

THE ORDER OF THE RUSTY NAIL

[Candidates must be vetted in advance, properly clothed, and asked to wait with the Tyler. Have working tools and apron at appropriate stations. Have Certificates available for presentation.]

W.M. - Brethren this Lodge has convened for the purpose of conferring the Order of The Rusty Nail. If there be no objection we will proceed. There being none, Bro. S.W. do we have any M.M.s who desire the Order of The Rusty Nail?

S.W. - (||) W.M., there are ____ M.M.s without the door who desire to receive the Order of The Rusty Nail in this Lodge.

W.M. - Bro. S.D. (||) you will retire with the Stewards (||) and prepare the candidates. If they are duly qualified, admit them and conduct them to the several stations in the Lodge to receive the Order of The Rusty Nail. - **[S.D. and Stewards go to altar and sign, then to anteroom.]**

S.D. - **[Prepares candidates by showing them the MM Due Guard and Sign and attitude of prayer, asking them to follow in line and square corners. Leads candidates in line from anteroom door to a point near the J.S. seat, then North to a point west of the altar, then faces them East. S.D. and Candidates sign. Stewards trail behind candidates, do not turn, and go directly to their stations.]** My Brothers, Welcome to the Order of the Rusty Nail. Its purpose is to remind you of what you may have forgotten about the degrees of masonry and to make you feel at home in your Lodge or in a Lodge which you may visit.

W.M. - *** Bros., early in your Masonic career you were taught never to enter upon any great or important undertaking with out first invoking the blessing of God. Bro. Chaplain.

Chaplain - **[Prayer]** Most holy and glorious Heavenly Father, Great Architect of The Universe, we beseech thee to look down upon and bless the brethren here assembled. May the connections formed here be linked together with ever increasing ties of brotherly love and fellowship until time shall be no more. Amen

W.M. - *

S.D. - **[Conducts candidates to the J.W., placing them in an E-W line facing the J.W.]** Bro. J.W. (||) it gives me great pleasure to present these Brother M.M.s who desire the Order of the Rusty Nail.

J.W. - Welcome, Bros., to Eagle Rock Lodge #19 and the Order of the Rusty Nail.

[At this point the ritual contained in the First Degree of the Idaho Monitor used at the candidates entrance into the Lodge is given {"On your first..."}. Then the working tools from the Idaho Monitor are given. Then the JW steps down to the level, facing the candidates, and gives the steps, Due Guard and Sign. The J.W. then faces left, the S.D. steps forward and faces the J.W., and the grip and word are communicated. The J.W. and S.D. then exchange the grip with candidates, each taking the half of the group nearest them. The J.W. returns to position, shows a lambskin apron, and presents the Worshipful Master's short form lecture of the Lambskin Apron from the Idaho Monitor.]

J.W. - You will now be conducted to the S.W. for instruction in the 2nd degree.

S.D. - - **[Conducts candidates to the S.W., placing them in an N-S line facing the S.W.]** Bro. S.W. (||) It gives me great pleasure to present these Brother M.M.s who desire the Order of the Rusty Nail.

S.W. - Welcome, Bros., to Eagle Rock Lodge #19 and the Order of the Rusty Nail.

[At this point the ritual contained in the Second Degree of the Idaho Monitor used at the candidates entrance into the Lodge is given, omitting the first line and starting with the FC portion of the text {"On your first..."}. Then the working tools from the Idaho Monitor are given. Then the SW steps down to the level, facing the candidates, and gives the FC steps only, and the Due Guard and Sign. The S.W. then faces left, the S.D. steps forward and faces the S.W., and the pass-grip and word are

communicated. The origin of the password from the Middle Chamber Lecture of the Idaho Key is requested by the S.W. and given by the S.D., then the true-grip and word are communicated. The S.W. and S.D. then exchange the grips with candidates, each taking the half of the group nearest them.]

S.W. - **[steps back to station and continues]** You will now be conducted to the W.M. for instructions on the 3rd degree.

S.D. - W.M., it gives me great pleasure to present these Brother M.M.s who desire the Order of the Rusty Nail.

W.M. - (||)Welcome, Bros., to Eagle Rock Lodge No. 19 and the Order of the Rusty Nail.

[At this point the ritual from the Idaho Monitor used to receive the candidate on the 3rd degree is given, omitting the first two lines and starting with the MM portion of the text {"On your first..."}, the working tools as contained in the Idaho Monitor are given. W.M. steps down to the level, facing the candidates, and gives the MM steps only, with the Due Guard and Sign. The W.M. then faces left, the S.D. steps forward and faces the W.M., and the W.M. requests the GHS from the S.D. followed by the pass-grip and word and FPOF and word as in the MM proficiency. The W.M. and S.D. then exchange the grips, FPOF, and word with candidates, each taking the half of the group nearest them.]

W.M. - **[steps back to station]** Bro. _____ will now give you the charge.

Charge - Brethren, In the 1st degree you were given a brief explanation of Masonry as follows: Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morals, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. Its tenets are brotherly love, relief, and truth. Its cardinal virtues are temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, along with an unfeigned belief in a Supreme Architect of the Universe.

In the 2nd degree you were taught that Operative Masonry alludes to the proper application of the useful rules of architecture, while in Speculative Masonry we learn to subdue the passions, act upon the Square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, and practice charity.

The 2nd section of the 3rd degree, in which you each were caused to represent our GM _____, is a most solemn and impressive portion of our ritualistic work. In it we are taught the ultimate lesson of victory over death and the immortality of the soul.

W.M. You may now be seated among the Brethren.

W.M. - Brethren, I congratulate you upon your successful completion of the Order of the Rusty Nail. I hope that the redefining of these principles will stimulate your renewed interest in Freemasonry and that you will henceforth find yourselves able to attend lodge meetings and activities with ease of mind and comfort in our fraternity. I now take pleasure in presenting you with these certificates.