

Life in PMR at the end of 2012.

PMR was still on summer vacation in July when WB Bob Young and his wife, Karin, hosted all of us for a very nice grill party in their home and garden. It was nice to be together on a family basis and our German guests also enjoyed it. Applause and thanks for Family Young!

The election of officers for the coming Masonic year was held on 15 August. WB Paul Ezo and his team were reelected for a second term. The open installation of officers was on Saturday 15 September where ladies and family members could witness the ceremonies. The Installing Officer was VW Br. Sven Gollen, our DDGM. The occasion was closed with a very nice meal where everybody enjoyed the informal communication with each other.

28 – 30 September was the VGL's tri-annual communication in Hamburg where the oldest Lodge in Germany "Absalom zu den drei Nesseln" No. 1 celebrated its 275th Anniversary. Part of the Hamburg program was also the ACGL Semi-Annual. Where PMR was officially represented by VW Br. Gabor E. Ecsödi.

The VGL program began on Friday evening with an "International get together" and super buffet in the city's Chamber of Commerce building. Saturday morning was the VGL business meeting and election. MW Br. Rüdiger Templin was reelected as GM for the next three years and a new Deputy GM was elected in the person of Br. Christoph Bosbach from Köln. The ACGL part was relatively short; the main subjects were around membership and future plans of our GL. Saturday afternoon was a formal Lodge meeting in the Church of St. Michaelis where the Altar was rearranged in a Masonic form. When the 1000+ Brr. took their places, the foreign delegates were escorted in one by one to their reserved seats. 57 Grand Lodges were represented, led mostly by their GMs.

October – November were relatively "quiet" in PMR – routine business only. December began with our X'mas Party on the 1st Sunday where 34 chairs were filled again. RW Br. James Barrett, DGM of ACGL, was one of the honorary guest, so was VW Br. Sven Gollen, our DDGM. After the main meal Br. James Barrett presented our WB Robert Young with the Apron and Collar of Honorary JGW of the ACGL. Br. Bob was honored for his long years of service and work for PMR, a well-deserved recognition. Students of the local Youth Music School provided a very nice musical program. A surprise came from our landlord, Mr. Armin Schmitz, in the form of a nice cash donation to our Charity Fund.

And last, but not least, ... on 5 December we had an EA degree work with our candidate Lee Ajaye. He petitioned our Lodge in February 2012 but for various (duty) reasons this was the first opportunity for him to receive the Masonic light. Another "first time" of the evening was that Br. John Fouch took over the gavel for the first part of the degree work, including the presentation of the working tools. He performed a super job. No hang-up, no mistake, he spoke clearly and slowly so that the candidate could follow and repeat everything that he was supposed to. 11 German Brr. attended our EA evening, six of whom were first time visitors. WB Paul Ezo presented each of them with a PMR coin.

Mutual visitations between surrounding German Lodges i.e. Frankenthal, Mannheim, etc. and PMR makes life interesting and more colorful. During

collation the German Brr. were commenting very positively about the "American way of Masonry". Not for no reason that PMR is the most dynamic little Lodge in the ACGL.

So mote it be.



Fraternal Greetings

Dues Brother Dues. If you are not in possession of a 2013 Dues Card, PLEASE pay your dues soonest. Dues are \$75.00 for Non-Resident Members. Use an International Postage Stamp to mail your remittance.

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Sincerely and fraternally,

The Mannheim community has closed except for one tenant on Coleman. Heidelberg starts closing in June and expected completion is end 2013.

Worshipful Master, Wardens, Secretary, Brethren All,
Fraternal Greetings.

The newsletter inspired me to ...

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*Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year*

The ACGL grandmaster's theme:
Our Cause is Noble it is the Cause of Mankind