

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The Independent Order of Odd Fellows have opened new Lodge quarters in the former Zion (German) Evangelical Lutheran Church building located at the Southwest corner of Marquette Avenue and South Sixth Street (601 Marquette Ave.). The building was constructed in 1906 by the German Lutheran Church and has been vacant for two years. The Crystal Falls Lodge was organized in 1890 and is a non-political and non-sectarian co-ed organization which aims to improve and elevate the character of mankind by visiting the sick and relieving the distressed. The Lodge has been renting various spaces around the City since their inception. Members of the organization have worked many hours on the building putting a foundation under the wooden structure and completely remodeled the interior including a new modern kitchen. After 55 years of activity the Iron River Odd Fellows had disbanded and former members plan to affiliate with the Crystal Falls Lodge. A number of local organizations who for years have rented the hall above Wills Hardware (309 Superior) will also rent the Odd Fellows Lodge, among them the Rebekahs, Women's Benefit Association and the Order of Runeberg.