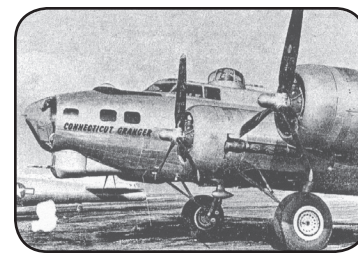




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Hebert and her installing team from Rhode Island, for a beautiful installation.

The Sixth Degree was conferred on 17 candidates and I wish to thank all that help prepare and perform in this lovely degree. Although the night's weather was more for the Fifth Degree with its thunder and lightning, I just wish more people were there to see it.

I congratulate all Granges and Grange members that have received awards at State Session. Your hard work and dedication to the Grange was honored by these awards, let's keep up the good work.

During this year's election, a first was achieved. Sister Jaimie Cameron was elected to Gatekeeper, the first female Gatekeeper in Connecticut. Congratulations, Jaimie, you are on your way to become the first female State Master in Connecticut.

The resolution regarding Pomona Granges has been passed and the Executive Committee is already taking steps to meet the requirements for redistricting new Pomonas in Connecticut. If anyone has any ideas, please submit them to Board Members so we can review them. Any assistance is appreciated. This will be reported at the 2017 State Session.

Attendance at State Session was normal but the banquet numbers were down compared to the amount the State Grange had to pay for empty seats. Any thoughts can be forwarded as to how to attract more members to attend the session and banquet will be appreciated. The entertainment was great and the Past Deputy

Raffle was very good this year with \$1,400 raised. I thank the CWA for their hard work in decorating the tables and I thank the General Deputy and his Deputies and Grange members for taking down the Session decorations so the tables for the banquet could be set up.

This new year we are looking for new things to come from the State Grange and we also will be providing more material that National Grange send to the State Master, so everyone can have access to newsletters and information that the National Grange sends out for downloading by Granges.

Also, November is the time that we are known for our Charity, with donations to food banks, giving families Thanksgiving packages. Let us all do our part in feeding the hungry and the helpless, as stated in our ritual. Also take time to work your craft fairs and shop at other's fairs for new ideas or new items, for family and friends.

In two weeks we will have a National election and in three weeks the National Grange starts the celebration of 150 years of service. Let us use this time to promote our own Granges and be the Community place to go and get things done.

I wish all your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Excelsior Celebrates 125 Years



Members of Excelsior Pomona No. 7 participate in a number about "Friendship" during their 125th Anniversary celebration held at Beacon Valley Grange Hall in early October.

Resolution on Pomona passes

Todd Gelineau, State Secretary

One of the most important resolutions to be considered by a delegate body was on the agenda for the 132nd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange. Resolution #1 called for the elimination of Pomona as a level of Grange in Connecticut. The resolution was assigned to the Constitution & By-Laws Session Committee who moved for its rejection in favor of Substitute Resolution #25. The resolves of this resolution read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange redistrict the communities of Connecticut to form new Pomona Granges, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee develop a plan of organizing the new Pomona Granges and report at the 2017 State Grange Session.

A letter from the Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee and the State President has been sent out to all Subordinate and Pomona Granges discussing this resolution.

What does it all mean?

The current Pomonas will operate as usual until the report is made by the Executive Committee at the 2017 State Session. At that point more will be known regarding the timeline.

As the letter explains, East Central Pomona is the only Pomona in the state to own its own hall. The Executive Committees of the Pomona and State Grange will be meeting to discuss Good Will Grange Hall. Soon after the State Executive Committee will begin its process of identifying and evaluating options for redistricting and formation of new Pomonas.

All members are encouraged to contact the State Master, Central Office or a member of the Executive Committee with any and all constructive comments and/or suggestions.

Communication will be key as this process continues. Granges will be updated whenever new information becomes available.

The 132nd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange is in the history books. Thank you to everyone who made it successful. At the opening session we had 43 community Granges and 7 Pomona Granges answer the roll call. Our National Representatives, Joe & Tammy Fryman of Blair, Nebraska, were welcomed and informative to all our members and we enjoyed our fellowship with them. I thank Brother Phil and Sister Maureen Prelli for entertaining the Frymans while here in Connecticut.

We had 23 resolutions presented and ended with 35 total resolutions at the end of the Session. From my chair, I noticed many new faces in the audience as delegates of our Community Granges. It is great to see these new faces but I did miss the fellowship of those who did not attend. New delegates need mentors to help them understand the working of a State Session, and it might have helped them if past officers were there to assist them if they had questions during the deliberations of resolutions.

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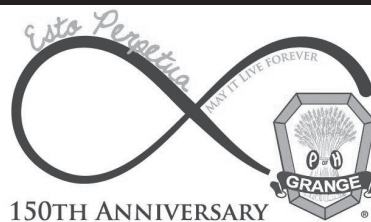
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The National Grange

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State Session Address of President Noel T. Miller

Brothers and Sisters of the Connecticut State Grange,

Friends, after the 131st Session of the Connecticut State Grange, we have seen many events both new and old that have moved this State Grange in a forward direction. Some have yet to be tapped into. And others have not even been nibbled at. But I think that Grangers in Connecticut will need to review these programs and decide that they need to take full advantage of them in order to remain active Granges. We at the State Grange are willing to assist any Grange in information, expertise, and Grange Law knowledge to help you move forward.

MEMBERSHIP

This year our Membership Committee has offered aid in membership kits for our Community Granges. Free custom-made applications and use of a banner for membership drives or booths help you to gain members. We have seen membership growth in many of our Community Granges. This is great as new members help Granges move forward. We must mentor and inform new members of their obligations toward the Grange so they will be active and not discouraged with misgivings and misinformation. We as Grangers must not place obstacles in the pathways of new members.

This year Putnam Grange #97 turned in its charter. This is always a difficult part of this job... to say goodbye and close a Grange down. I thank the members of Putnam Grange for their service to the Grange and know you will be welcomed to whichever Grange you go to. Thank you all.

NATIONAL GRANGE

At last year's National Grange convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, new ground was broken by the election of the first female National Master, Betsy Huber of Pennsylvania. With her leadership the National Grange has begun to reorganize itself. New programs are online for downloads, Lecturer in a Box series, Legislative newsletters, and the New Grange e-newsletter is back by download only.

The California Grange litigations have come to an end and the National Grange and the New California State Grange have won. The final legal points are being worked out.

Trademark litigations continue but now a staff member is on the lookout for misuse of the Grange name and logo to intercept earlier and resolve copyright violations.

National Grange is celebrating 150 years of Grange service. Big plans are being made to celebrate this occasion. Though we tried to get transportation to this event with the Massachusetts State Grange, they canceled the trip

before we could get the word out. I am sorry that we don't have a trip for our members.

This year at this session we have a decision to make on "What are we to do about our Pomona Granges?" We will be looked upon for the action we take and it will be viewed by many other State Granges that have the same issues with their Pomona Granges. We had a statewide meeting in February as to what we should do about Pomona Granges. Though well attended, the discussion seemed to be a fifty-fifty as to what to do. Since National Grange has no interest in Pomona Granges they have left it up to you to decide the fate of our Pomona Granges. So please let's have good discussion when the resolutions are on the floor and hope that we can solve this issue now.

As of this convention, Quinebaug Pomona #2 has voted to turn it its Charter. I wish to thank all the members of this Pomona for their commitment, dedication, and hard work in keeping this Pomona going. It is a hard decision for a group to make, but I wish to thank you all for the work that you have done for this Pomona and hope that you will continue to participate in your new Pomona Granges.

EDUCATION

We still are concerned about the high cost of tuition for a college education. Many of our colleges are pricing themselves out of reach of high school seniors from the colleges of their choice.

Our local school boards are struggling for those tightened State funding dollars for new programs that are being mandated on our schools. I feel we must go back to the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. Many schools are doing away with cursive writing. How can students use good penmanship without this simple skill? The New Math taught in schools today cannot be understood by parents who want to help their children with homework, or used in today's workforce. We see it every day as young people struggle to make simple change at the cash register. We need a national standard for education so that anyone from southern, rural, inner city or suburbia have the same lesson plan and funding for our future leaders.

