



May 2006 Trestleboard Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM

From the East: My Brothers, This month's Trestleboard is really more of a well-deserved apology than a Trestleboard. With all that is going on in the next few weeks.

The Open House 4-29 that Brother Josh is ram rodding and what is hoped is the 1st annual Bikes for Books that Brother Dave is handling, I have been just a little less than no help at all. Good intentions pave the road to hell and all mine went on that road when my Cable Tow suddenly had a hangman's noose on it. Rosalyn is coming back faster than expected and I hope that I can be of more benefit to the Lodge than I have been since I started this with my hospital stay. As much as Freemasonry means to me, my Wife means more and I have had that brought home.

The Open House is tomorrow, a little late to remind you to attend to assist in this medium. Bikes for Books comes to a head the end of May, We are hopeful that this will be a good lead in to getting the Lodge more in to the public eye. Brother Dave has some good ideas on how to expand it next year. In any event, I am sure that this will more than replace the Breakfast as a public service. At the time of this writing, Brothers Joe Alexander, Dave Ceci, Josh Perez, Bob Mohney and I are intending to attend Saber Lodge in Mountain Home. It should be fun. Oriental 60's Master Zimmerman says that their Lodge is a blast. Bannack is still on. I did send some packets to St Johns and Grove City so they will have a little better idea what is going on. We do have a candidate already volunteered.

Speaking of candidates and degrees, we are staying busy at it. We went in to do one second and just before we opened, a candidate passed his proficiency and we drug him in and did a double.

Anyway, hopefully I am back and will try to spend more time on my obligations to the Lodge.

Interesting note from the Missouri Lodge of Research bulletin.

For the first time since 1975, we have Masonry in a lodge in Iraq! In May 2005, the Grand Lodge of New York granted dispensation to the Masons and members of the 42nd Infantry Division to form a lodge. The Masonic Veterans Association of New York provided the furniture for a complete lodge room. The name of the Lodge is Land, Sea and Air Lodge No. 1. It is chartered and under the dispensation of the Grand Lodge of New York, F. & A.M.

Masons can show support of the Lodge by purchasing a shoulder patch at \$7.00 each from the Masonic Veterans Association of New York, 121 S. Long Street, Williamsville, NY 14221-6630. Proceeds go to brothers and family of the Lodge.

The Lodge has a website:

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