



February Trestleboard

Eagle Rock Lodge #19 AF&AM

From the East: Our second stated was memorable for the fine dinner prepared by Brother Mike Keeton. It was a fine kettle of shrimp (and sausage and many good things) boiled in the Cajun fashion. The DeMolay chapter then exemplified the Ceremony of Light and showed us the quality of their work. A fine evening,

made more so by the splendid show of generosity for the relief of our Brethren in Haiti. Our degree work continues, and still another petition has been read, which bodes well for the future of the Lodge. Similar news is being heard from Lodges around the state, which may be an indication of a change in the mood of society, away from the acquisitive “me” and towards the fellowship of “us”. Hope springs eternal.

David Nipper, Worshipful Master

Perspectives from the West: Ahhhh! 6010, and another year in which to ply our trade and endeavor to strengthen the benevolent influence of freemasonry over the earth. It is also a good time to recognize the efforts of those Brothers who have gone the extra mile: WM Nipper and Brother Brett put in many hours in preparation for the annual New Year’s Eve Dinner. They were ably assisted by Brothers Jason Hollern, Mike Keeton as well as the faithful few who stayed to clean up. Thanks also for the assistance from Lisa Brett and Bethel 59, IOJD, who served and cleared the seven course meal. Brother Scott Auvil continues his excellent presentations of the lectures and charges during the degrees and has established a high standard for all who would present these valuable lessons.

We have started conferring the degrees on eight very promising new members of Eagle Rock Lodge and we look forward to seeing the great things they will be able to offer the Masonic community in particular and the world in general. We started conferring the degrees in October, and remain very busy trying to work their degrees into a tight schedule. A special congratulation goes out to Brothers Tremelling and Shirts, our newest Master Masons.

We all know that the lesson invariably taught the best is the one the student picks up when observing his instructor. Seeing how those who would teach a way of life actually live that life is the most effective method we have of imparting the lessons we present, and as such we must always be vigilant in our thoughts and actions. Along these lines, the 2010 Bikes for Books is ramping up and will require the continued support of everyone who can afford, in these difficult times, to contribute. This is an effort designed at improving the education of our youth, by fostering a desire to read, and thereby producing more informed and better citizens for tomorrow. A special thank you goes out to those who contributed last year and helped support a truly memorable campaign. For this year, please send your contributions to the Lodge if you are able.

I would also call your attention to a quote from our MWGM Triplet in his Newsletter of January 18, 2010: “(*Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.*) *It is that easy and that difficult.*” If something occurs in our life that inhibits our ability to come to lodge, or to move around freely, we probably believe that some of our Brothers will be there to check on our welfare and to stretch out a helping hand where possible. After all, isn’t that the Relief and Brotherly Love part of being a Mason? To this end I will offer a challenge to all my good Brothers that goes along with the solicitation of the Worshipful Master: if you learn of a Brother who is ill or injured, put on your best face and cheerful manner and pay him a visit. Offer any assistance you can, even if it is just to visit with him for two or three minutes it all helps. This is especially true for those who are about to pass through those final portals and transition to that all perfect Celestial Lodge above.

David Jobe, Senior Warden

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