We still support vocational education for the industries that are to be returning to the USA after this national election. We will need skilled machinists, engineers, and craftsmen to fill these new jobs that will be needing quality skilled workers.

Vocational agriculture is still an important program that this state still needs. The FFA has celebrated 75 years of service and its members have learned many skills on the farm and in



the lab. They have also gained knowledge in public speaking and parliamentary procedure skills. Lecturers should invite these FFA members for programs, or visitation so they can see what their local Granges are doing for agriculture.

AGRICULTURE

Connecticut Agriculture is a thriving business for local communities and state revenue. Many new farmer's markets have opened and offer fresh fruits and vegetables to all residents of Connecticut. Many Granges have had Farm to Table events to bring in people to experience this new way to get people to eat healthy.

Global warming is becoming a condition that we all must address. This past year we didn't have a peach crop because of an early warm spell in February which allowed the peach trees to bloom, only to be frozen a few days later. A severe drought condition this summer had impacted our apple crops, with smaller apples, and effects on corn, hay and some vegetable crops. The heat wave impacted our dairy production and egg production. We need to look at the events of our weather for the warming of Long Island Sound had a huge impact on the shellfish industry, with softer shells on oysters and lobsters. If this trend continues, fishermen of the seas will go the way of the whaling boats of years back.

We need to continue to support the Connecticut Experiment Station for the work it does on testing for West Nile, Zika and Lyme Disease. Their work on invasive plants must continue to protect our lakes

and waterways as well as our open spaces. Our next needed research is for the bees, for without them we will not have agriculture. These pollinators need to be protected from the chemicals that we have used in our yards, gardens, farms, communities, and forests. Over-usage is not the answer.

CAMP BERGER

This Camp is the gem of the State Grange. Chris and Lyn Kimberly have done a lot of repairs to the Camp this past year and after the camping season some trees will be removed and repairs made to the chimneys on two buildings to bring them up to code. The Camp has had as many campers as last year, with hopes for an increase for next year due to increases in advertisement. We thank the Kimberly's for their commitment and hard work for our Camp. Thank you.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

I wish to thank those directors that helped out this year to promote the State Grange. The programs and events that you held give Grangers things to do in the "off" season for CWA needlework contests, growing vegetables for donation to soup kitchens, shelters and pantries. These contests bring us all together. Let's hope that future programs will excite members into participation.

To the Officers of the Connecticut State Grange, I thank you for your commitment, hard work, loyalty and friendship. You all have moved this State Grange forward and that is the direction we need to go in to succeed. The Secretary and Treasurer have again done an excellent job in keeping this State Grange on the right path. I wish to personally thank you both for your dedication to this Grange.

DEPUTIES

I wish to thank our General Deputy for the task he had to do this year. Don keeps me on track and calls me when small problems are about to break out. His friendship and dedication are greatly appreciated by me.

Our Pomona Deputies have done a great job and I thank James Palmer and Peter Keefe for jobs well done.

Our Deputy pool is getting smaller each year but those

who step up this year I thank you greatly for the work you did for me. We were saddened by the loss of New Haven County Deputy Carl Bernhardt. Carl was a hard worker and he would go out of his way to assist you at any time. I especially want to thank Sister Marge for completing Carl's inspections, as it really helped our Deputies by doing this. Thank you.

CLOSING COMMENTS

I have enjoyed being your State Master. Everywhere Marcia and I have been we have been welcomed and treated like family. Hank the Burro enjoys the visitations too, although you keep feeding him until he's stuffed all the time. I enjoy visiting Community Granges and to see what you are up to and to see Pomona Fifth Degrees. I have attended the Northeast Leaders' and Lecturer's Conferences in Massachusetts, New England Grange Sunday at Cathedral of the Pines in New Hampshire and the New England Grange Building (we had nine marchers for the Grange Day parade at the Big E).

This year we had a contest for the most G Dollars. This is to help pay the National Grange Assessment for each member. We thought it would be a bust but you all have had a ball with it. These bill are not the most common series but your commitment has raised over \$3,000 in G-Bills. Todd said the bank tellers look at him strangely depositing all those single dollar bills, but he is a good sport.

As I conclude I wish to thank all of our Grangers in the State of Connecticut, for without you there can be no Connecticut State Grange. Your comments are always welcome for they are the weathervane of the job I am doing. May we continue to move forward, gain in membership, spruce up our halls, and meet the needs of our communities. As you leave this 132nd Connecticut State Grange Session, promote the Grange in everything that you do.

God bless you all.

Noel T. Miller
Master

Connecticut State Grange

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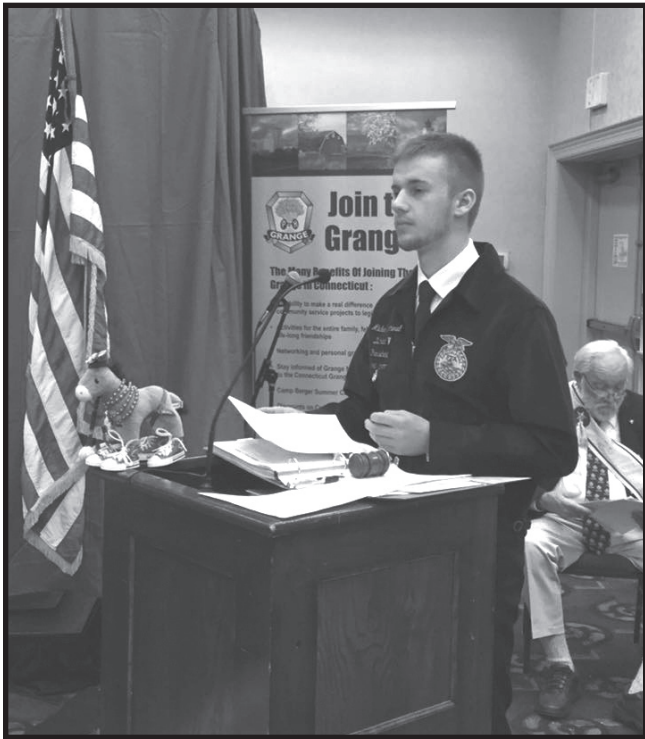
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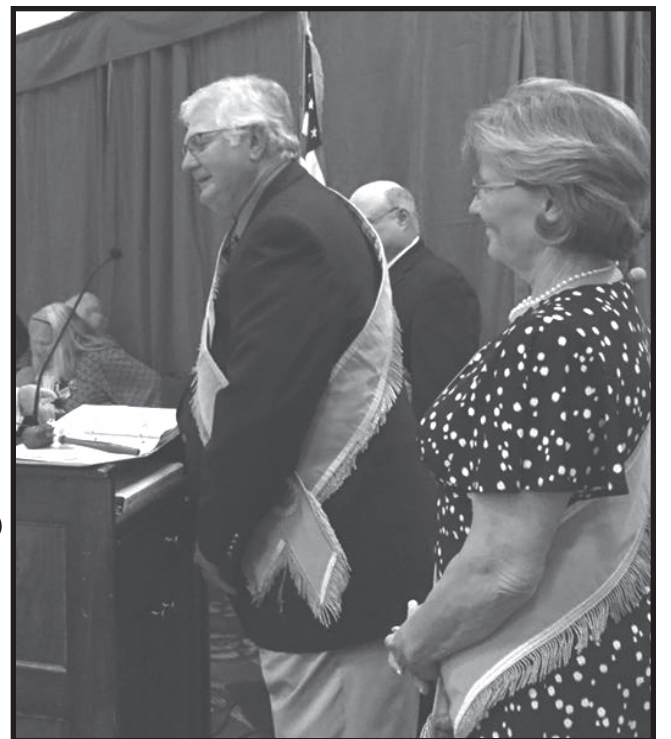
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New Gatekeeper Jaimie Cameron



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The State Officers march in prior to the conferral of the Sixth Degree on Friday evening.

