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HAPPY FALL

RUMMAGE - RUMMAGE

Our annual rummage sale is on Thursday and Friday, October 1, 2. Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday from 8:00 to 3:00 p.m. Set up will be Wednesday, September 30. Bring your rummage and help with the set up. Nita Geranen is chairing the event and could use all the help she can get! You may bring your rummage to the Temple on any Tuesday afternoon after 1:00 p.m. Help make this a great success.

Wrapping up on the County Fair, we netted \$580 for our Chapter. Thanks again for those helping at the food concession. The phantom banquet fund raiser netted some \$500. Our finances are on a safer basis.

Condolences to the family of Lois Bakewell, PGM. Her service was held in Rapid City. Several chapter members attended and the chapter provided a spray made of the Star point colors. Get well wishes to Ralph O'Neill, Norma Mills and Evelyn Chard. Evelyn is battling severe joint pain.

The Chapter is preparing a basket for auction to benefit the OES home in Redfield to be included in the sale at Grand Chapter. The theme is Thanksgiving. Contributions need to be given to Eleanor Kenaston before October 6. The sale of theme baskets has been a good fund-raiser for the OES Home for the past several years.

Members of the Chapter will be serving lunch and post meeting refreshments to the Masons of District 16 at their meeting in Custer on October 3.

At the September 17 meeting, the stations of Chaplain and Organist were honored. Also, WM Peg and WP Deach gave a very moving memorial for our department members. Guests attending the meeting and presented were Ike Oleson, Gr. Representative of Maryland in SD and Frankie Oleson, escort to the Grand Organist.

Representing our Chapter as delegate to Grand Chapter is Bonnie Koch, AM. We look forward to her report at the October meeting. Also, we will have election of officers for the ensuing year. Serving will be Bonnie and Deach Koch.

Peg Tesch, W.M.

Deach Koch, W.P.

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Battle River Lodge #92 Hermosa, SD

Well another summer has come and gone. We had our first meeting on September 12th and it was a good one. We started the evening with an installation of officers and then opened our meeting.

The officers for this year are as follows:

WM – Brian O'Connor

SW – Alan Bishop,

JW – Steve Capistrant

Treasurer – Al Perry

Secretary – Cliff Peterson.

Over the course of the summer we had several things going. We sponsored a saddle for the 4-H, we had a "Books for Bikes" contest with the Hermosa Library and gave away four bicycles, we had a float in the Custer County Fair parade and we worked the concession stand at the fair.

We talked about a lot of general business and housekeeping things and ended the evening with a nice lunch.

It is that time of year again when the dues notices will be coming out. I should start getting them out by November 1st. We still have several members that have not paid for last year and I ask that everyone get their dues in as quickly as possible so I can close out my books.

I would also ask that those of you that have not sent me your e-mail address to please do so. This will save a lot of work and expense for the Lodge by allowing me to send out meeting notices and other information quickly and easily. You can either send me a note at the below listed e-mail address or simply write it on your dues notice and return it with your dues.

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

Hope to see you at our next meeting on October 10th @ 7:30 PM.

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



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

What's harder than herding buffalo? Why, the first Stated Communication after summer darkness, of course! Not only are the Brethren shifting gears for fall fun, but an enormous amount of business piles up during the summer. All of which was readily dealt with by our Brothers attending Lodge last month.

Our September meeting saw the election and installation, under Special Dispensation, of the 2009-2010 Junior Warden, Bro. LeRoy Olson. Congratulations Bro. Olson on assuming this significant Chair!

Also, the Worshipful Master, Warren Blake, identified the final appointive officers and committee members. Officer installation will be conducted as soon as possible. And remember, we can always use a Lodge Organist!

At the same meeting, Robert Buckius and James Valentino were elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry. We now have three candidates for the Entered Apprentice Degree and two candidates for the Fellowcraft Degree.

And that brings us up to; **Business Matters**. EA Degree practice is scheduled for the 06 October Special Communication. A UBS Blood Drive will be hosted at our Temple on 14 October. Plus, support of the Grand Master's policy on suspensions will be finalized at the 20 October Stated Communication.

Finally: Congratulations to all for a successful District 16 Annual Meeting. Thank you to Bro. LeRoy Olson for a fine spaghetti supper at September's Stated Communication. And an extra desert for the Brother who can guess what the meal will be for our October Stated Communication ;-)

Consider your cabletow tugged!

Fraternally,

Secretary

Mark A. Mills

Battle River Chapter 142, OES

The Custer Co. Fair Food Booth did not see any recession among our patrons! Profits this year were \$3,000. Way to go, Martha and helpers! For her dedicated service, Martha will receive a \$50 monetary gift.

We voted to send money in lieu of cookies for the post-meeting parties at Grand Chapter. We decided to prepare a pet-themed basket for the OES Home Chapel Fund Chinese Auction at Grand Chapter. If you would like to contribute to this project, contact Diane Bishop right away.

Our Chapter will continue providing scholarships for Hermosa-area students. If no applications are received by the deadline date, the money will be donated to the Hermosa School, with stipulations.

The Scholarship Committee and WP Lowell Holmgren will review and update eligibility rules.

Do you like our meeting date? Good. It's not changing.

If you like serving food or beverages, the "Rush" hockey games will be starting soon. More on this later.

If you were unable to help with the Fair Food Booth, you can help with our annual Turkey Dinner Nov. 8. To volunteer, contact our Conductresses, Jodee Back and Glenda Meeks, who are the Turkey Dinner CEO's.

We were saddened when our Martha, Loretta Lanphear, went to her Eternal Home. Our condolences go to the Schilling families. Also remembered are Bette Bonk, Audria Bush, Elizabeth Williams, and Charles Mateer. Get-well wishes went to Faye Butler, Dee Preston, Donna Starr, and Fred Steckman. John Larsh has been deployed overseas. Let's keep these members in our prayers.

We honored our Chaplain and Marshal, Lana Chapman and Tom Marsden, with an addenda and gifts. Birthdays included: July, Mikkey Twitero and Fred Steckman; August, Jodee Back, Melissa Johnson and John Larsh; September, Lana Chapman and Gayle Zelenka. Randy and Claire Scott celebrated 28 years together in July; and in August 47 years ago, Mikkey and Chuck Twitero 'tied the knot'.

Next meeting will be October 13, after Grand Chapter, so let's wear a costume, Halloween or otherwise. Hosts will be Tammy Wiese and Peggy Minter.

Mikkey Twitero, WM and Lowell Holmgren, WP