



June Trestleboard

Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM

Perspective from the Northeast by Dave Jobe,

Senior Deacon: As summer approaches and our Masonic Families prepare for their organizations to go dark, many things are running through my mind that we would do well to remember as we load up and go our respective directions with family and

friends. First and foremost, let temperance (safety) govern our actions so that when September rolls around we find all of our members returning with nothing but good memories. To help in this endeavor, make sure your car, truck, or SUV is serviced and safety checked before you head out of the local area; prepare and carry emergency and first aid kits in your vehicle; prepare and carry cards with emergency and contact information (especially for your young children); and obtain all information available about off-road, out of the way, and new destinations from trusted friends, the Internet or a tourist bureau before traveling to them.

While we're away from home remember that all of us have an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to non-members what our organizations represent by our words and actions outside of the Lodge. Remember, the good image we hold of the Masonic family may not be the same image that the public has developed. We can help improve the impression the outside world holds of us, and even garner a few new members; through a daily and continual demonstration of the principals we learn and teach in the Lodge. Remember especially the tenants of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Be the best ambassador you can by living the tenants and principles espoused in your Bodies ceremonies.

Now is also a good time to recognize those Brothers who have been working especially hard in support of the Masons activities. Brothers Josh Perez, Dave Nipper, Dave Stonhill, Albert Brett, and Shaun White have all put in a lot of extra time to practice their ritual work which has resulted in meetings and ceremonies coming off with a smooth and polished appearance. As a result it is especially enjoyable to sit, watch, and listen; plus it provides a good example and sets the bar high for the new members to strive to emulate. Brother Brett continues his dedication in providing some of the best food available anywhere on those nights we have dinner. He comes in early and stays late after the meeting is over, along with Brothers Stonhill and White, to ensure the kitchen and dining rooms are cleaned and everything is properly put away. Last, but certainly not least, to WM Ceci for his support during ceremonies and proficiency work as well as for his practiced philosophy of "strive for perfection and achieve excellence." And remember Brothers; this summer provides us an excellent opportunity to commit to memory a new lecture, a conferral, or some other segment of our ritual work without the constraints of time pressing on you.

Brother Kent McCandless has organized another trip to Bannack, MT, scheduled for 31 May to 2 June, where we expect continued success, like in all years past. This year we will raise two new Master Masons - Congratulations Brothers Shirts and Tensmeyer - and a tip of the top hat to Brother Dave Prewett (PGM MT) for again providing his dynamic presentation of the MM lecture.

For my final observation I would like to acknowledge the upturn in attendance during our recent communications. It has increased substantially and is helping the Lodge to improve its usefulness to our membership. I encourage all our Brothers to attend Lodge as much as you are able, for only through your participation can we make Eagle Rock Lodge the kind of organization that inspires the best attributes in all our members and the community too.

Have a safe, enjoyable, refreshing, and fulfilling summer. See you all in September.

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