Resolutions Adopted at the 132nd Annual Session

5) RE: TREATIES AND TRADE AGREEMENTS THAT MAY OVERRIDE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

WHEREAS the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) allows for the establishment of a judicial body with powers that could supercede those of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of our government, and

WHEREAS allowing this would over-ride our national sovereignty in favor of national interests of foreign nations to the benefit of their economic interests.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange go on record in opposition to any treaties or trade agreements like the TPP that have the ability to over-ride our national sovereignty for the economic benefit of other nations over our own, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the next Annual Session of the National Grange for action thereon.

9) RE: POMONA JURISDICTION

WHEREAS Article XII, Section 1, Division 1 (Paragraph 2) of the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws (2013 revision) reads:

"There shall be no changes in lines of jurisdiction of Pomona Granges in the State of Connecticut unless first, all Granges and Pomona Granges that maybe affected shall be notified at least six months before the Annual State Session, of any contemplated changes, and second, any changes in the jurisdiction of Pomona Granges shall be approved by the delegate body in Annual Session before going into effect.", and

WHEREAS with the changes that are occurring in our State's Pomonas, a more timely response can only benefit our Granges without having to wait up to a year for the State Grange to meet in annual session.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article XII, Section 1, Division 1 (Paragraph 2) of the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws now read: *"The Executive Committee of the Connecticut State Grange shall establish and maintain the jurisdictional lines of Pomonas."*

13) RE: DOG LICENSING AND RABIES

WHEREAS rabies is a very serious disease, and

WHEREAS it is currently mandatory that dogs have current rabies vaccinations in order to be licensed annually, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut General Assembly, in a move to save money is currently considering Bill Number 5178, which would change the annual licensing to a three-year license program, and

WHEREAS animal and human health could be

compromised due to lack of proper monitoring of the dates of rabies vaccinations and currently unlicensed, unleashed dogs expose licensed animals to possible rabies, where they have to be quarantined.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange go on record as favoring mandatory yearly licensing of all dogs so that proper monitoring of rabies protection can be maintained.

15) RE: ROBOCALLS

WHEREAS many of us are inundated with telephone calls which are not only unsolicited but also tend to have been sent by a computer with only a recorded message on the line, and

WHEREAS many of these calls are scams or otherwise fraudulent in nature, and

WHEREAS technology exists that can stop these robocalls (while allowing legitimate robocalls such as school closings and prescription reminders to come through), and

WHEREAS telephone companies have made no effort to let their customers know that such technology exists or to let them know they may install such technology.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange, through its Legislative Committee, petition the Connecticut General Assembly to pass legislation requiring that telephone service companies operating in Connecticut either install and use technology to stop these robocalls or assist their customers in acquiring and installing such technology, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grange urge its constituent members to contact their elected representatives, asking for such legislation to be passed.

22) RE: GRANGE MAILING LISTS

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange protects the names and addresses of its members by not providing mailing lists to individuals for marketing purposes, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has entered into agreements with businesses or organizations that offer benefits to our Granges or Grangers, and

WHEREAS the membership and Granges as well as the Connecticut State Grange cannot fully benefit from these programs if the name and addresses of our membership cannot be shared.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Executive Committee be authorized to share the names and addresses of the membership of the Connecticut State Grange only when entering into a partnership with businesses or organizations that offer a direct benefit to our Granges and/or Grangers.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that any individual member may opt out of having their

name and address supplied by notifying the State Grange Secretary in writing.

23) RE: STUDENT LOAN

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange offers Student Loans to any Grange member in good standing who is continuing their education, and

WHEREAS the State Grange Loan Application requires minimal information offering limited security to the State Grange, and

WHEREAS the Loan Program should be of benefit to those granting and receiving Student Loans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee and the Connecticut State Grange Scholarship/ Student Loan Committee revise the application, loan granting and interest structure in order to make the Student Loan program financially viable for all who wish to apply and to offer the Connecticut State Grange security in granting such loans, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED this new structure be in place prior to the 2017 fall school season.

24) COMMENDING THE STATE MASTER ON HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS

WHEREAS Worthy Master Noel T. Miller has put much thought and work into his annual address reflecting on the accomplishments of the past two years, and his hopes for the future, therefore

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this committee recommend adoption of his Master's Address and extend our congratulations on a fine address.

25) REDISTRICTING POMONA GRANGES

WHEREAS the number of members within the Subordinate Granges are declining, and

WHEREAS in effect this has caused the number of Subordinate Granges to decline, and

WHEREAS most Grangers feel that the Pomona Granges have a vital role in the Grange ritual work, and

WHEREAS some of the Pomona Granges are near to the minimum number of Subordinate Granges to keep the Pomona Grange in existence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange redistrict the communities of Connecticut to form new Pomona Granges, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee develop a plan of organizing the new Pomona granges and report at the 2017 State Grange session.

26) CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has provided scholarships for decades to aid students as they pursue

educational goals, and

WHEREAS the cost of an education in this state and nation continues to rise creating tremendous debt loads for most students, and

WHEREAS the White House has stated the average debt load of a 2015 college graduate was \$35,000, and

WHEREAS the total amount of outstanding student loan debt in the U.S. is \$1.2 trillion, second only to mortgages in consumer debt, and

WHEREAS it has been the policy of the Connecticut State Grange to not offer scholarships to first semester freshmen, and

WHEREAS freshmen need every opportunity to succeed with as little debt as possible, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange Scholarship amount awarded to qualified students has been a constant \$2,000 regardless of the amount of income generated by the scholarship investments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Scholarship/ Student Loan Committee in consultation with the Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee examine the current scholarship program to allow for more flexibility in awarding the scholarships and also the amount of the awards.

27) RE: TRANSFER OF COLLEGE CREDITS

WHEREAS the 4 State Universities and 12 Community Colleges are now under one State Board of Regents, and

WHEREAS some of the Community Colleges have been in existence for more than 50 years providing excellent educational opportunities, and

WHEREAS the most cost effective way to receive a college degree is to receive an Associate Degree from a Community College, and

WHEREAS transferring credits to a State University has been a problem from the beginning, and

WHEREAS many non-state universities accept the credits from Connecticut Community Colleges.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange supports the current efforts by the faculty groups of community colleges and state universities as well as the board of regents of the State of Connecticut to adapt their courses to comply with college requirements at the state Universities.

28) ADDRESSING INVASIVE SPECIES

WHEREAS invasive species threaten beauty and biodiversity, and

WHEREAS preserving and protecting our natural resources is a fundamental value of the Connecticut State Grange, and

WHEREAS the early identification and eradication of invasive species has the highest success rate and incurs the least time and money

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange supports broad-based efforts toward early identification and eradication of land-based and water-based invasive species.

29) POMONA JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES IN REGARDS TO CONTESTS AND PROGRAMMING

WHEREAS, the structure of Pomona has weakened over the years, and

WHEREAS membership in Pomona has decreased substantially over the years as well, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut State Grange sponsors programs and contests that rely on the Pomonas to coordinate these entrants and send the "winners" on to the State level for competition against other "winners" from the other Pomona's, and

WHEREAS, some members have chosen to hold membership in another

Pomona than the one in which their Grange is under jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS some of these members enter said contests from their home

Grange in the non-Jurisdictional Pomona, thus not allowing their "home" Pomona to receive credit for the entries,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED all contests entries for State Grange sponsored

Contests be submitted through the Pomona in which their home Grange resides.

30) RE: VOCATIONAL/ TECHNICAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS many industries in the state of Connecticut are having trouble finding a supply of skilled laborers necessary to grow their businesses, and

WHEREAS economic growth in the state will require an educated and skilled labor force in these industries,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange lobby the General Assembly to oppose the closing of vocational/ technical schools that has been proposed as a means of budget cuts.

