



November Trestleboard Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM

From the East: Here is a corrected version with some spelling errors and on piece of information corrected. It was a little late last night and I didn't do any checks. I woke up about 5 and realized that I had best take care of it. I'm hoping that we can all get over to Mountain Home the 17th; they want to come over here too.

We have started to try to get the degrees caught up. There were unveiled threats from the West about a possible problem if the degrees weren't current by the middle of December. We therefore scheduled 2 thirds the night of the 24th. It was midnight before we were wrapped up and got out of there, it made an awfully long night. I'm not sure that 2 thirds in a night is a good idea. We are sure that the 2 seconds that we are going to do the 31st after the Potluck will go a lot faster. November 14th we will do 2 1sts, just to maintain the rhythm. That will be the Penguins on Parade version. We have probably two more firsts shortly after that, probably the 28th. It's a lot of work, but ain't it great. (I received a request for a Letter to a Friend from Br Randy Brown. He has another in the works, looks promising.)

The first stated in November is the second best night of the year, elections for new officers. It is a sad thing but we are going to have to have a new Treasurer. After so many years of good and faithful service in that job, Brother Jack Buerkle has to step down. It was so odd last night to see someone else in his traditional roles in the 3rd degree. On the 5th of December we will have an extra added attraction at that communication; we hope that we will have a talk by Major Vaughn Ward, USMC. He has a presentation on the Iraq war, from the point of view of a combatant. He is a SE Idahoan. It may be that it will have to be scheduled later if there is a conflict of schedule.

Another loss, Brother Richard Thatcher lost Ann. We can only offer words of consolation. We all know how great the loss is and how it affects all phases of the life of the surviving spouse.

Shaun White, Edwin Anderson, Dave Stonhill, Dick Kaiser and Albert Brett went through the Scottish Rite Reunion over in Boise on the 14th. It was a special occasion, being the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Boise Valley of the Scottish Rite.

Brothers Farrow and Herndon went over to Boise and attended York Rite Grand Lodge in October as well. Next York rite on November 12th, they will give a report on the same.

We have several of our Brothers going into the Shrine next month. Crossing the burning sands will be Mike Vasquez, Shaun White and Gary Black, maybe Allen Moss will go as well.

Welfare of the Craft: Br Del Burkhalter had a little bout. Spent a couple of days in the regular room at the hospital, now is in room 604 for another week and a half till he gets toughened up to go home. Br Harold Holm is at home now, they are getting ready to go to Fair Winds and let someone else shovel the snow. He did come down for the potluck Wednesday night. Br Jack Buerkle has already gone over to Lincoln Court, Apt 288.

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