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The December meeting was a little short on attendance due to weather, illness and other events. It still went well, though.

We had scheduled to do the EA Degree on the 11th, but the candidate was unable to make it. We have decided to have him go through the One-Day in Rapid City on December 19th (the EA Degree portion only) and then we will do the FC Degree on him on Friday, January 8th at 7PM.

The pancake breakfasts start up again soon. The first one will be on Sunday, January 3rd. Remember, we need a lot of help each Sunday, so come down and put in some time. If you can't help out, at least stop in and have breakfast. The food is always great and the conversation is even better.

Dues notices were sent out and the dues are due by January 1st. Please make every effort to get them paid promptly. There are a few Brothers that are a year or two behind. We would like to see them get caught up so they are not in danger of being suspended.

Brother Bob Butler is in the hospital. I haven't heard what the problem is exactly, but he is undergoing tests to determine the problem and how to make him better. Please keep him and Faye in your thoughts and prayers.

Well that's all I have for this month. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please contact me. My e-mail address is goldpanner@mt-rushmore.net. I still don't have a good many of our member's e-mail addresses. Please take a quick moment to send me a short message and I will include your e-mail address in my address book. Thanks and have a great month and see you at our next meeting on January 9th @ 7:30 PM.

**Fraternally yours,
Cliff Peterson – Secretary
Battle River Lodge #92**

Custer City Lodge #66 A.F.&A.M.

Happy New Year's to all you Masonic readers of Cabletow wisdom. For those of you who make resolutions; were any of them to be healthy, wealthy, & wise? Well, maybe next year!

In the meantime, the Lodge has been busy. The Friendship Chapter & Lodge Christmas tree took first prize at the Courthouse Museum competition and then glittered in the Temple's social room. A blood drive was hosted on the cold day of 09 Dec. Portable fire extinguishers were installed on both floors of the Temple. Cable television service was activated in the Temple's social room. And Christmas baskets were delivered.

But that's not all. In Degree matters: Brother David Gies demonstrated his proficiency in the Entered Apprentice degree. Brothers Christopher Buckius and James Valentino were initiated Entered Apprentices. Plus Brother Steve Shannon was both elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry and was; initiated, passed, and raised a new Master Mason at the 19 Dec Black Hills Degree Day in Rapid City. Congratulations to these Brothers!

Again, that brings us up to; **Business Matters**. Special Communication is on 05 Jan and Stated Communication 19 Jan with the Grand Master possibly visiting (better have a good meal!). A Temple Super Bowl party is scheduled for 07 Feb. The next blood drive is on 17 Feb. The George Washington Birthday supper is tentatively scheduled for 23 Feb. And the Lodge is investigating holding a SDCHIP event.

Finally; distant Bros. Clell Elwood, George Schrader, Robert Mahone, and WB Jack Hantz report they are doing well, conveying fraternal greetings to their Custer Brothers.

With sadness, the Brethren extend their deepest sympathy to Brother Ralph O'Neill on the loss of his brother, Loren.

Fraternally,

**Mark A. Mills
Secretary**

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Custer Friendship Chapter #173 JANUARY 2010

Happy New Year to all!
The "Garden of Roses" year

The parade of trees at the Court House Museum was successful and the tree we and the Masons put up won in its category! \$25 in Chamber dollars was the prize and it will be used to purchase supplies for the Lodge.

The schedule for the 2010 Official Visits is out. In our District 4, the very first is at Hermosa on Tuesday, Jan. 26 with the School of Instruction at 2:00 p.m. and the O.V. at 7:00 p.m. WGM Pat will do the work. There will be a dinner at 5:15 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, \$10.00. Gr. Cond. Helen will have her first visit at Pierre on Friday, Jan. 29, with the School at 2:00 and O.V. at 7:00 p.m. Other Dist. 4 visits are: Bison, Sat. Feb. 5, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; Keystone (at Hermosa) will be Feb. 12; and Kadoka, Feb. 13, 2:00 and 7:00. More in the next Cabletow.

Our visit will be Saturday, Feb. 27 with the school at 2:00 and O.V. at 7:00. A dinner will be at 5:30 at the Community Church. Two practices have been scheduled: Sunday, Jan. 17 at 4:30 and Sunday, Feb. 21 at 4:30. Martha Schilling is floor director and Gayle Zelenka is prompter.

Our condolences to Ralph O'Neill on the loss of his brother. No new illnesses were reported. Tins of cookies and candy were delivered to our shut-in members.

We have enjoyed hearing from out of town members as their dues come in. Thanks for the notes.

This year, the WGM and WGP have challenged chapters to create awareness in their areas. The challenge has been issued on a district basis. We will try to do our part in District 4! We can earn points by accomplishing certain objectives. Food bank collections, pot luck with the Lodge, and school supplies are just a few suggestions. WM Bonnie has included Tea Party menus and ideas in the 2010 program. Check them out!

Our next meeting is January 21 with Helen Allen and Peg Tesch hosting.

Bonnie Koch, W.M. Deach Koch, W.P.
Agnes Kline, Correspondent

All the news about SD Grand Chapter can be found at WWW.oeshugs.com. WM Bonnie updates the site regularly.

Battle River Chapter 142, OES

Battle River Chapter met for its December meeting under the direction of the new WM and WP; Claire and Randy Scott.

Officers not present for the November 22 installation were duly installed. They were Glenda Peterson, PGM, conductress, Melissa Johnson, Associate Conductress, Dee Holmgren, organist, and Martha Schilling, Ruth.

A sympathy card was sent to Bro and Sis Wayne and Helen O'Neill on the death of Wayne's brother. Get Well wishes were sent to Sis Helen Callan.

A sizeable trust was received from the estate of Sis Marion Westover. Michael Meeks was granted authorization to represent the chapter in investing the money.

Dates for practice for our upcoming Official Visit, January 26, were set. Officers please save the following dates, December 27, Jan 3, Jan 10, Jan 17, and Jan 24. Times will be forthcoming. The coin march at OV has been designated to go to Redfield Home for the purchase of large print hymnals.

A number of members have yet to remit their 2010 dues. Please get them to our Secretary Diane Bishop ASAP. 13861 SD Hwy 36 Hermosa, SD 57744

Our chapter is looking forward to another eventful, fun and progressive New Year. We send you our Blessings and Good Wishes in 2010.

Claire Scott
Worthy Matron

Randy Scott
Worthy Patron

Diane Bishop, Sec
Correspondent