32) RE: ECOLOGY

WHEREAS the use of natural resources such as wind, solar and water are more in tune with ecology and conservation, and

WHEREAS wind, solar and water power are more economical to sustain, and

WHEREAS the Grange always promotes ecology and conservation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange and the National Grange endorse and promote the use of Non Arable Land owned by state and federal governments for the production of solar energy to be used to offset the cost of electricity for state and federal agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for

consideration.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange and the National Grange endorse and promote the continuation of the state and federal subsidies for home and business generation of solar energy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

34) RE: HOUSING OF POULTRY

WHEREAS there has been and continues to be much discussion and criticism concerning the housing of poultry in flocks of all sizes, and

WHEREAS one of the major criticisms is the limited space allowed per bird in most large scale poultry operations, particularly birds housed in battery cages, and

WHEREAS many people who are not active in farming believe the best housing for poultry is to allow them free range, and

WHEREAS there are enough wild predators of poultry in Connecticut including, but not limited to hawks and coyotes that frequently catch and kill all species of domestic poultry, and

WHEREAS this results in a direct economic loss to the farmer, and


WHEREAS one of the basic principles of the Grange is the proper care and protection of all farm livestock, and

WHEREAS there does not appear to be any one simple answer to all of the problems concerning the housing of poultry, and

WHEREAS suggestions have been made by the general public that the Connecticut Department of Agriculture should investigate these matters in an effort to determine what should be the minimum standards for the housing of poultry, and **WHEREAS** the Connecticut Department of Agriculture does not have sufficient staff nor funds to hire outside consultants to investigate these problems, and


WHEREAS the many educational facilities have the staff or students devoted to and capable of researching agricultural issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the Connecticut General Assembly to appropriate sufficient funding to complete the research on what would be the most humane way to house all species of poultry in a manner that would allow the farmer to make a fair profit for his investment and labor.



Central Pomona No. 1

Southington #25
Meriden #29
Higganum #124
Hemlock #182



Since November 30, 1886


HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Dec. 9: Sleigh Bells Ring

Dec. 23: Omit for Christmas


Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.



East Central Pomona No. 3

Granby #5
Glastonbury #26
Manchester #31
Vernon #52
Coventry #75

Hillstown #87
Ashford #90
Enfield #151
Echo #180
Simsbury #197



Since September 7, 1887

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: Noel Miller

Nov. 5: We Go to the Polls (Legislative Committee in Charge). Hosts Granby #5, Vernon #52 and Simsbury #197.

Come out and you may learn how to write a resolution, how the election is not rigged, how a law is made. It's a chance for you to ask the Legislative Committee what it does in the Grange.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Nov. 3: Meeting 7:30 p.m. We Give Thanks; Ref: Pot Luck supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by our Grange meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 12: Monte-Carlo Whist Card Party 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 1: Holiday Celebration, brief meeting at 6:00 p.m. Ref: Annual Christmas Party (location to be determined)

The Dictionaries for the 3rd Graders at Nayaug School were delivered on September 27th. The children were a very happy and talkative group. Very happy to receive "their own" dictionary.

October we are collecting Non-perishable food items for the Glastonbury Social Service Department in preparation of the Holiday Season.

Our Membership Committee will be discussing and looking at ways that we can put our name and face before the Town of Glastonbury. Perhaps at a town wide function have a table with our name displayed and have homemade dog biscuits for sale and peanut butter

cookies of anyone passing by and talking with us. Perhaps also collect dog and cat food for a local shelter. This is presently all open for discussion and consideration.

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Leona Wilson

Nov. 1: Entertainment Tidbits

Nov. 15: Let's Take A Trip (Open House)

Our Nov. 1 meeting will be about "Entertainment Tidbits" presented by our Lecturer. On November 15 our program will be "Let's Take A Trip." It will be an open house and hopefully we will have some visitors who might become new members.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

Nov. 4: The People's Choice

Legislative Chair Gordon Gibson will be presenting a program. We are requesting members to bring their old DVD's to give to the military and their families.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Nov. 3: Thanksgiving, Judy Hill Refreshments

We are reviewing what we are doing in the upcoming year and seek ways to gain new members. Happy Thanksgiving.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Frank Forrest

Hillstown Grange is holding a Pancake Breakfast and Grandma's Attic Sale on Saturday, November 5, 2016, doors open at 8:30

AM and the Grange will be cooking and selling until 11:00 AM.

Breakfast of Pancakes including sausage, coffee, tea and juice, all for just \$5, \$3 for kids 14. This month's special features Pumpkin pancakes with special sauce.

Grandma's Attic and Jon's Book sale will be open during breakfast. Please help us clean up the attic with special bag pricing on books and household items. Come to browse, eat, or just visit the historic Hillstown Grange Hall. Free Admission.

Hillstown Grange is located at 617 Hills Street, East Hartford, CT. Located in the Hillstown corner of East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester since 1888. The Grange is one of the oldest Agricultural and Community Service groups in the United States.

For more information on this event: Frank at 860-690-2945 or e-mail hillstowngrange.com.

For more information on Hillstown Grange, visit the Grange's website at www.HillstownGrange.org. More information on the Granges across Connecticut can be found at www.CTStateGrange.org.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Simsbury members receive 6th



Three members of Simsbury Grange No. 197 received the Sixth Degree at State Session. From left: Susan Masino, Barbara Chapman and Barbara Friedland.

Enfield Grange gets "crafty"



Enfield Grange is making crafts to get ready for next year's Farmer's Markets.

Corr: Irene Percoski

Nov. 12: Red, White & Blue Line Graphics

Dec. 10: Come to the Stable

September's meeting was all about planning for the 4-Town Fair display and I'm happy to announce that our efforts resulted in a nice big blue ribbon. Our Farmer's Market has picked up with the cooler weather and we participated at the East Windsor Celebration Day. We have chosen 2 families to adopt for Thanksgiving. Along with the traditional basket, there will be special items for the children.

In November, we will pay tribute to our servicemen and women. Come visit.

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John


Alma Graham received her 50 year Golden Sheaf. It was reported as her 25 year certificate. She also won third place in the quilted wall hanging contest.

We had a successful ham and bean supper. We hope to have another one in the spring.

We are still making donations to "From the Heart."


We are still collecting pennies for our charity.

We are meeting twice a month now, the second and fourth Tuesday.



Mountain County Pomona No. 4

Cawasa #34	Litchfield #107
Whigville #48	Beacon #118
Eureka #62	Riverton #169
Winchester #74	
Taghannuck #100	



Since February 1, 1888

MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4*Corr: Todd Gelineau***Nov. 14:** Eureka Grange Hall

The next meeting of Mountain County will be at Eureka Grange Hall at 777 Litchfield Tpke. in the Nepaug section of New Hartford. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings which begin at 7:30 P.M.

Thank you to all members who donated items and sold tickets for our annual Gift Card Drawing held at the September meeting. As this is our only fundraising project of the year, it's success is very important.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74*Corr: Todd Gelineau*

Nov. 4: Fall Super Prize Party & Bake Sale, doors open at 6 P.M., drawing begins at 7 P.M.

Nov. 8: A Chill in the Air, Ref. Sara Bement & Mimi Grustas

Nov. 22: A Time for Being Thankful, Potluck at 6 P.M.

A big thank you from this writer to all of the members and guests who attended Winchester's Oct. 11 meeting. It was a surprise to be honored that evening with a "roast" in celebration of 19 years as Master of Winchester. Thank you for the kind words, gifts and gentle roasting! I've said it before and have heard many others say that it would be hard to imagine being a Grange member without belonging to Winchester Grange. It's a special Grange and it has been an honor to serve and honor Winchester Grange.

Our next event will be our Fall Super Prize Party and Bake Sale. What's a Super Prize Party? It's a giant teacup auction or country store that also features larger prizes. It's a fun time with free refreshments. Cards of tickets are only \$1.00 each. It's a great deal for a night out. Doors will open at 6:00 P.M. and the drawing of prizes will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M. Join us!

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100*Corr: Barbara Prindle*

Taghannuck Grange was pleased to have won first prize in the Bethlehem Fair Grange exhibit contest. A fair amount of research went into

the "postcards" that are part of the exhibit:

Paved Roads - The problem: Connecticut rural roads were impossible to negotiate either by motor or horse drawn vehicle. Town and rural residents got stuck in the mud and it was both troublesome and costly.

