



## December Trestleboard Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM

**From the East:** It is a sad thing, that our older Brothers who have done their time with the Craft and are our repositories of the history and knowledge get older and can no longer participate in Lodge as they would like to. Because they don't come, many of us never get to know them and enjoy their company, they become the "Ya, I remember ....." I guess that is one of the reasons I was so glad to see Brothers Del Burkhalter, Lee Jones and Howard Eloie attending Lodge, gave some of the younger guys a chance to meet some of the Grand Old Brothers of the Lodge.

One of the things that this really conflicts with is the entitlement of a Brother to a Masonic Funeral. We all understand that there are things that are important enough that we can't attend a funeral but a Brother deserves a good send off. It fulfills our promise to our Brother and shows our respect for him to his family and also makes the Fraternity look good to the public. It would be nice if the younger guys had a face to go with the name and realize that is one of our Brothers that we have lost, not just a name.

Is it really that you can't? or is it that it would be inconvenient? When there is a funeral, consider whether there really is justification for not attending, for the Brother, his Family and the Craft.

Sorry, don't mean to get in your faces. The recent losses of Brothers Jack Hamilton, Russ Fee and Brother Hubert Colson's Widow, Elva, (she was a 50 year Star and Past Matron) have made me realize how great the losses are and what we need to do to show our appreciation for their contributions. It's just that sometimes our older Brothers get left out so badly. I am as guilty as anyone; I need to put forth more effort to try to spend more time with them before they are gone. They are the ones that went before and left all of this for us to have and enjoy.

Happier thoughts. To paraphrase one of our GREAT? Presidents, you ain't gonna have me to kick around anymore. I am coming to the end of my 8 second ride, no, 16. It has been a great ride. I would not have missed this experience for anything. While it wasn't what we had planned, it was a great honor for you to have let me take another term. The nice thing is, I can only remember the good parts. The good people I have met and dealt with, the experiences and the all around honor of being entrusted with a part of this great Fraternity. Thank you all for all of the help and support you have given me.

I have dug out my Past Master's Apron you gave me last year, it looks like new! What a beautiful title.

In the Navy it was dow di di di dow (BT), end of transmission. In the Sheriff's Office it was 10-42, end of shift. Here, it is just a change of chairs. I will be the first one you see when you come in late and I will have a 52" Claymore, so still treat me nice. With appreciation and humility, your soon to be Past Master, Kent

Editors Note: Another change of Command. The next issue of the Trestleboard will be with a new editor. Paul Alexander has agreed to take over the duties as editor. Bob Mohny

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