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Officers elected to serve our chapter for the ensuing year are: Bonnie Koch, WM; Deach Koch, WP; Martha Schilling, AM; Elmer Claeys, AP; Eleanor Kenaston, Sec.; Jean Reese, Tr.; Mary Claeys, Cond.; Helen Allen, AC. Installation will follow our regular Nov. 19 meeting. Annual reports are due at the November meeting. Serving will be Jean Reese and Eleanor Kenaston. Finally, there will be a meeting of the Past Matrons. Dee Holmgren was our pro tem organist and was introduced as Grand Representative of Kentucky in South Dakota.

Grand Chapter report was given by Bonnie Koch, AM. There was no legislation. Our own Helen Allen was elected Grand Conductress and Gayle Parmeter from Huron was elected Associate Grand Conductress. Theme baskets prepared for the Chinese Auction, brought in \$3,000+ for the OES Home. The chapter prepared a Thanksgiving basket. 42 Chapters were represented with 401 in attendance. Lois Bakewell, PGM, was remembered in the Memorial service. 25 year WGM Dee Andersen and WGP Gordon Raseby (deceased) and their officers were honored. Most exciting, Glenda Meeks, PGM and Deach Koch, PGP will receive General Grand Chapter committee appointments at the GGC session in Tulsa in a few weeks.

The rummage sale brought in \$385. Also, items were sent to the Community Action facility, Coats for Kids, clothes to the V.A. and churches.

Congratulations to Mary and Elmer Claeys, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary both here and in Tennessee. Get well wishes to Gayle Zelenka, Glenda Kline, Norma Mills. Sympathy to Helen Allen on the passing of her brother.

There will be a reception for Pat Conger Sweaney, WGM and Larry Hornstra, WGP and their officers in Spearfish on Sunday, October 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

DUES ARE DUE - \$12.50. Send to Eleanor Kenaston, 441 No.1st, Custer, 57730.

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

Battle River Lodge #92
Hermosa, SD

The October meeting went very well and the attendance was good. If you weren't there, we missed not seeing you.

We read a petition and it was turned over to the investigating committee. The gentleman is active duty military, stationed at Ellsworth AFB and lives in Rapid City.

We are starting to work concessions at the Civic Center again. We will need a lot of help to do this well so if you would like to help out, contact Dick Milner for times and dates at 255-4493.

Several of our Brothers traveled to Wall Lodge to assist them with a CHIPS event they were holding. It was a great day and they dealt with a lot of kids.

The old Lodge building had been moved off its foundation and a new foundation one was built. Apparently this was a bigger endeavor than originally thought since the original estimated weight of the building was about 100 tons. As it turned out, the building actually weighed in around 190 tons. Wow!!! Who would have thought...and our Lodge moved it down from the Hermosa School site in the 1920's. That must have been quite the task.

Bro Chuck Childs attended a reunion for pilots involved in the Berlin Airlift. He got to meet with several members of the Tuskegee Airmen pilots and had a great time. It should also be noted that there is a display that tells about Bro Chuck at the museum at Ellsworth AFB. You should make it a point to go see it.

I have ordered the dues notices and will be sending them out sometime in the next month. Remember, the dues need to be paid by January 1st.

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 November 14th @ 7:30 PM.

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

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

Hello Custer City Masons and all others continuing to be confused by unseasonable weather. If it's raining, sleeting, snowing, or freezing; it must be "fall" in the Hills. So it's just as well to get into the Temple and enjoy fraternal warmth!

That's just what people did in October. WB John Weidenbach, now living in Custer, sat in Lodge with us. He, along with Bro. Harold Pierce assisted with EA degree practice which was eagerly observed by Bro. Jeff Wellington who returned to Custer from his travels to the exotic land of Colorado. Not to be outdone by this flurry of Masonic activity, the Lodge again hosted a UBS blood drive on 14 October. Busy, but there was more!

The 20 October Stated Communication was preceded by a fine meal of slow-roasted pork loin provided by WB Fred Geranen. No extra desert was awarded. However, a certain visiting Worshipful Brother from Tin City Lodge took care of that ;-). Fully fed, the Brethren and visiting Brothers met in Lodge.

And what a meeting! District Master WB Shell Gordon, as part of his official visitation, delivered Grand Master Welker's greetings and message to "Brighten the Light of Freemasonry in South Dakota". A rousing battle was fought over the Traveling Apron (it remains in Custer City clutches). Plus Bro. Shannon, along with WBros. Sowder and Gordon, pledged to provide entertainment center equipment for the Temple as approved by the Lodge.

That again brings us up to; **Business Matters**. EA Degree practice is scheduled for the 03 Nov Special Communication. Stated Communication will be on 17 Nov. And renewal/dues notices will be mailed in November.

That's it. Hope you didn't suffer from Halloween underwear (it'll creep up on you). Your cabletow has been tugged!

Fraternally,

Secretary

Mark A. Mills

Battle River Chapter 142, OES

We were pleased to welcome two new Grand Officers at our Oct. 13 meeting; Grand Conductress, Helen Allen and Grand Marshal, Tom Marsden. Dee Holmgren was surprised to receive her Grand Representative's Commission to Kentucky at Grand Chapter. Diane Bishop, Grand Rep. of New Hampshire in SD, met her counterpart Anne Morgan at our Grand Chapter. Anne accompanied Diane to Hermosa and visited our Chapter.

Preparations are being made for our upcoming Turkey Dinner Nov. 8. Chair, Jodee Back, had a signup sheet for various duties. There are many opportunities to serve, so if you have a preference where you would like to help, please contact her right away.

Dick Milner has the Masons' schedule for serving at the "Rush" hockey games. The next two games will be Fri. Oct. 23 and Sat. Nov. 7. If you would like to help at these, call Dick Milner or Mikkey T.

WM Mikkey thanked the Chapter for the \$100 given to her for Grand Chapter expenses, but returned the check, since she was unable to attend. WP Lowell Holmgren, who did attend, will receive the \$100.

Our officers-elect for 2010 are: WM and WP, Claire and Randy Scott; AM and AP, Jodee and Ron Back; Conductress, Glenda Meeks; Associate Conductress, Melissa Johnson; Secretary, Diane Bishop; and Treasurer, Michael Meeks. Open Installation of Officers will take place at Hermosa Masonic Center Sunday Nov. 22 at 2:00 PM.

The members attending Grand Chapter at Pierre reported on the activities, festivities, and upcoming events.

Get well wishes and prayers go to Bob and Faye Butler, Laressa Peterson, Dee Preston, and Gayle Zelenka. Our condolences go to the family of Marion Westover.

Christie Peterson celebrates her birthday one day after our meeting. Dee and Lowell Holmgren are celebrating 36 years together.

Next meeting is Nov. 10. Year-end reports are due. If you are on a committee, please submit a report to our Secretary by the meeting date, even if you did not do anything. Hosting are Glenda and Mike Meeks and Melissa Johnson.

Mikkey Twitero, WM and Lowell Holmgren, WP