What we did: In the 1930s at a meeting held at the State Capitol, the Connecticut Rural Roads Improvement Association Inc. was formed with the Grange State Master as its president.

Result: The State Legislature passed the "Town Aid Bill" allocating 3 million dollars to be allotted from the Highway Funds to Connecticut towns for improvement of roads. Towns are still getting money today.

Women's Rights - The problem: Women did not have the same quality of life in society as men.

What we did: In 1867 the National Grange gave full voice and vote to women in the Grange well before women's rights in 1920. In 1903 Susan B. Anthony's last public appearance was at the National Grange Convention.

Result: The National Master is now a woman and women have come along way towards equality.

Rural Free Delivery - The problem: There was no mail delivery in some rural areas which caused problems for businesses and farmers since farmers were in the fields unable to get to the post office to pick up their mail.

What we did: In 1901 the National Grange secured passage of legislation for Rural Free Delivery Mail Service. In 1930 the National Grange opposed consolidation of RFD routes.

Result: Mail is delivered for free to rural homes, businesses, farms, etc.

Farmers Need A Voice - The problem: Farmers had little to no impact economically or politically on policy issues since they were so geographically spread out.

What we did: In 1867 farmers got together and formed the Grange to promote the social and economic needs of farmers and make a stronger voice for change.

Result: Improved lifestyle

and quality of rural life.

Camp Berger - The problem: Family is important in the Grange. Rural youth did not have many structured learning opportunities. We are always looking for ways to improve the lives of youth. We believe different kinds of education are very important.

What we did: In 1956, the Connecticut State Grange established a camp to foster leadership and a wide range of skills for members of the Junior Grange. Camp Berger is now open to all youth ages 7-14.

Result: At camp, youth now have the opportunity to gain knowledge and a sense of responsibility from outdoor living and improve their leadership skills.

BEACON GRANGE #118*Corr: Chuck Bezio*

Nov. 12: Apple & Pumpkin Fest

Nov. 26: Christmas Bazaar

RIVERTON GRANGE #169*Corr: Shirley Moore*

Nov. 4: Meeting; Program: Grateful For My Grange Friends; Ref.: Cindy & Mark Prelli

Dec. 16: Meeting; Program: Snowflakes and Snowpeople; Ref.: Gail Prelli & Charlie Bierce

At our October meeting, we draped our Charter in loving memory of Gladys Anstett who was a life-long member of our grange. Gladys was a sweet and loving person and will be missed by all who knew her. She was very active until physical problems made it impossible for her to attend grange meetings. Our deepest sympathy are extended to her family, and especially to her daughters Dawn, Deb Hodge and Beth Weller.

Our grange hall is now sporting a new roof and the porch has a sparkling paint job. We all thank our executive committee for getting this done.

On December 2 and 3, Christmas in Riverton will be taking place and our grange will participate by having a Christmas Tree Festival under the direction of Dawn Anstett and Phil Prelli. A small Christmas tree may be purchased, decorated by the owner and then judged that weekend.

Following our meeting on December 16, there will be a secret snowflake grab bag. The limit to be spent on the grab-bag item is \$10.00.

We wish all a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Whigville gets a facelift



The Whigville Preservation Group is pleased to announce that a less visible, but no less important, interior demolition project has been completed at Whigville Grange #48. 9 volunteers have removed the moldy paneling/sheetrock from the basement, including dismantling the old kitchen. After the remaining walls, studs, etc. were all washed down thoroughly with bleach. In the second photo, the re-painted Whigville Grange sign is re-installed.

WINCHESTER CENTER HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Local Author and Historian

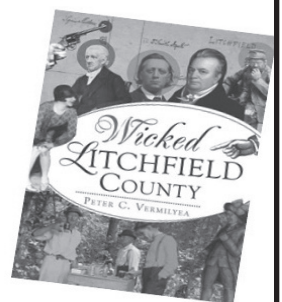
PETER VERMILYEA

Lecture: "Wicked Litchfield County"



**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2016
4:00 PM**

Author and Historian Peter Vermilyea will be discussing his latest book, "Wicked Litchfield County" and explore the lesser known devilish and sometimes scandalous tales from the seedier history of Litchfield County, which is colored by thieves, rum-runners, and rapsallions.

**Winchester Grange Hall**

**100 Newfield Road
Winchester Center, CT**

(Intersection of Route 263 & Newfield Road)

INFORMATION: 860-738-0766 or wahrensca@earthlink.net

Celebrating 19 Years




Winchester Grange honored past Master Todd Gelineau for his 19 years in office. Pictured l to r: Sue Addison, Sandy Phillips & Todd. The meeting also included a "Roast" by fellow State Officers and members.



New Haven County Pomona No. 5

Cheshire #23
Wallingford #35



Since December 4, 1888

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

Dec. 4 (Sunday): Open Meeting at 4 P.M., Program: Christmas is Around the Corner

As I write this article on Oct. 3, we are preparing for Hurricane Matthew, so I am pretty sure that what leaves had begun to turn color, would not have been around for the Oct. 17 meeting. The leaves do not seem to be very brightly colored due to the drought the entire state has witnessed.

The officers and members of New Haven County wish everyone a very thankful Thanksgiving.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Ruel Miller

Nov. 2: Youth Night

Nov. 16: Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Our craft nights have been busy of late and we are ready now to put our Christmas items together to be delivered to our shut-in members and others. Four of our members attended the recent 125th anniversary of Excelsior Pomona. Plans are underway for a November fundraising roast beef dinner for a local hiking group as well as our third annual Craft Bazaar to be held at our hall on Nov. 19th.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Dan Lauttenbach

Meetings in September:

September found us preparing for our fair...

September 7 – Fair Work

night. Did some setup of tables. The dining room floor was washed. Marcia setup upstairs the tag sale tables and did pricing.

September 15 – Fair Work night. Note this was a change from the Pomona book. Again did more setting up. Afterwards we had a short meeting. Then we all had pizza and celebrated Dan's birthday with ice cream cake.

September 17 – Annual Wallingford Grange Fair. We had a clear, sunny and warm day for our fair. Given the drought conditions in this part of the state we had vegetable and flower entries but they were down from previous years. This year we had at least two full tables of needlework, which was a bit of a surprise. We sold out our Chicken Barbecue dinner. The Sheehan High school girls' soccer team helped out in the kitchen and dinner room and was a BIG help. Thank you Ray Ross and the girls' soccer team for helping us out.

Upcoming Events:

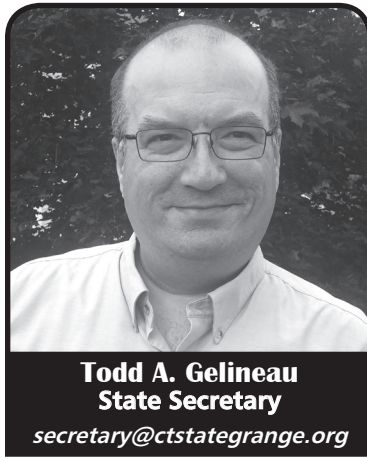
November 10 – Originally scheduled for a guest speaker from the Little Stone House Museum in Guilford. This has been postponed to our December meeting. Our guest will then give a short talk about Puritans celebrating (or the lack there of) Christmas. This meeting topic is to be done.

November 24 – Happy Thanksgiving – No Meeting.

G Note Wreath



Phyllis Beard of Cheshire Grange came up with a unique way to present her \$100 in G-Bills - a wreath! Thank you, Phyllis.



Todd A. Gelineau
State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

First, thank you to all who helped to make the 132nd Session of the Connecticut State Grange a success. Attendance by members and delegates was very good despite the greater distance to travel. The Holiday Inn Norwich is a beautiful facility and their staff took every opportunity to make us comfortable, well-fed and ready for our deliberations.

It was nice to see Barbara Prindle and 16 other candidates on hand to receive the Sixth Degree on Friday evening. I'm sure State Flora Carol Hnath joins me in thanking all who participated in any way in the Sixth Degree conferral.

