



June Trestleboard

Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM

From the “East by North”:

Greetings Brethren, I hope this finds you well. We have had a full month of May with much work and fun. If you missed the second stated meeting, I’m sorry to report that you missed out on a fabulous meal prepared by our brother Mike Keeton. His Tri-tips served with mashed sweet potatoes were, in fact, to die for.

Our culinary bar continues to be raised. And it went up another notch when we had our wonderful event on May 22nd in Bannack, Montana. A Dutch oven feast that was the work of many of our Chefs, and some visiting from other Lodges. Thank you Leroy Austin, Wendell, Idaho; he brought us pork chops, marinated with his home made elderberry wine and served with a raspberry chipotle bar-b-que sauce. Brothers Bob Farrow, Don Taylor, Kent McCandless, Jason Hollern, Mike Keeton and myself, all contributed to what was truly a great feast. If you didn’t make it to Bannack, our very own “Back Yard Professor” and videographer made a nine minute recording of the day which truly captured the feel of the day. Watch it soon on the Lodge web site. Thank you Kerry Shirts, great job. It was a most memorable day and according to our District Deputy Grand Master, Kent McCandless, next year we will hold it in the spring instead of winter.

June is full and starts with Bikes for Books, a great event which provides leadership for our kids and light to the community. More work continues throughout the month, with highway cleanup, Degrees to confer, and The DeMolay Installation. See the calendar for all the specifics. The Month ends with a wonderful All-Masonic potluck dinner.

We will be Dark in July and August however the work will go on. We have the Lodge Building Cleanup duties for the month of July (on the 10th at 10 AM). I’m sure we’ll get a chance to put on some more Degrees, and in August we are putting on another Dutch oven feast for the Annual Picnic and Open House. We will be joined by the affiliated Bodies which should make this another memorable event.

Have you heard about the Drawing we are having? A very Rare bottle of Old Masters Freemason Whisky, (scotch) is being awarded. It’s virtually one of a kind in the U.S. of A. We have what is probably the only intact bottle available in the entire western hemisphere. And we can thank are Junior Warden, Scott Auvil,

for his over-the-top efforts in acquiring this prize. The Label was designed with the British Fraternity in mind. Tickets for the drawing are only \$5.00 and thanks to our travels they are going fast to brothers throughout the State. The Donations will support the Lodge and our Bikes for Books Program.

Brothers, I am so proud to be a member with you in this business of becoming a better man. Masonry is a great way of life and made even more so by the participation of all you in the activities of our Lodge.

I look forward to seeing you all many times in the month of June and throughout the Summer.

Albert Brett
Senior Deacon
Eagle Rock #19
A. F. & A. M. of Idaho

From the East: On a sadder note, we will be providing a Tribute of Affection for Past Master Rex Blodgett on June 19th at 11:00 A.M. at the Trinity Methodist Church and graveside. We see our Friends and Brethren moving on to that higher Lodge, and we greet our young new members as they eagerly join and learn the Craft. It is a river, and we go with the flow. We are fortunate that our Lodge continues to be a lively and vigorous place, so our trip is an interesting one, filled with good fellowship and warmth.

Dave Nipper
Worshipful Master