



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

**From the East:** I have the honor to have been elected as the Worshipful Master of the lodge for this year. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the brethren for electing me and the other four elected officers of the lodge I could not ask for a better line of officers, as they are second to none. This year I hope to keep the great programs set by the Worshipful Masters before me. I hope I have learned all the good things from them. Here is the introduction of the officers for this year:

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| <b>Worshipful Master</b> | <b>Josue G. Perez</b>          |
| <b>Senior Warden</b>     | <b>David Nipper</b>            |
| <b>Junior Warden</b>     | <b>David Jobe</b>              |
| <b>Treasurer</b>         | <b>Bob Mohney, PM</b>          |
| <b>Secretary</b>         | <b>Donald D. Taylor, PM</b>    |
| <b>Marshall</b>          | <b>David M. Ceci, PM</b>       |
| <b>Chaplain</b>          | <b>Vicente Esparza Jr., PM</b> |
| <b>Senior Deacon</b>     | <b>David Stonhill</b>          |
| <b>Junior Deacon</b>     | <b>Albert D. Brett</b>         |
| <b>Senior Steward</b>    | <b>Shaun White</b>             |
| <b>Junior Steward</b>    | <b>Mel Brown</b>               |
| <b>Tyler</b>             | <b>Dan Drefs, PM</b>           |

I want to send a fair warning to all the brethren. I am not going to change what past master Ceci started that of making brethren work on their ritual and esoteric work. I will hope for the same and more from you.

This up coming year I also want to stretch a helping hand to the other two lodges in our district. I want us to help them in any way they need it. I want to also thank Br. DDGM McCandless. It is an honor to work under you jurisdiction. I hope to work hard and making you look good!

Well I will now part, but not before giving you my first order. No brother of mine is allowed to travel to the perfect and celestial lodge above where the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe forever presides. That is one duty I don't want to perform.

Josue G. Perez W. M.

### **From the District Deputy Grand Master, Kent McCandless:**

Brothers, Brother Paul asked me for a little input on Eagle Rock Lodge, For what it is worth and no longer being an officer of the Lodge and therefore unbiased, here we go.

We have been fortunate in having started a growth in the Lodge that is growing and then feeding on that growth. The best part of that growth is that the health of the Lodge is resting on young people who will be able to carry the Lodge for many years more. They are aggressive, intelligent and have a real drive to learn Freemasonry beyond memorization of the work and repeating it verbatim. The work should always be respected and done as well as possible but the understanding of the work will continue to make the work even better.

The aggressive attitude towards learning is evidenced by the fact that since September Eagle Rock has been awarded 2 full tickets, 3 secondary tickets and 2 Warden's tickets. There are more in the wings and there are enough new candidates to provide Lodge time to do the degree work in open Lodge.

Eagle Rock is fortunate to have a line with no retreats. There is always an attitude of why haven't we tried this new way of doing it. Tradition is a critical element in Freemasonry. The things we learn that have been passed down are critical to our Fraternity but we can't be so locked in to honoring and appreciating the history that we ignore new ways to enjoy that learning and history and maybe attract even more people into our Fraternity. There can be innovation that is respectful of our ancient teachings and traditions.

The average age of our Brothers is going down. How long has it been since we saw our Worshipful Master with his oldest child in his arms, just learning to talk. New ideas, fresh thoughts on how to accomplish the goals of our Fraternity, while honoring the past.

Our new Worshipful Master, Brother Josh. He has talked with me of some of his ideas that he wants to accomplish during his year. From what I see, he is going to have a hard time finding the time to do them. We are going to have to give him a great deal of support for him to accomplish them. The things he has told me of sound like good fun while accomplishing the true purposes of our Fraternity. Remember, Eagle Rock #19 is only a part of the great whole. I remember a Brother visiting from Colorado one time. He said that when it came out that he had to come to Idaho his coworkers were trying to console him for being away from friends and family for that extended time. He told them that there was no problem, he had a bunch of Friends in Idaho Falls, he just hadn't met them yet. Another important facet of our Great Fraternity.

Brothers, Hang On. WM Perez is Master of the Ship that has a following wind. With all the things that He and the Lodge have going for them this year is going to be a hard one to follow. However we have a good line behind him who will feed off of his accomplishments and the Lodge's accomplishments in the years to come.

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