Election of Officers saw many of our officers remaining for a second two year hitch with the exception of a few. Carol Hnath leaves the office of Flora and switches places with Debbie Barnes to become the new Pomona. I'm sure Brother Paul Hnath is happy for all the new space at his house vacated by the Court decorations while Brother Jeff Barnes gets to put his moving experience to the

State Secretary

test!

With the resignation of Ross Stands as Gatekeeper, Jaimie Cameron was elected Gatekeeper, becoming the first woman elected to a line office in the Connecticut State Grange. Congratulations, Jaimie!

The one real disappointment that weekend was the attendance at the Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening. Our guarantee with the hotel was for 110—our numbers barely reached 85. Is the banquet too late in the day? Is it more important to head home following the close of the afternoon session? Please let us know. We would be happy to hear any and all suggestions for improving State Session.

We have a contract in place for the 2017 Session to be held again at the Holiday Inn Norwich, so mark your calendars for October 19-21, 2017.

A resolution regarding mailing lists was adopted at Session. This resolution allows the State Grange to provide the mailing list of all members in the State to companies which have partnered with the Connecticut State Grange to offer a direct benefit to our Granges and/or Grangers. In addition, members are given the ability to "opt out" of the list by making their desire known in writing to the State Secretary. A letter regarding this resolution will be going out to all

Granges shortly. In the meantime, if your Grange has not provided its list to the State Grange, please do so as soon as possible.

As you know, the Connecticut State Grange has partnered with American Senior Benefits. They will be sending out a mailing to all members on our list in the coming weeks. As this mailing concerns Medicare and the current open enrollment period, it's necessary to get information out as soon as possible. If you receive the mailing and don't wish to receive future mailings, please let me know and your name will be removed from the authorized list.


We have received questions during the last month regarding the Pomona Quarterly Report stub that used to be attached to the bottom of the Subordinate Grange Quarterly Report Form. That stub was moved to the bottom of the pink mailing list update form that is returned to each Grange with the new Quarterly Report Form blanks each quarter. Please look for it and return it to your Pomona Secretary each quarter. It's important that Pomona Secretaries have up to date information as this is the basis for their dues payments to the State Grange.

Until next time, have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Senexet Grange Fair




Some of the 100 exhibits on display at the Senexet Grange Fair in Woodstock on September 17.



New London County Pomona No. 6

Senexet #40	Killingly #112
Wolf Den #61	N. Stonington #138
Colchester #78	Lyme #147
Ekonk #89	Stonington #168
Pachaug #96	Norwich #172
Preston City #110	Groton #213



Since January 10, 1890

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Dec. 10: Christmas Songs – Norwich Grange

We were happy to welcome some of our new members to our September meeting. Groton Grange meets at St. Andrews Church in Groton and it is a beautiful meeting place. The Lecturer had us giggling as members played a musical chairs game wearing the most outrageous hats.

Our December meeting will be held at Norwich Grange, conveniently located just off I-395. Please put the date on your calendars and celebrate with us.

The fall is upon us, with leaves turning red.

The frost's on the pumpkin I've heard it been said.

Please join us at Norwich, I think we'll have fun.

When it comes to refreshments they're second to none!

SENEKET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Nov. 16: Turkey Day tomorrow

Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Pie Sale

We worked hard at the Woodstock Fair food booth during Labor Day weekend.. We also had a great exhibit there regarding community service with the help from Ashford and Killingly Granges. We had a very popular Grange fair on Sept. 17 with over 100 exhibits. The following Saturday we had a very profitable food booth at the Celebrating Ag event here in Woodstock. The highlight of that event is a guided hay ride to the local dairy farm of members Paul, Diane, David, Lela and Ciri Miller. Thanks to all who helped. We will be hosting the Windham County Farm Bureau meeting here in October and will be having a Thanksgiving pie sale on Nov. 23.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie Johnson

Nov. 9: Legislative Night

This will be our last potluck night until next spring. Only one meeting a month. The foliage on trees is sort of spotty now. Leaves are coming down. Raking will begin. Pumpkins are being bought and getting

ready for Halloween. Pies are being baked as well. State Session has come and gone. Time for all those chores – leaves out of rain gutters. Check out the chimneys. Put the lawn mowers away. Did you get your flu shot? Or pneumonia shot? The Master will be bringing us the news from State Session.

Get well Sybil.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Cathy Russi

Colchester Grange #78 members took an active part at the Annual Family Fun Day held at Zagray Farm in Colchester. The Collaborative for Colchester's Children has created a partnership with parents, educators, community members, agencies and businesses to work together to provide services and support to children and their families from birth through age 8. The group focuses on four strategy areas that will benefit the town's children and provide the youngest citizens with the opportunity to succeed.

Many agencies took part in the wonderful day for families. Varies groups pointed out many interesting facts to families as they walked through the beautiful well kept fields. Healthy eating habits and snacks were available to the attendees. Varies groups ie: the garden club, scouts, sport groups and the Colchester Grange introduced everyone to the interesting components of their organization or group.

Colchester Grange #78 offered hayrides to participants. Chris Bourque, Colchester Grange member enjoyed the fun filled day with family members taking the ride. The Grange membership also had pigs and a baby goat. Members were able to talk to families on the need for good farming and how to care for the animals.

EKONK COMMUNITY GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

We are excited about the three new members we have added to our rolls and they are loaded with enthusiasm!

In November, we have our annual Turkey Supper slated for Saturday, November

19th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Community Grange Hall, handicapped accessible is located at 723 Ekonk Hill Road (State Rt. 49) in Sterling, CT. Adults \$12.00, children ages 12 and under \$6.00 and preschoolers are always admitted for free. Folks are always encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for distribution to needy families. For each item brought, the person gets a chance on a gift certificate to the popular Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm, 227 Ekonk Hill Road in Sterling.

Ekonk Community Grange will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar at the hall on Saturday, December 3rd from 11-3. There is always a nice variety of vendors as well as great food in the Grange kitchen! Anyone with questions on this event, or inquiring about a vendor spot, call Verna Cole at 860-564-2388.

We voted to replace our present windows with new, more energy efficient windows. This will be completed before time to start the furnace. We donated \$100.00 to Oneco Volunteer Fire Department and \$100.00 to Sterling Volunteer Fire Department. Both Departments graced our Fair with their presence as well as enthralled the children with their trucks!

In February, we voted to host the National Grange Master's Conference at our hall, providing a place for their meetings as well as serving two suppers, two lunches and one breakfast. We voted to have new Ekonk Community Grange t-shirts custom printed for both Subordinate and Junior members. We received a beautiful plaque from the Connecticut FFA in appreciation for our outstanding support of their programs. It will be proudly mounted on a wall in the Grange hall.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Nov. 11: "Old Soldiers Never Die, They Simply Fade Away"
Nov. 25: No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving

The Barnes/Cameron Team installed our officers in an impressive ceremony on September 9. Then on Sept. 23 we learned a great deal about osprey tracking when Genevieve Nuttall from Osprey Nation presented a power point program on the subject followed by a question and answer session. Genevieve is a student at UConn and is majoring in conservation/biology.

Our November program is tentatively set to present Mark Adams, a WWII re-enactor and President of the Iwo Jima Memorial in New Britain. Mark will speak about the war and show us some WWII gear.

Make sure you mark December 16 on your calendar. That is the night we will carol around town and deliver fruit baskets. After we sing we

will visit a local restaurant for pizza. We leave the Grange at 6:30 P.M. Call the Lecturer or Secretary if you are interested in participating.

Dues are due. You will receive a copy of this year's programs with your dues receipt. And if those deer will just stop nibbling on my hosta, next time I'll tell you about old October.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Dec. 1: Certificate Night – Make way for Rudolph.

Dec. 8: Snow date for Dec. 1

Jan. 5: Show and Tell. Let's share our hobbies and small antiques.

Feb. 2: Ground Hog Day – Will he see his shadow? Heroes and hearts and other fables.

Our October meeting was sparsely attended due to many people being away and illness. People were coughing away – the season has started early.

We draped our charter in loving memory of George LaPlace and John Giaconia. John was a 75 year member who joined us in July 1949.

