



April 2007 Trestleboard Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM

From the East: On 3-14 Dave Nipper, Dave Jobe, Alan Moss and I went to Soda Springs with MWPGM Alexander. It was a really nice visit. A lot of the smaller Lodges are struggling, but this one seems to be in good health. They have about 49 Brothers. I believe there were 18 plus us in attendance. Most Lodges are getting about 10% attendance, they had a 37%. They have two new Master Masons and an EA starting up the trail. Fun Lodge, good fellowship, really interesting furniture and memorabilia? I don't know, but something is working for our Brothers in Caribou County. (The food was good too, thanks Brothers Irv and Nelson)

We have some things going our way too. We have two 1st degrees pending, two petitions in the work. Looks like we will be busy for a bit here. Works for me.

Brother Dave Jobe took the East to complete his requirements for Warden's Certificate at second stated. Got worked good. Had all the petitions and balloting as well as getting to present a Montana 50 year pin to Brother Theodore Lyon. Brother DDGM Ray Curran and Justin Louder came up from Pocatello. Not a bad night's work for the first time wearing the Hat.

Brothers Drefs, Perez and Esparza started the evening off with a good Mexican dinner of Fajitas and Rice. Brother Joe Alexander gave us a short program on our Brother Benito Juarez. I didn't realize how many things the Abraham Lincoln of Mexico accomplished in his life.

Brother Ceci already has things under weigh for the Bikes for Books Project this year, as you know we will be doing two schools. Has dates for the competition and has put bikes in the schools to encourage interest. Already some discussion going on about how to top this next year.

I have a new catalog; we will let you look at it, make some choices and then I'll get some prices to have some shirts, jackets, caps and other items made up with Eagle Rock Logos on them. I'll bring it to coffee and Lodge, have a look.

The Secret Jobie Daughters made themselves known on St Patrick's Day. Although they have done it before I never signed up. I am glad I finally did. We got to know a bunch of nice young Ladies as individuals, not just as the Jobie Bethel. I would recommend that you sign up next year if you want to have some fun experiences with these young Ladies. Mine spoiled Rosalyn and I rotten. They really did get into the spirit of their program.

Remember, Bannack will be June 2nd. We'll see you there.

In these times when we are losing so many of our Brothers to the Celestial Lodge and the illnesses, I am reminded of one of those famous from the mouths of babes lines, "God Bless us, Everyone!"