. Please take time to see when your Friend from the past has his "Birthday" on the Birthday Calendar, and give him a call, or send him a card, and don't forget to sign in the Guest Book. These and other improvements that VWBro Harold has made to your WEB Site can be seen at: www.823fm.com

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.

Thanks again for being a part of Lodge # 823

Fraternally and Sincerely,

*Darrell Huddleston
Secretary*

Cooking session at the Ronald McDonald house

Both, our Lodge Musician, WBRO Thomas Lenhard (also sitting Master of our german sister Lodge “Zur Treue am Berge Horeb No. 701”) and Mr. Rainer Faul, the head cook of the Pirmasens City Hospital went to the Ronald McDonald House located closeby the children`s clinic, a part of the Homburg University clinic complex. They celebrated a cooking session on behalf of both Lodges for the children, their families and invited guests. The Ronald McDonald house is very similar to the fisher houses at several US military bases around the world. At the Ronald McDonald house, the childrens family members can stay overnight at a very reasonable rate as long as their child is treated there.

The event was a great success and a wonderful promotion and advertisement for both Lodges and Freemasonry.

The menu consisted of

- Salad with parmesan cheese and roasted pine kernels
- Filet with a champignon mushroom-cream-sauce, small carrots and swabian noodles
- Chocolate mousse with cream and roasted almond leaves.

WBRO Thomas, we salute you for the fine work and for everything you do for both Lodges and for our beloved fraternity!!!

A few weeks ago, RWBRO Grady Adams, donated a flatscreen TV and a BlueRay disc player on behalf of the ACGL.



From left: WBRO Thomas Lenhard and Mr. Faul



Everybody enjoys the meal..



Mr. Faul, WBRO Thomas and two helpers

Also the ACGL payed the rent for one of the rooms there for a whole year to enable family members to stay at that room at no cost. So the Masons are very well known there.

RWBRO Paul Curran
ACGL`s 42nd Grand
Master



At the ACGL Annual Communication held in April in Bad Kissingen, RWBRO Paul Curran was elected to Grand Master. RWBRO Paul served the ACGL for many years and held the office of Deputy Grand Master for the last year. A complete list of all newly elected and appointed ACGL Grand Lodge officers, RWBRO Paul`s address to the Brethren and many more helpful info you may find at the ACGL web site at http://acgl.freimaurer.org/index_GL.htm.

Congratulations, RWBRO Paul...



The inauguration of George Washington as first president

From the lighter side

A Candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the Lodge, but before this could happen the car broke down. The Candidate said as it was no great distance he would go on his bicycle.

Just when he reached the top of the hill his chain broke. As the Lodge was at the bottom of the other side and all he needed was a backpedal brake, so he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free-wheeled downhill to the Lodge.

Later that evening in reply to a toast in his honor, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand, as he had told no one, how the WM knew that he had come on his own free wheel and a cord.