Many motions were voted. We voted to pay our delegate's hotel bill for State Session. Our septic system, which is an old cesspool, has failed. It

needs to be replaced. Luckily local contractors who do that sort of business will donate their labor. We will have to pay for their materials. It is a considerate amount. How lucky can you get? We will also have to determine exactly where our well is – as modern laws state septic systems must be a certain amount of feet away from the well.

We have 35 people receiving certificates and seals from 25 years to 75 years at our December meeting. Hopefully the weather will behave itself.

Our expert on making posters and newsletter editor, Norman Stitham, is crating a special invitation to be handed out the night in December when we will have our presentation of seals and certificates. Thank you, Norman!

We voted to cancel the potluck supper in December and have it in November. A good move as we will have a lot of company in December – hopefully.

The Executive Committee met and voted to have a bake sale on the same day as the Rummage Sale. Net profit: \$277.25.



Homemade Cranberry Sauce

Tart and sweet, Cranberry Sauce is a holiday tradition and a Thanksgiving classic. This easy recipe from Food Network and Alton Brown.

Homemade Cranberry Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1/4 cup 100 percent cranberry juice, not cocktail
- 1 cup honey
- 1 pound fresh cranberries, approximately 4 cups

DIRECTIONS:

Wash the cranberries and discard any soft or wrinkled ones.

Combine the orange juice, cranberry juice and honey in a 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil and then reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 5 minutes. Add the cranberries and cook for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the cranberries burst and the mixture thickens. Do not cook for more than 15 minutes as the pectin will start to break down and the sauce will not set as well. Remove from the heat and allow to cool for 5 minutes.


Carefully spoon the cranberry sauce into a 3 cup mold or serving dish. Place in the refrigerator for at least 6 hours and up to overnight.

Remove from the refrigerator, overturn the mold and slide out the sauce. Slice and serve.

Recipe courtesy of Alton Brown, 2007


SOURCE: <http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/alton-brown/cranberry-sauce-recipe2.html>





Excelsior Pomona No. 7

Beacon Valley #103	Bridgewater #153
Bethlehem #121	Wolcott #173
Prospect #144	Oxford #194



Since October 22, 1891

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7*Corr: Jean Meehan*

We were happy to see so many guests at our 125th Anniversary celebration October 2. Hank came along with our Grange First Family and helped our lecturer Jean Meehan with the program. We were honored to have several past voting delegates present. as well.

Robert Buck was recognized for all he has done for our Pomona as degree master and hosting our annual picnic. Barbara Robert was recognized for all the fresh flowers she furnishes for each meeting and Pomona's Court. Albert Maddox was recognized for hosting our more recent summer picnics and Joanne Cipriano was recognized for being the chief cook and bottle washer for our roast beef dinners.

Each were presented with a thank you gift.

Ten members of Beacon Valley Grange presented their version of what FRIENDSHIP meant to them as the theme of the celebration was Friendship. Barbara Robert from Bethlehem Grange had a surprise balloon game in which many were smart enough to guess what was in the balloons. We were honored with a Friendship song by Jane and Ruel Miller from Cheshire Grange. Prospect and Wolcott Granges put on a skit of how to make a Friendship Cake.

FRIENDSHIP pays with gifts to all who made the letters that spelled out friendship. Many door prize gifts donated by each of the granges in Excelsior Pomona for which we thank them.

We would like to thank Pat Fischer and Barbara Robert and their crew that worked so hard in the kitchen setting up and preparing refreshments. We would also like to thank all who helped clean up after the celebration.

The future of our Pomona and others will not be know until after our state session.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

Beacon Valley Grange will meet on Friday November 11th. Meeting time 7 o'clock. The program is titled "Founding Fathers". Sisters Gloria and Harriet will provide the refreshments. Our theme for the evening is "Pumpkins".

On Friday November 25th, we will get together at 6:30 P.M. to decorate our hall for the holidays. Many hands make light the work. So take the hint and come and help.

On Saturday December 3rd, we will hold a tag and bakery sale from 9 to 2. Thanks to the Behlman family and St. Michael's Episcopal Church we will have many nice items for sale. Our thanks to Pat and Ron Fischer and Tom Honyotski for picking up all the items from the Church.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121*Corr: Albert Maddox*

Nov. 12: Flea Market for the Holidays - 9-1 P.M. Table space is available by contacting Linda Coad at 203-264-8151.

Nov. 28: Thanksgiving re Barbara Robert

Dec. 4: Holiday Cheer, Christmas Party \$5.00 Grab Bag, 4:00 P.M., Painted Pony

Dec. 12: Meeting - Surprise Package. Re. Eloise-Linda, 7:30 P.M.

Again this year, we will be giving a complete Thanksgiving Dinner to a needy family in Bethlehem through First Church. Bring your items to the Flea Market on the 12th.

Our exhibit at the Bethlehem Fair took second prize thanks to everyone who helped.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144*Corr: Jean Meehan*

Prospect Grange is proud to announce we won second place in the CT State Grange Community Service Contest racking up just over 6,000 community service hours and was presented with a place from the State and National Grange. We were also recognized for our Rest Home visits for 2016. Great job everyone.

Our Lecturer and Youth Committee Chairperson also received an award for her complete program and Youth Committee reports. Great work everyone.

Bags of fresh vegetables were donated to Senior Center to use for lunchbes 2016 fall.

Prospect Grange donated a total of \$200 of G Notes to the Connecticut State Grange in 2016.

Prospect Grange delivered pots of mums to shut ins with a card. Happy Fall. 2016. One of our shut ins thanking Prospect Grange members Tina Meehan and Jean Meehan for the pot of yellow mums. fall 2016.

Pat Sallstrom taught Prospect Grange members how to make greeting cards at their Oct. 2016 meeting.

One Birthday card and one Christmas card was made by 15 members.

Prospect Grange had a table at the 2016 Pumpkin Festival giving out dictionaries, and a free raffle for bicycle helmets and free candy. A total of 7 members helped with the booth.

OXFORD GRANGE #194*Corr: Robert Buck*

Nov. 4: Election Time Crazyes

Nov. 18: Thanksgiving Potluck Supper, 7:00 PM

Hall rentals have raised enough money to put the Grange in a good position with winter coming. It was decided not to hold the Small Business Fair this fall, as the Democratic Town Committee had a fundraiser in mid October and it appeared they had many of our fair vendors. We thought another such event would be redundant in early November. Preparatory work will be continuing on the handicapped ramp for the hall until the frost sets in and the ground freezes. We are looking forward to getting our new members active in the organization and will be planning fundraisers to further our work in town. Look forward to the Open Mic program to be held monthly at this point. By the time you read this, State Session will have come and gone with all the delegate work behind us, so we can only anticipate the future of the Pomona Grange in Connecticut as this goes to press. On October 2, Excelsior Pomona #7 celebrated 125 years of existence with yours truly as the current Master. It was a nice afternoon enjoyed by all 45 present.

Taghannuck honor



Tori Richardson, of Warren, CT, was honored by Taghannuck Grange No. 100 as their Citizen of the Year. Tori is pictured at left receiving the certificate from Taghannuck member Ruth Schnell.

Lecturer's Awards



My thanks to all who have helped with the Lecturers' Contests and Projects this year. Your whole Grange benefited by your participation. This years' participants and winners are as follows...

HONOR LECTURER AWARDS - Cheshire, No. Stonington and Lyme.

LECTURER'S APPRECIATION AWARD - Redding, Cheshire,

Glastonbury, Manchester, Cawasa, Whigville, Vernon, Winchester, Colchester, Ekonk, Killingly, Bethlehem, No. Stonington, Lyme, Enfield, Cannon, Stonington, Oxford and Taghannuck.

"SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE" -- Cheshire, Glastonbury, Colchester, Beacon Valley, Killingly, No. Stonington, Prospect, Lyme and Norwich.

