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FRIENDSHIP NIGHT, MAY 21, 7:00 P.M. A May Pole, Rainbows and a Pot of Gold will be a part of the celebration! Sisters, please wear formals in rainbow colors. Loretta Lanphear will host with treats provided by all members.

We look forward to initiating a new member at our **June 4** stated meeting. Martha Schilling and Charlene Williams will host.

Our April 16 meeting went well, in spite of illness and accidents. Bonnie Koch joined Deach in the East to carry on the work. Our friends, Dee and Lowell Holmgren, Grand Chaplain, helped out as Marshal and Organist. We voted to join in submitting a bid for the food concession at the Custer County Fair. If awarded the contract, this will provide an opportunity for our chapter to earn some significant money - so, plan now to work at the Fair, August 12 - 16.

Wellness prayers for Peg Tesch, Bonnie Koch, Loretta Lanphear, Trudy Trask, Harold Hoover and the daughters of Helen Allen, Nita and Fred Geranen. In the good news report, congratulations to Bonnie and Deach Koch on the birth of their second grandson, Miles Andrew Koch. Upcoming dates and chances to earn points for your Travel Pin:

Battle River Friendship Nite - May 12
Matopaha (Sturgis) " - May 14
All Star Picnic in Pierre - June 7

To date, no applications have been received for the Helen Davis Scholarship. If you know of a Custer High School senior or graduate, they may get the application from the school counselor or on-line through the school. Submit same to Eleanor Kenaston, 441 No. 1, Custer.

Thanks to Gayle Zelenka for continuing to run Tuesday bridge.

Peg Tesch, W.M. Deach Koch, W.P.
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Battle River Chapter 142, OES

Worthy Grand Matron Jan Gruenig surprised us at our April 14 meeting, not only by her unexpected appearance, but by presenting a "dream catcher" to your Worthy Matron, and two packages of "gummie" John Deeres (that's candy, kids) to your Worthy Patron. What nice surprises!

A great big Thank You to all the Elton John fans who helped at the Concession Stands. We could hear the concert perfectly, but forgot to bring ear plugs!

We have two new members. Pennie Cutchall and John Larsh were affiliated as dual members from Golden Link 14. Welcome, Pennie and John! Our 50 year member is Charles Benson of Huntsville AL, and our 60 year member is Eleanor Becker of Orange Vale CA. Accept our long-distance congratulations!

We received a \$215 memorial via Jerry and Sara Bush on behalf of his mother, Audria. Thank you for the donation, but we do miss Audria.

We have had no applications for our \$500 scholarship yet. Is there a student out there who needs some money?

Martha Schilling has presented a bid for the County Fair Concession Stand. So, we may get to play together during the Custer County Fair!

Upcoming events include:

May 11 at 7:00 pm, Bethel 44 Job's Daughters will honor Stars and Masons. This was rescheduled.
May 14 and 15, the Rapid City Shrine Club will host a bus tour of the Shriners' Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. Bus fare and accommodations except for meals are paid by the Shriners. For more information, contact Lowell Holmgren.
May 17 at 1:00 pm, Battle River Lodge 92 is hosting a Wives' and Widows' day at the Old Governors' Mansion on East Highway 44.

And, last but not least, our own Spring Fling Friendship Night is May 12! Martha Schilling and Helen Allen are in charge of organizing refreshments, and all members are to bring munchies and a May Basket. Prizes will be awarded.

Our get well wishes went to Helen Rittberger and Mike Meeks. We are very happy you are both on the mend. Our sympathies go to Ron and Jodee Back on the loss of his mother.

Our April Birthday Girl is Eleanor Kenaston, and our Anniversary couple is Ron and Jodee Back. Congratulations to all of you.

Mickey Twitero, WM and Lowell Holmgren, WP



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Battle River Lodge #92 Hermosa, SD

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. We only have a couple meetings left before we go dark for the summer, but we still have some business to attend to so I'll recap the last meeting.

We are planning a Ladies Luncheon for May 17th at the Governor's Mansion in Rapid City. Letters on this should be coming out soon.

Our pancake breakfasts did quite well this year. As you may know, our last breakfast proceeds were donated to the Hermosa Senior Citizen's Center. We raised almost \$700 and we added to that to round it up to an even \$1000. This is a great way to give back to the community.

We are planning a BBQ for sometime in June to show our appreciation for the Hermosa community and the support they have shown us over the last year by attending our pancake breakfasts. There will be more on this after our next meeting.

Elections will be held at the June meeting so it would be a good meeting to attend.

Grand Lodge is set for June 18th - 20th in Sioux Falls. If you are planning to attend, you should book your rooms now. The event will be held at the downtown Holiday Inn.

WBs Don Knapp and Owen Johnson will be presented 50-yr awards at the Lodge on 3:00 PM Sunday, 17 May. After the ceremony, refreshments will be served. Please come and share in this landmark moment for our very active Venerable Brothers.

On a last note, there are still a few members that have not paid their 2009 dues. Please get those in as soon as you can. Also, I would greatly appreciate if all of you that have not sent me your e-mail address and current phone number drop me a quick note with that info. This would make the Secretary's job much easier in many cases.

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. Have a great month and see you at our next meeting on May 9th @ 7:30 PM.

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

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

Greetings Masonic America. Those of you searching for spring won't find it here. But this month's Cabletow sees signs of summer. So hang onto your apron!

And we have some new aprons. **Congratulations** to our newest Master Masons; Brothers Michael Churchward, Jeffery Shannon, and Jeffrey Wellington who were raised on 18 April 2009 at the Black Hills Degree Day in Rapid City. The Brethren welcome our new Brothers anticipating their fraternal company.

In more news about members; please keep WB Harold Hoover and Brother Harold Morgan in your thoughts as they recover from strokes. WB Hoover is at the Custer Nursing Home and Bro. Morgan is at home. Additionally WB Dale Burns reports he is doing well in California recovering from a fractured ankle while WB James Johnston is in Nebraska looking forward to retirement in "a couple" of years.

Our thanks to Mrs. Elmer Claeys for providing last month's spaghetti supper. Mary's feast attracted a swarm of Masonic dignitaries who not only finished off all victuals, but also contentedly joined us for Lodge, and then insisted on extra desert afterwards!

Business Announcements: EA degree work is scheduled for the 05 May Special Communication. The UBS Blood Drive is scheduled for 06 May. Proposed Criteria for use of our Temple has been tabled for further research (WBs Dennis Shreves and "Shell" Gordon are coordinating). A By-laws amendment has been proposed changing the monthly Special Communication to a Stated Communication and removing a section concerning notification of proposed amendments (1st reading is at the 19 May Stated Communication). Election of officers is at the 19 May Stated Communication (Brother LeRoy Olson preparing supper). And finally, our Lodge has voted to participate in the Custer County Fair food concession. So look to your mid-August calendar for Fair Fun!

And that tugs this Cabletow. Hope you didn't go cross-eyed (helps if you sorta squint)!

Fraternally,
Mills

Mark A.

Secretary