

**BYLAWS
OF
EAGLE ROCK
LODGE
NO.19**



**A.F. & A. M.
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO
2009-2010**

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAMES AND OFFICERS

Section 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name of Eagle Rock Lodge No. 19, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Its officers shall consist of a Worshipful Master, a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Chaplain, a Senior Deacon, a Junior Deacon, a Marshal, two Stewards, a Tyler and such other officers as the Worshipful Master may deem proper to appoint.

ARTICLE II ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. The Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Treasurer and the Secretary shall be elected by ballot. The other officers shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master. Any Master Mason in good standing in an Idaho Lodge, whether or not a member of this Lodge, may be appointed Tyler.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF THE LODGE

Section 1. The Stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month except the months of July and August.

Section 2. Stated meetings of the Lodge shall be opened at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Section 3. Called Meetings of the Lodge may be held from time to time as the Worshipful Master may direct.

ARTICLE IV

PETITIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All petitions for the degrees or for affiliation must be signed by the petitioner and be recommended by two members of the Lodge. Every such petition shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Lodge whose duty it shall be to investigate the qualifications and character of the petitioner and report thereon at the Stated meeting one month after the receipt of the petition unless additional time be granted. After the report of the Investigating Committee, and there being no objection, the petition of the applicant shall be balloted upon and he elected or rejected.

Section 2. If an applicant, elected to receive the degrees in this Lodge, does not come forward to be initiated within three months after his election, the fee shall be forfeited unless the Lodge shall direct otherwise.

Section 3. All persons raised to the degree of Master Mason in this Lodge, except when such a degree shall have been conferred by courtesy upon a member of some other Lodge, shall sign its Bylaws. When such degree shall have been conferred by courtesy, signing of the Bylaws shall be done in accordance with Regulation No. 59 of the Idaho Grand Lodge Bylaws.

ARTICLE V

TREASURER

Section 1. The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Secretary, shall keep an accurate and just account thereof; and shall pay the same out only upon an order duly signed by the Worshipful Master and countersigned by the Secretary. He shall open an account in the name of the Lodge, in an acceptable local bank, and promptly deposit

All Lodge funds therein, keeping all monthly Statements and other paperwork intact. At the direction of the Investment Committee, he shall buy, sell, invest and manage the monetary assets of the Lodge. He shall, at the first Stated meeting in January of each year, submit a complete report of the monetary transactions of the Lodge.

The Lodge may, at any time, when considered necessary, require him to present an account of his receipts and disbursements and the amount and location of the funds on hand.

Section 2. He shall execute a good and sufficient bond to the Lodge for the faithful performance of his duties, the cost of said bond to be paid by the Lodge.

ARTICLE VI SECRETARY

Section 1. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all proceedings proper to be written; shall transmit a copy to the Grand Lodge when required; shall keep a separate account for each member of the Lodge; shall, at the first Stated meeting in January of each year, report the names of all members who have not paid their dues for the previous year; shall, when required, present a general statement of the condition of the Lodge; shall receive all monies due the Lodge and pay the same to the Treasurer and shall perform such other duties as the Lodge may direct.

Section 2. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may direct, and shall execute a good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of his duties, the cost of said bond to be paid by the Lodge.

ARTICLE VII TYLER

Section 1. The Tyler, in addition to the necessary duties of his office shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge.

Section 2. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may direct.

ARTICLE VIII FEES

Section 1. The fees for the degrees in this Lodge shall be as follows:

For the degree of Entered Apprentice	\$125.00
For the degree of Fellowcraft	\$ 75.00
For the degree of Master Mason	\$ 50.00
Total	\$250.00

Section 2. The fee for the Entered Apprentice degree shall accompany the petition, else it shall not be presented to the Lodge by the Secretary. The fees for the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees shall be paid before said degrees are conferred.

