



April Trestleboard

Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM

From the South: Brothers, we have past the meridian height of this Masonic year. The year has been filled with excellent ritual work, fine food, and hearty fellowship. Soon the Lodge will be going dark for the summer. However, before we lay down our working tools for the summer there is still work to be done.

The 2nd Masonic District Spring Meeting will be held at St. Johns Lodge in Shelley on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:30 PM. The Grand Lecturer will be providing instruction appertaining to the 3rd degree ritual. As an added incentive to encourage your attendance, the St. Johns Oyster Stew Team, with assistance from our culinary maestro, Brother Albert Brett, will be serving a delectable Oyster Stew starting at 6:30 PM.

The annual conferral of the 3rd degree on an Eagle Rock candidate at Bannack is fast approaching. This is a particularly meaningful event for me, as I was raised at Bannack. The degree will be conferred on Saturday, May 22nd, starting sometime around 4:00-4:30 PM. A scrumptious Dutch-oven dinner will be served starting at 2:00 PM, courtesy of Brothers Kent McCandless, Don Taylor, et al. The lecture will be delivered by MWPGM Dave Prewett of Montana. If you've never seen Br. Prewett's rendition of the Montana 3rd degree lecture you're missing a truly amazing performance.

[And remember the Bannack Cleanup on May 8th! - W.M.]

The Lodge has a number of Entered Apprentices working toward demonstrating their proficiency on the 1st degree. There are also a number of brothers working to fulfill the necessary requirements for obtaining a Warden's or Master's certificate. To both, I would encourage you strive to complete those proficiencies and fulfill those requirements before the Lodge goes dark for the summer. The Lodge has an overflowing cornucopia of learned, distinguished and *mature* brethren available to assist you in learning the work; and, in doing so, you just might learn a lesson or two that will lead you down a path to becoming a better man.

An observation before I close. There were 31 brothers in attendance at Wednesday's (April 7th) stated meeting; with brothers ranging in age from their mid 20s to their early 90s. 31 brothers; at a stated meeting; no degree work; no dinner; no special event that would draw an abnormally large attendance; *just* a stated meeting. I thought that was amazing.

Scott Auvil, Junior Warden