



## October Trestleboard Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM

**From the West:** Greetings Brethren, from the West. Our Worshipful Master is off to Venezuela for a few weeks, we wish him a safe trip and a good time with family and fraternal visits.

Things at the Lodge have been busy as we have emerged from the Dark of Summer. Numerous petitions were received, two others were voted upon, and a new Entered Apprentice has been initiated.

After a practice session on Sept. 8th, a First Degree initiation was performed on Sept. 24th. Many positions were occupied by those new to the tasks, but all went well. Congratulations to all who demonstrated new skills, and thanks to all who contributed.

The Bikes-for-Books Raffle was vigorously marketed, particularly at Grand Lodge. Winners were drawn at the Luncheon held for the St. Johns Lodge Centennial, and the prizes and winners were as follows:

- 1) Trip to Las Vegas - Dave Stonhill
- 2) Bose Music system - Chris Wethered
- 3) Gift card for \$300 - Ray Leeman

Nearly \$1500 was gained for the Bikes-for-Books fund.

A Communication and a Steak Feed were accomplished on the 12th at Bannack, Montana, much to the enjoyment of all concerned. These affairs are heartily recommended to any Mason, for they warm the heart and feed the soul (as well as the body!).

The 142nd Communication of Grand Lodge was hosted here in Idaho Falls, and many of our members were able to attend. Mayor Fuhrman made an outstanding speech, welcoming everyone to Idaho Falls and showing a real understanding of our values and value to the community. The three days that followed were busy with activity. Equal parts of ceremony, fellowship, food, and business made for a satisfying time. Several pieces of legislation were passed, and there will be some significant changes seen when the Code and Digest is updated. Our local submission was successful, and the Sunday Labor blue law was abolished. The new M. W. G. M. of Masons in Idaho, Bro. Dave Triplett, is a ball of fire and ready to accomplish great things - best to get energized and be ready to keep up!

Our Lodge hosted the Grand Lodge participants to two meals in our dining room. Bro. Brett was busy that week, leading our budding chefs for a Wednesday dinner and a Friday breakfast. All were fed to satisfaction and donations to the Lodge more than covered expenses. Profuse thanks to all who turned out to labor in the kitchen and in the cleanup. There is a phrase that originated on the other side of our globe. "Many hands make light work", regardless of the source, is full of truth, and not just because each persons share of work is smaller. The fellowship of our companions in the effort brightens the day and lightens the heart. These were hours well spent.

The year is flying by in a blur, and we are just a month away from elections again! Come to Lodge, see the new members, and bring your ideas for good works in the community. Bring MORE ideas for fun in the Lodge. Work together to see our newest petitioners and initiates through the degrees in a full and active Eagle Rock Lodge. We are often seeing 30 or more members at Stated Communications these days, and is a wonderful feeling to see the crowd sharing fellowship and support.

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