



March Trestleboard Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM

From the East: Brethren, We have sent requests for Dispensations from the Grand Lodges of Idaho and Montana to allow us to confirm the 3rd degree at Bannack Montana on June 2. Hoping that they will be granted, we are planning on our annual Bannack trip the 1st weekend of June. The others have been fun; I would expect this one to be. Brother Albert is talking like he wants to do some dutch

oven cooking up there.

The pot luck January 31st went very well. We had between 45 and 50 show up. As we went to the Lodge for degree work as soon as we were through eating, I expected that we would be a couple of hours swamping out. There were just a few last minute things to do and we were out of there in 1/2 hour. The other groups really did a job of cleaning up. Let's remember, when it is their turn to host the dinner, we should remember and return the favor. I understand that the Jobies are bragging about how they are going to pack the house next time on May 30th when they host it.

Speaking of many hands making the work light. We did our Lodge field day on the 10th of February. We had a bunch of Brothers show up. We got done in good time and I think we did a good job. The fun part is that when there are that many, there isn't the stress of how can we get this all done and we can enjoy each other's company while we work. It was surprisingly fun. The only problem was that Brother Dave Jobe had a stool roll out from under him. When he fell he caught himself on his left wrist. It sounds like he knocked a chip off one of the bones in his wrist. We still couldn't get him out of there to get it checked, finally had to yell at him.

Brother Don Taylor told me that we had just, for the first time in how long, showed a 3 Brother increase in numbers. We have received three new petitions this month. These were all instances where they came to us seeking information. Is this indicative that men are searching for more than material things and are starting to realize the value of the type of companionship like we share and the appreciation of morality? Have we hit the low spot and are now on an upswing? I hope so; it is time for Freemasonry to enjoy an increase in membership like the 50s. February 2nd stated, we received two petitions!

Two dates we need to remember, March 26 will be the spring District Meeting at Blackfoot. Dinner at 6:30, Lodge at 7:30. It will open on the 1st degree, so all can attend and as is obvious, they are trying to encourage a good turnout. The 27th is Arco, the 28th is Pocatello should you wish to go but can't make ours. The second date to put on the calendar is May 12, Blackfoot will host the Leadership Training. This is particularly good for those coming into the line or have desire to do so. Further details as to times will come later. Challis and Twin Falls are the two next closest on March 17th and April 7th respectively.

Brother Dix's dissertation was interesting. He pointed out the usage of the chisel, pencil and skerritt in the work of the British Lodges but are not used in Blue Lodge in the US. Isn't it interesting how things that are the same change subtly over the years to where all of a sudden there is a notable difference. Good thing we have the Ancient Landmarks to keep the major tenets the same. I think it was good, it prompted some good discussion. While we hope that we will be busy doing degree work, there will be opportunities to listen to other programs. If you have a subject that you would like to talk on, feel free to make your intents known, we will do our best to give you the opportunity. It adds greatly to the meetings to have something new and different presented.

March 17th the Jobies of Bethel 47 are going to have a little party where we will learn who our Secret Daughters are! It has been a fun year, I will be anxious to meet my young Lady. I feel that I got quite an exceptional Daughter. I was hesitant to try this program out, but have enjoyed it and think you might want to try it next time. Brother Neil has met his Secret Daughter several times, but she has been disguised so he still doesn't know who she is.

A note of explanation. Brother Don Taylor, who puts out the hard copies of the Trestleboard will be gone the end of the month and leaves the job of printing, addressing and mailing the hard copies to a bunch of novices in that art. If you don't get it on time, you may get it late or not at all, but now you know why.

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