



April Trestleboard

Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM

From the South, by David Jobe, Junior Warden:

WOW! Was March a fantastic and busy month! If I were to try and mention everyone who had a hand in the successes we enjoyed this month I would run out of paper. So, I will just name a few of the guilty leaders, remembering that they received much support from so many of the Brothers at large: (1) DDGM Kent McCandless has been tireless in involving Eagle Rock members in supporting the other Lodges in our

District, particularly Brother Scott Auvil who has learned and presented the lectures in all three degree's for Grove City and the EA lecture for St Johns Lodge. (2) Brother Dave Stonhill orchestrated the highly successful fund raising raffle, silent auction and dinner, to raise money for the Bonneville County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Patrol. During this time of financial austerity we managed to secure and donate approximately \$6500 to the Patrol. This activity also garnered Eagle Rock Lodge some excellent coverage from the local media. (3) Brothers Mel Brown and Albert Brett organized one of the most successful Open House event's we have enjoyed in recent history while tying it in with the aforementioned fund raising. During the open house we handed out seven "Letter to a Friend" packets and had two petitions endorsed before the end of the day's activities. These Brothers also set up the Past Masters Night dinner where Brother Albert again displayed his kitchen magic with another exceptional prime rib dinner for the Lodge. It was an evening that finally saw the sideliners outnumber the Past Masters by 19 to 12. Well done everyone. (4) Last, but certainly not least, WM Josué Perez (who is really responsible for everything) has continued to emphasize his goal of supporting and conducting visits to our sister Lodges. On this note, remember our visit to the Arco Lodge on Tuesday, 14 April. He has also reinvigorated the visitation policy for our Brothers who are injured or ill, which has been, unfortunately, an all too busy schedule lately.

A key date to mark on your calendars will be 6:00 PM on 31 March. This evening is the District Spring Education night where Brother Paul Alexander, the Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer, will conduct training in the Master Mason degree. A Secretaries Seminar will commence at 6:00 PM with dinner, sponsored by Eagle Rock Lodge, starting at 6:30 PM. This training session, which runs from 7:30 to 9:30, will be limited to our Brothers who hold the Master Mason degree. If you're a Master Mason please try to attend.

April begins the push on the "Bikes for Books" program. We are actively soliciting sponsors to fund one, or more, bike and helmet prizes to be awarded in May. For our Brothers who have not been able to attend our meetings over the past few years, this program awards a bike and helmet to one boy and one girl each, in grades K – 6, who have their name drawn during an assembly. Their price for an entry is simply to read a book. The more books they read the more entries they are awarded. This program has been especially fruitful in helping the teachers of the participating schools raise their student's scores in the Idaho State Reading Test. We currently sponsor this program at Hawthorne and Bush Elementary Schools. If you can find your way clear to sponsor one, or more, bike and helmet prizes (we need 28 at \$100 each) you would be doing something good to help motivate and improve the education levels of our youth and will also really help the Lodge since this program equals about one-half of our budget shortfall. If you desire to sponsor an award please contact Brother Dave Nipper or just mail your contribution to the Lodge with an attached statement indicating as to what the money is designated.

For our Brothers in the local area who have difficulty with driving but would like to attend Lodge, please call the Lodge or one of the officers for assistance. We will make sure you are picked up and brought to join us. Remember, the third Wednesday of the month is a dinner evening and starts at 6:30. Wednesday, 8 April, will be a third degree.

The final item I would like to highlight this month is our Masonic youth. These people represent the finest examples of what we would like to see as the leaders and strength of our future. To that end, attending their meetings one evening, or on a Saturday afternoon, when you are available, is an easy way to show them that we care and are proud of their efforts to grow in to good, solid citizens who really do represent the future of our country and our world. Remember how nice it feels to have someone recognize your efforts and then think of our youth.

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