ARTICLE IX DUES

Section 1. The annual dues of each member of this Lodge who is subject to the payment of dues shall be calculated as \$100.00, adjusted annually based on the SSA COLA and rounded to the nearest whole dollar beginning in 2010, plus the Grand Lodge per capita dues payable in advance.

Section 2. Dues for members who have purchased Prepaid Life Membership under Section 1416 of the Idaho Grand Lodge Bylaws shall be the annual income or revenue derived from investment of the Prepaid Life Membership fee.

ARTICLE X COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Worshipful Master and Wardens shall comprise a Committee whose duty it shall be to examine, when deemed necessary, accounts presented against the Lodge.

Section 2. The worshipful Master shall, within two weeks after his installation, appoint an Auditing Committee of three members of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit the books, records and annual reports of the Treasurer and Secretary, including all funds and securities owned or received by the Lodge, and this committee shall file its written report not later than the second Stated meeting in February.

Section 3. The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary shall comprise an Investment Committee whose duty it shall be , under the direction of the Lodge, to buy, sell , invest and manage the monetary assets of the Lodge.

Section 4. The Worshipful Master shall appoint, not later than the day of his installation, a Grievance Committee consisting of three members of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to investigate differences that may arise between brethren of the Lodge, and reconcile the differences if in their power, if not, and the same be sufficiently grave concern, they shall report the same to the Worshipful Master and to the Lodge. Such action may then be taken as may be deemed appropriate.

Section 5. The elected officers of the Lodge shall comprise a Relief Fund Committee, whose duty it shall be to administer all Relief Fund activities. The duties shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Authority to draw upon the Treasury in accordance with Article V, Section 1 for any sum not to exceed \$250.00 at any one time for the relief of a distressed worthy brother, his wife, widow, children or orphans.

2. Authority to invest and disburse Relief Funds

3. Maintain a permanent record of all proceedings.

4. Hold a formal committee meeting at least biannually. A quorum of the committee meeting shall comprise of the Worshipful Master and at least three (3) other elected Lodge officers.

5. The records shall be audited annually in accordance with section 2 of this article.

6. They shall hold at least one (1) activity each year to provide money for the Relief Fund. The annual Dinner and Annual Picnic are separate functions and no profits wherefrom shall accrue to the Relief Fund.

Section 6. The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a Budget Committee, whose duty it shall be to document a budget with financial income and expenditures planned or expected to be incurred during the term of the committee members. This budget should be presented to the Lodge as soon as practicable after the audit of the Treasurer's records, but in no case later than the final communication in February. The Budget is intended for financial planning purposes only, and as such neither requires approval by the membership, nor be held as authorizing financial transactions during the year

ARTICLE XI ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1. The recommended Order of Business at Stated meetings of the Lodge shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes
2. Welfare of the brethren
3. Reports of Committees, investigating committees last.
4. Balloting
5. Reception of petitions
6. Miscellaneous and unfinished business
7. Conferring of Degrees.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any stated communication by a favorable vote of two-thirds of those present and voting; provided , however, that the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing and read at two immediately previous Stated communications, and provided that the membership shall have been notified of the amendment in writing previous to the vote. The amendment shall become effective only when approved and signed by the Grand Master.

Section 2. The Secretary shall note in the minutes of the Lodge the readings of the proposed amendments when read. When transmitting an amendment to the Grand Lodge for approval he shall forward a certificate attesting compliance with Idaho Masonic Law and that the amendment has received the two-thirds favorable vote of the Lodge.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing amended bylaws were read as required by Article XII hereof on October 15 and November 5, 2008 and adopted following the third reading, by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, on November 12, 2008.

(LODGE SEAL)

Attest: Donald D. Taylor, Secretary
David M. Ceci, Worshipful Master
Eagle Rock Lodge #19

The foregoing bylaw changes, and corrections to the by-laws resulting there from were approved by me this 4th day of December, 2008

(MWGM SEAL)

Original signed by :
Richard E. Kaiser
Richard E. Kaiser, M.W. Grand Master