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**Battle River Lodge #92  
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Well, we had another great meeting. It was well attended and we talked about a lot of things. First off, we voted on a new petition. We will be doing the EA Degree on Friday, December 11th at 7PM. Please every effort to attend and support the Degree team and the new member.

For those that had not heard, Brother Don Herndon passed away on October 19th in Sebring, FL. He was a member of the Mt Aetna Lodge before they consolidated with our Lodge. Our thoughts are with his family.

Brother Chuck Childs was presented with his 50 year pin for the Naja Shrine. Brother Chuck is very active in many aspects of Masonry and is a great example for all of us. Congratulations Chuck.

We are starting to prepare for the pancake breakfasts again. 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 will be going out this week. 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.

Our Lodge has been given the opportunity to work concessions at some of the Civic Center events. This is a great fund raiser for us and it would be nice to have more people participate. Think about helping out with these and give Brother Dick Milner a call to volunteer.

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](mailto: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 December 12th @ 7:30 PM.

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

**Custer Friendship Chapter #173  
December 2009**

**DECEMBER 3 is our next meeting!**

All members bring goodies for the social time and to prepare tins for our shut-ins.

At the November 19 meeting, we were honored to have introduced Glenda Meeks, General Grand Chapter Chair of the US Heart Committee and Deach Koch, General Grand Chapter member of the Chapter Restoration Committee. Also, the following officers were installed: Bonnie Koch, WM; Deach Koch, WP; Martha Schilling, AM; Elmer Claeys, AP; Eleanor Kenaston, Sec.; Jean Reese, Treas.; Mary Claeys, Cond.; Helen Allen, AC; Randy Scott, Chap.; Fred Geranen, Mar.; Peg Tesch, Org.; Nita Geranen, Adah; Claire Scott, Ruth; Wilma Loken, Esther; Diane Bishop, Martha; Evelyn Chard, Warder; Agnes Kline, Sentinel. Charlene Williams, Electa, will be installed later. Lois Halley, from Mt. Aetna Chapter, was Organist pro tem and also played for installation. Thanks, Lois! Elmer Claeys gave the audit report with all books in order. Jean Reese gave the Treasurer's report and Eleanor Kenaston the Secretary's report. We voted to ask the Masons to join with us in putting up the Christmas Tree at the Court House Museum for the Parade of Trees. During the social time, the Past Matrons met and elected Peg Tesch, Pres. and Gayle Zelenka, Sec/Treas. The group voted to give \$600 to the Chapter. Gayle was also thanked for her continued running of Tuesday bridge, which brings in most of the money given to the Chapter.

Those on the sick list over the past month have been Evelyn Chard, Glenda Kline, Marge McColley, Mary Claeys, Wilma Loken and Marcia Moos. Also, sympathy is extended to the family of Wealthy Ann (Hazeltine) Rigter, who passed away in Aberdeen. Memorial services will be held on Nov. 27.

Happy 102nd birthday to our Brother Ralph O'Neill! Also, Floyd Bonk has moved to a different apartment, #119.

Claire Scott, WM at Battle River Chapter, announced they will have the first Official visit on January 26, 2010. School of Instruction at 2:00 p.m. and OV at 7:00 p.m. A great opportunity to support our sister chapter and earn points toward the travel pin.

Dues are due: \$12.50 to Eleanor Kenaston, 441 No.1 st, Custer 57730.

**All the news about SO Grand Chapter can be found at [www.oeshugs.com](http://www.oeshugs.com).** WM Bonnie updates the site regularly.

***A BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO ALL!***

***Peg Tesch, W.M. Deach Koch, W.P.  
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## Custer City Lodge #66 A.F.&A.M.

Greetings Masonic devourers of turkey and everyone else contemplating their annual stuffing! Remember, Thanksgiving was your warm-up for the grand event in December ;-)

But there were more warm-ups. Prior to our 17 November Stated Communication the Brothers prepared themselves by stoking up with a wonderful "goulash" provided by the Worshipful Master, Warren Blake. Stuck to the ribs and made everyone sleepy for the meeting. We need more of that!

And a good meeting it was! The Temple's outside lights were reported repaired. Its entertainment center/cable TV service received final approval. WB Sowder delivered a DVD player. Groundwork was prepared for a Lodge sponsored CHIP event. A petition was read. And the EA degree was scheduled for December.

As usual, that again brings us up to; **Business Matters.** EA Degree practice is scheduled for both 30 Nov and the 01 Dec Special Communication. The EA degree will be conducted at 7:00 PM, Monday, 07 Dec 2009. Stated Communication will be on 15 Dec. And renewal/dues notices were mailed beginning of November.

Now concerning dues; they are required by 01 Jan 2010. If you haven't received your notice, please contact me immediately at 605-673-3414 so I can fix whatever went wrong.

Finally: Congratulations to WB Warren Blake upon being awarded Employee of the Month; Bro. Ralph O'Neill on his 102nd birthday; and the new officers of Custer Friendship Chapter #173 and Battle River Chapter #142 on their installation.

That's all. Hope you had a good Thanksgiving and wishing you a Merry Christmas! Don't take any wooden Cabletows ;-)

Fraternally,

Secretary

Mark A. Mills

## Battle River Chapter 142, OES

We owe a huge Thank You to our committee chair people, Jodee Back and Glenda Meeks, to all our willing workers, and the support of our community, for making our annual Turkey Dinner Nov. 8 a success. We served 265 adults and children, netted over \$1,400, and received many compliments on our meal. Great going, crew!

We were pleased to introduce the U.S. Chair of the General Grand Chapter Heart Committee, our own Glenda Meeks, PGM, at our Nov. 10 meeting. We are very proud of you, Glenda.

We are to bring gifts for our deployed member, John Larsh, to the Installation meeting Nov. 22, so he can receive them well before Christmas.

Get well wishes and prayers go to Helen Callan, Gayle Zelenka, and Faye and Bob Butler.

Laressa Peterson celebrated her 21st birthday by helping with the Turkey Dinner. Others celebrating birthdays this month are Diane Bishop, Pennie Cutchall, and Mike Meeks. Of interest, Marion Westover would have received her 70-year pin this month, had she survived.

Thank you to all who have paid their annual dues so promptly. If you have not, please remit your dues to Diane Bishop at your earliest convenience.

We thank our officers and committees who have served us so well. Without your willing help, this year would not have been the success it was. It has been a fun and enlightening two years, but we feel no remorse in relinquishing "the Chair" for a chance to sit on the sidelines. We extend best wishes to our successors.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 8. Assignments for lunch committees will be given at the Installation Meeting Nov. 22.

Mickey Twitero, WM and Lowell Holmgren, WP