



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

**From the East:** Friends and Brethern Last month we had the pleasure of hearing of the delivery of a child to Brother Stonhill and that Ashly Perez' is doing Josh a good job of giving him a son. I was pleased not only for the joy to our Brothers, but for the fact that it is so wonderful to have young Brothers coming in who are making their own families but are indicative of the growth of the number of younger Brothers. I commented that I hoped that it might be a

return to the younger people of a desire to live as Mason's are taught. Imagine my pleasure this AM when I found that Jeremy and Andi Carroll have a new baby girl born December 23. Mom and Abi are doing fine.

After having gone for years with a plague striking everyone who was appointed Steward, I am hoping that we have hit the jackpot. You Brothers who didn't get to 2nd stated supper really messed up. Brother Albert made a Pork Roulade, and baked Halibut. He made a nice salad. potatoes and vegetables to go with it. Not just out of a sack or can as we usually do it, but made them. Brothers Dave Jobe and Josh Perez supervised him. I would suggest that you not miss the next. We aren't going to tell when he will again cook, maybe it will be just a pot of chili by one of the others, (like me) but it is worth taking the chance to get another meal like that, not just fancy, but the flavor was great. We had to open Lodge with a half hour nap

Remember, Brother Albert is going to cater the New Year's Eve dinner, Prime Rib or Halibut. I don't think anyone ever went away from his food dissatisfied, either in quality of quantity. If you haven't signed up yet, you may be able to beg Brother Josh and getting you added to the list. The Halibut will be a repeat of the way he cooked it the other night for us

Brother Russ Fee is in the hospital. He had just finished his round of radiation and was waiting the month before they could remove the tumor. They had to go in and work on the big artery to his stomach. He is feeling pretty down, very weak. Sybil is in the hospital as well, an infection and because Russ' resistance is down, they can't even see each other. He is in CCU, room 217, no phone. I asked if he felt like having visitors, he said not really, right now. He said to say Hi to the Brother's for him. We need to give him some extra time at prayer time. Brother Paul did as usual, he was in the hospital and out again before we even got the word out. Way to go, Paul. Brother Jack Buerkle suffered a stroke just before the installation. I got up to see him once and caught him sitting up in bed eating. No obvious aftereffects of the stroke. It was later discovered that there is some minimal damage. He has a problem with vision at the right side of both eyes and a little trouble reading. He can read numbers but letters are a problem. He came into Lodge the 19th and we installed him. It is so good to see the effects of the stroke are minimal. Jack being Jack, figures he should be able to work twice as hard at therapy and be all fixed 4 times as fast. Go for it, Brother!

Installation went off as scheduled on 12-16. No one objected and you have me for another year. Brother Bob Mohney had to work that day and PGM Hoffman was good enough to step in at the last minute and handle the duties of Installing Marshall. I believe I mentioned that the line stays the same except, Brother Bruce Miller didn't wish to continue in the line and Brother Dave Jobe assumed the duties of Junior Deacon. Brother Neil DePue will handle the guarding of the door with the 52" Scottish Claymore sword he donated to the Lodge. As alluded to earlier, Brother Albert Brett will be Sr Steward, assisted by Jr. Steward Stonhill.

Brothers Nipper and Jobe think that it would be nice to have a photo lineup of the Brothers in the Lodge and are going to research it to see if it is feasible. If we decide to go with it, it will only work if when asked for a photo of yourself that you help them with that. I think that it could be a really good thing as there are some of you Brothers out there I have never met and this would help to avoid not knowing a Brother when he comes to the Lodge from out of town for the first time in years. You are still our Brother and we would like to show you the respect you deserve rather than starting to examine you.

Everyone, be sure to come to the Annual Temple Board meeting to make sure that we are well represented. I intend to bring up the 5th Wednesday pot lucks. I didn't follow up on the December one, thinking that everyone was so busy that they would appreciate not having that obligation. Wrong! I hurt some feelings, I apologize. The big boys told me that when the Potlucks first started that the various bodies rotated the sponsorship around. I think that may be something we should reinstitute. It may bring some fresh ideas that might make it more fun for all of us. I will bring that up at the annual meeting.

Enough for now, December is over and we start into the winter doldrums. May the Spirit of Christmas and the Joy of the New Year last, so that we may have a "good" winter.