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Summer is upon us and our meetings are over until September. However, that doesn't mean we don't have to think STAR. There is a great opportunity to help build our funds by volunteering at the Custer County Fair. In fact, we have an extra day in August. Cleanup will be August 8 and food service on August 9. Then, we'll be going full force August 13 - 16. Do follow through and let Martha Schilling know when you can work. The enclosed flyer will get you signed up.

Secondly, many thanks to those responding to the BANQUET invitation! If you have not done so, please dig out the invitation and respond to Eleanor Kenaston, 441 No.1, Custer 57730.

All the news is not good. Sympathies to Helen Allen and her family on the passing of her sister, Marie.

Wellness prayers are still needed for Loretta Lanphear and Harold Hoover.

Grand Chapter is scheduled for October 8 - 10 in Pierre. For a registration form, contact Eleanor Kenaston. Our own Helen Allen is as Associate Grand Conductress. For additional information, go to www.oeshugs.com. Our own Bonnie Koch is webmaster.

RUMMAGE SALE – OCT 2-3. Nita Geranen is chairman. Start now saving all that good "stuff". We cannot use the Jobie's room as they need the space for the blood drives, so just hang on to it until sale time. Call Nita if you have any questions, 673-2717. Seven of our members attended the OES Picnic in Pierre on June 7. A goodly amount of items were donated for the OES Home, including wash cloths, aprons and towels. Gayle Zelenka was one and handed the items over to Nancy Trego to deliver the items to the Home. Some additional items were turned in later and will be delivered to the home by Mary and Elmer Claeys.

Finally, on September 17, honored stations of Chaplain and Organist will have special recognition. Hosting will be Evelyn Chard and Glenda Meeks. Custer City Lodge officers were installed on June 23. We wish WM Warren Blake and his officers the very best in the coming year.

Peg Tesch, W.M. Deach Koch, W.P.
Agnes Kline, Correspondent

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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

Greetings, Masonic America. Does anyone remember the last time the first day of summer was truly the first day of summer? Well it happened this year. And the Lodge Room temperature proves it! So it's time to read your edition of the Cabletow in air-conditioned splendor...or at least in the breeze while sipping on an iced-lemonade ;-)

The coming of summer heralded the usual Masonic doings; Grand Communication was completed in Sioux Falls, our Lodge's final spring communication was conducted, 2009-2010 officers were installed at Open Lodge, and the Lodge went dark for the summer.

But there will be summer Lodge activities. Most visible of these will be the; Custer County Fair Concession Stand, Custer County Library Books for Bikes program, and possible participation in Custer's "Gold Discovery Days" parade. Don't have complete details. But if you are interested, call (605-673-3414) or e-mail me.

In news about members; Brother Joel Redman will be departing for the US Army in November. The Brethren are proud that Bro. Redman will soon add "Duty, Honor, Country" to his obligations!

Our thanks to MW Brother Ken Glaser for providing last month's tasty tacos. Ken's mix was so good it was a triple-threat – taco filling, burrito filling, and taco salad! One brother even tried to make a dessert out of it. Still waiting for a verdict on that effort.

Business Announcements: Correction to the June Cabletow; Misses Ashley Nagy and Lindsay Uhrich are the recipients of the 2009 "Roland D. Johnson" scholarships. Congratulations to Worshipful Master Warren Blake and the 2009-2010 Officers. The By-laws were not amended. The next Custer UBS Blood Drive is scheduled for 12 August 2009 at our Temple. And Grand Lodge has confirmed the District 16 Annual Meeting at our Lodge on Saturday, 03 October 2009.

A final note: During summer darkness the Secretary will be verifying members' information. So don't be surprised by a phone call. And always notify the Secretary of anytime of contact information change. Phone call, letter, or e-mail; secretary@custerlodge66.org, will work just fine.

Enough Cabletow tugging?! I'll leave you alone for the summer ;-)

Fraternally,

Mark A. Mills
Secretary



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Battle River Lodge #92 Hermosa, SD

Well this is the last article for the summer. This last meeting was good. We made some final preparations for summer, held elections and started working on the Custer County Fair.

The main topic of coverage was the election of new officers for the next year. The officers will be as follows: WM – Brian O'Connor, SW – Alan Bishop, JW – Steve Capistrant, Secretary – Cliff Peterson and Treasurer – Al Perry. Installation is set for Saturday, July 11th at 4PM. This will be an open installation, so please come out and bring friends and family.

We are going to be working the Custer County Fair concessions again. Martha Schilling is already working on putting together a work schedule. Please contact her to sign up to help.

Along a similar note, our Lodge has decided to put a float in the Fair parade again. Please contact Randy Scott for more details.

WBro Don Knapp is in the hospital, room 721. He had two stints put in and seems to be recovering well. Also, WBro Jake Smith's mother-in-law is in the hospital and not doing very well. Please keep both of our Brothers in your prayers.

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 summer and see you at our next meeting on September 12th @ 7:30 PM.

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

Battle River Chapter 142, OES

Do you know how to stay heart-healthy? Robin Albers, Regional Director of the American Heart Association told us how at our June 9 meeting. She also informed us of the goals of the AHA, and told us of their upcoming Heart Walk and Start Walking programs.

The Custer County Fair Board has accepted our bid to work the Fair Concession Stand Aug. 13 – 16. They would also like us to serve Sunday, Aug. 9. If we accept, we would cook –BQ's and clean the Concession Stand Sat. Aug 8. Let Martha Schilling know soon if you can work.

Joann Shorb, chair of the Joyce Derflinger Scholarship Committee, was pleased to present a \$500 check to Sonya Sanders, while hr proud parents, Jim and Sherri Sanders, looked on.

Due to the difficulty of finding scholarship candidates, the Committee has proposed several dramatic changes to the scholarship program. This subject was tabled until next meeting.

Since our meeting date coincides with another Chapter in the area, it was suggested we change our meeting date. This was tabled until next meeting. If you have any opinions on these two subjects, be sure and come next meeting.

Members with extensive experience and members with new ideas are very important to any organization. We took this opportunity to honor our 50+ members, Agnes Kline and Peggy Minter, with a bouquet of roses. We also recognized those who have been members for 5 years or less with a bouquet of alstromeria; they include Ann Breuklander, Pennie Cutchall, Anna Marsden, and Randy Scott. We thank you all for your dedication to our Order.

Our get well wishes and prayers went to Loretta Lanphear, Glen Peterson, and Randy Scott. We are pleased to know Loretta is home from the hospital, and Randy is up and about, and getting into people's hair. Our sympathy goes to Helen Allen in the loss of her sister Marie.

Thanks to the Marsdens, our Birthday members, Dee and Lowell Holmgren and Tammy Wiese each received a plant. Our Anniversary couple, Tammy and Jeff Wiese, celebrate 21 years together. Congratulations to all of you.

Remember to sign up to help at the Custer Co. Fair Concession Stand. If you cannot help cook or work the food booth, can you be a "go-fer"?

Next meeting will be Sept. 8, with Lana Chapman and Anna and Tom Marsden hosting. We'll see you at the fair!

Mikkey Twitero, WM and Lowell Holmgren, WP