



## **May Trestleboard**

### **Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM**

**From the East:** Greetings Brethren, I hope this finds you well. It has been, and will apparently continue to be, a busy Spring. The District Meeting in April went well, but I will remember it more as the last time I met in Lodge with Brother David Olehy. He will be sorely missed (see below).

The following night we had a fine Italian dinner and a good meeting, including the announcement of the success of our Bonneville DeMolay at Conclave. They did us proud and basically took all the major trophies. We will have a chance to pay some wages when we install the next set of officers in June! The Jobies were active as well, and Bethel 47 came to that same fine dinner to share their secrets - Secret Masons, that is - we all learned who had been sending those notes and gifts!

We have been continuing the Degree work, trying to keep ahead, but we are kept busy. We had two Firsts in April and a Second in May (so far). Attendance has been ample, and the ceremonies well received. More to come! Join us for these when you can, we are having a good time!

Bikes-for-Books is progressing well. The students are reading, the bikes are ready, and we will present at Hawthorne School on May 28th (9:00 AM) and Bush School on June 3rd (9:30 AM). This is a big event for the kids and the parents, and it gives a warm feeling to see the interest and effort they have invested. Come and watch, help show them who we are, and see the fun. It takes an hour, but the feeling lasts a lot longer.

This weekend (May 8th) we will be sending volunteers to Bannack to help clean up the park for the coming season. This means we are also cleaning it up for our big Spring Bannack Communication and 3rd Degree work. If you can drive up, or catch a ride and come help, it will be a rewarding session and lunch is provided. On the 22nd, we will hold our Communication and do TWO 3rd Degrees. A glorious dutch oven feed is planned for 2:00, with the degrees at 4:00. Don't miss this, it will be memorable!

Speaking of food - come practice eating well before Bannack! Our Second Stated in May will feature a dinner selected and prepared by Bro. Mike Keeton, and the rumor is spreading that the meal will feature Beef Tri-tip and fixin's.

For those that didn't hear, Brother David Olehy is gone, his funeral was well attended, his record was spotless, and he will be welcomed in that Lodge above - but he will be missed by so many. Keep St. Johns Lodge in your thoughts and visit when you are able.

There will be another funeral this month, for Marvin S. Blakely, a California Mason sojourning here. His Memorial Service and Tribute of Affection are scheduled for 1:00 PM, May 15th, at the Eckersell Memorial Chapel, 101 West Main Street, in Rigby, Idaho. Eagle Rock # 19 will be providing the Tribute of Affection at the request of the Grand Lodges of California and Idaho. As there is a Scottish Rite Reunion on the same day, all those not attending the Reunion are asked to make a special effort to attend this Memorial.

Lastly, an item for planning purposes - The Annual Picnic will be on August 18th, at the Lodge, AND IT WILL INCLUDE AN ALL-MASONIC OPEN HOUSE, as well as a Dutch Oven Barbecue.

Watch for our coming Drawing (\$5 Donation Requested) for a bit of Masonic Memorabilia from Scotland - an Old Masters Freemason Whisky Bottle, very collectible!

The Drawing winner will get the Bottle, which is rare and unavailable in the U.S. or Canada, intact with all seals in place, any incidental contents are not intended for consumption (of course). Tickets available soon and the drawing will be during Grand Lodge.

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