



# NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO ASHLAR LODGE NO 894.

Twenty Master Masons chartered Ashlar Lodge on 21 November 1964, in Hanau Germany. At first the Lodge was located in Grossauheim Caserne and later moved to the center portion of the romantic and dominating Castle of Hanau, (Ronneburg). During

that same period, Ashlar became a Sister Lodge of Spessart Lodge No. 875 in Aschaffenberg. In 1991 the castle underwent reconstruction, forcing the Lodge to relocate to the Evangelical



Rheinharts Church, near the Castle, and a few months later to Auto Hohmann in Hanau. In early 1992, Ashlar members accepted an offer by their German Sister Lodge, Carl und Charlottee Zur Treue Np. 250, and moved to Offenbach Germany where they remained until the merger with Luftbrücke Lodge.

## LUFTBRÜCKE ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

Results of the 2 July 2008 Annual Elections are:

- Master - Robert Cuestas
- Senior Warden - Rommel Tinoco
- Junior Warden - John Gardner
- Treasurer - Randolph Gonzales
- Secretary - David Lee
- Immediate Past Master - Harold Adams
- Senior Deacon - Christian Hoskins
- Junior Deacon - James Kilmer
- Senior Steward - Jeremy Hughes
- Junior Steward - Thomas Van Horn
- Senior Master of Ceremony - Suat Piroglu
- Master of Arms - Carlo Djordjevic
- Chaplain - Freddy Lankau
- Tyler - Benjamin Noble

## Lodge Consolidation

The continued draw down of US Troops in Europe and ever decreasing value of the US dollar against most world currencies is resulting in a decline in English speaking Masonic Lodge resident membership. Young members have departed or are in the process of redeployment and older members find it more and more difficult to cope with the increasing financial strain and physical handicaps. Several ACGL Lodges were forced to choose between going dormant or merging with another Lodge and the officers of some Lodges could not find the courage to make these important decisions, leaving the fate of their Lodge in the Hands of our Grand Lodge.

The leaders of Ashlar Lodge No. 894, in Offenbach Germany, examined all possibilities concerning the future of their Lodge and concluded the time had come to close, go dormant or merge with another ACGL Lodge. After several months of research, sole searching and exchanges of ideas, the craft voted to merge with Luftbrücke.

We are proud and honored the members of Ashlar Lodge elected to become a part of Luftbrücke and welcome them with open arms. We will do what ever it takes to insure a smooth, harmonious and complete transition.

Harold Adams



### LUFTBRÜCKE SPONSORS LOCAL BOY SCOUT TROOP

The continued US Troop drawdown is causing several military communities to close and relocate. Much of the Darmstadt Community, including Transatlantic Council Boy Scout Troop 65, are in the process of moving to Wiesbaden. At the request of the Troop Master, Luftbrücke agreed to sponsor Troop 65 and we look forward meeting it's members and leaders. With a membership of 5, the Scouts plans to triple their number during the next 8 months.

### JUNIOR WARDEN'S CLOSET OPENS.

Several items have been added to the Junior Warden's inventory of nice things to have and a complete list can be found on or web site at [www.838fm.com/Junior](http://www.838fm.com/Junior) Warden's Closet or by contacting the Junior Warden directly.

AUF WIEDERSEHEN to Jon Fristo and his wife Karrie.



Brother Fristo and his wife departed for Fort Mead Maryland on 1 July and Jon will deploy to our favorite country, Iraq, sometime in July. During the 3 June Stated Meeting, the ACGL District V, Deputy Grand Master, VW Terry Johnson awarded Jon the prestigious United Grand Lodges of Germany, Master Mason Patent.

### BERLIN AIRLIFT CELEBRATION (LUFTBRUECKE).



At the request of the Minister President of the State of Hessen, Luftbrücke Lodge 838 participated in a memorial celebration of the 60th birthday of the Berlin Airlift. Brothers Robert Cuestas, Frederick Lankau and Ingo-Endrick Lankau represented our Lodge during the festivities held at the Berlin Airlift Monument on Rheinmain Air Base..



### LODGE WEB SITE CHANGES.

The web site has a new portal called "Headlines". Here you will find short stories concerning the Lodge, important events and the local community, as well as letters from our members and good to know information.

LODGE ADDRESS CHANGES: The heavy work load placed on the US Military has effected the local Mail Room. Retires will no longer be offered a Post Office box and services for retired military living here in Germany will be slowly phased out. This change immediately effects the Lodge mailing addresses. Please use one of the following addresses

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