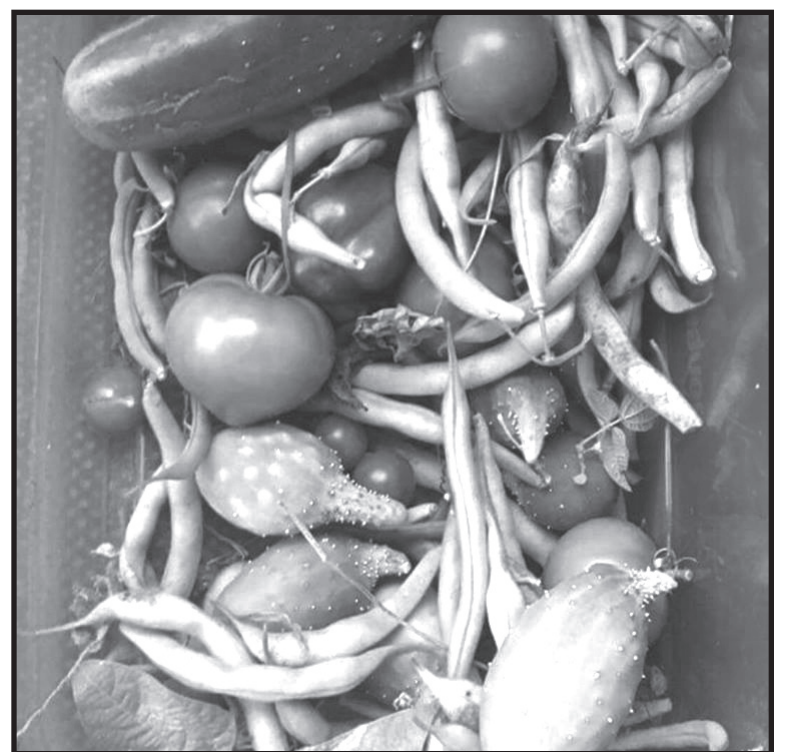
"A WORD FROM HOME" -- Cheshire, Glastonbury, Hillstown, Killingly, Lyme and Hemlock.

ESSAY CONTEST - 1st Lois Evankow, Lyme Grange; 2nd Eleanor Davis, Killingly Grange; 3rd Jean Meehan, Prospect Grange

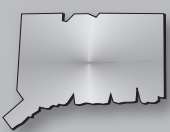
COMPLETE PROGRAM - 1st Susan Pianka, No. Stonington Grange; 2nd Denise Barbieri, Prospect Grange

Watch your Connecticut Granger for next years' contests and projects and this years' winning entries in the Essay Contest. The complete programs will appear on the State Grange Website.

Wolcott's harvest




These photos show just some of the vegetables that we have grown in our Garden on the Wolcott Grange property. This is our 3rd year at it and every year the garden get bigger and better, we also planted 3 fruit trees that should produce apples & pears in the coming years. All that we harvest goes directly to the Wolcott food pantry, or a needy family. We look forward to a even better harvest next year. Thanks to all the members who make it happen.



**Fairfield County
Pomona No. 9**

Redding #15 Norfield #146
Harmony #92 Cannon #152
Greenfield Hill #133



Since February 20, 1895

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9*Corr: Marge Sendewicz*

Dec. 3: Wed. – Potluck Supper at 6:00 P.M., Redding Grange. Harmony and Greenfield Hill are hosts. Toys for Tots and Country Store.

REDDING GRANGE #15*Corr: Marge Sendewicz***Nov. 9:** Veterans Day**Nov. 23:** Thanksgiving Program**HARMONY GRANGE #92***Corr: George Ward*

Nov. 11: Regular Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Refreshments at 6:30 Lecturer's Program to be announced later.

Harmony Grange is still negotiating with the Department of Transportation on the taking of Grange property for the roundabout at the intersection of Rts. 111 & 110 in Monroe. The construction is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2017 and will have a huge effect on the activities at Harmony Grange, especially for Fairs since the entrance to Hurd Avenue from Rt. 110 will not be possible. Harmony Grange's parking lot is located on Hurd Avenue and the property is bordered by RTs. 111, 110 & Hurd Avenue.

Also, there is going to be a cul-de-sac constructed on Hurd Avenue just South of the Grange Hall. During construction, there will be much construction equipment on Hurd Avenue making entrance to the hall difficult. We are scheduling special meetings to advise members of these conditions and will take the necessary steps to minimize the effects.

Harmony Grange performed the Welcoming Ceremony on three new members at its September meeting. The ceremony was done by Robert Buck, Steward of the Ct. State Grange.

Harmony Grange is preparing for its Christmas Boutique scheduled for December 3. It will consist of the usual, food, baked goods, jewelry, Christmas Items, antiques and Vender tables.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133*Corr: Jim & Lori Golias*

The Greenfield Hill Grange #133 in Fairfield held its annual fair on Saturday, August 27th. It was a great day! People enjoyed the exhibits, good food, baking contests, pony rides and games for the kids.

Various vendors selling their wares. Everything from antiques, giftware, hand-crafted greeting cards, to produce, farm –fresh eggs, and honey. Local musicians spent the day and entertained the crowds. It was a fun day for kids of all ages!

Up-and-coming events at the Grange:

September 24, 2016 is pizza and movie night

Family Activities



The theme for the 2016-2017 CWA year takes us "Down On The Farm". Whatever your imagination can think up for the craft contest should be something you can find on the farm. I am excited to see what our talented crafters come up with. The craft contest is open to all Grangers including Juniors, and I would like to see more of our men enter. It's been a long time since we have had a real "men against women" rivalry. Don't forget the regional meeting this month at Norwich Grange on November 19th at 12:00 Noon.

Winners from Connecticut at the Northeast Needlework Contest at the Big E are as follows: -Class B. Doilies -2nd place -Carol Nelson -Vernon; Class D. 3 Piece baby set -3rd place -Pat Margelony -Vernon; Class E. Plastic Canvas -1st place -Joan Zeigler -Redding; Class G. Adult Garment -2nd place -Pat Margelony -Vernon; Class H. Latch Hook -2nd place -Dorothy Joselovitz -Redding; Class J. Stuffed Toy -2nd place -Maryalyce Lee -Cheshire; Class K. 1st place -Lois Evankow -Lyme. Congratulations to all..



2017 Public Relations Contests

Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

The Public Relations committee is offering three contests for 2017, all with a deadline of October 1. It's easy to participate. Let's take a quick peek at each one.

1) Promote Your Grange Creative Video Contest: Create a video promoting your Grange. The video can be any length, and of any theme. New this year — the video must be created by the Grange (or a member of the Grange) and not be produced by a non-Grange entity.

2) Best Cooperative Partnership Contest: An integral part of Grange public relations is partnering with other local groups and organizations. This could be a co-hosted event, a co-sponsorship of a project or initiative, a project to benefit or honor a group/organization, and so much more! Write a description of how your Grange

has integrated/ utilized a Cooperative Partnership, and include a photo to accompany the description if appropriate.

3.) Social Media Participation Contest: Create a Buzz about your Grange, its projects, activities and events by managing a proper Facebook or Twitter Page. This contest is open to all Community Granges, Pomona Granges and Junior Granges. Pages must be active at any point within the period of November 1, 2016 - October 1, 2017.

All of the details, rules, and information for the contests can be found on the Connecticut State Grange website at www.CTStateGrange.org, and will also be available in the Blue Book. Entries should be mailed to Robert Charbonneau, 102 Spring Street, Meriden CT 06451, or sent via e-mail to publicrelations@ctstategrange.org.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Joanne Cipriano
Social Connection Director
Social@ctstategrange.org

We finally have a date for our next activity so save the date of Saturday April 29, 2017. Our program will be "Around the World". A dinner of ethnic foods will be served promptly at 6 o'clock. I almost forgot – this will be held at Cheshire Grange.

We need HELP. Anyone who would like to volunteer to make a dish from another country, please call Barbara Robert or me. Our previous activities have always been fun and this one should be too.

From our committee to all our brother and sister Grangers a very

Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Southern Conn. Past Masters

The Southern Connecticut Past Masters will hold their November meeting at Cheshire Grange on the 12th. Please note this is a change in location from what is in the handbook. The officers will host the dinner.

Come and see what Bob Buck has prepared for the program.

Quilts of Valor

The Grange is both a highly patriotic organization and one filled with amazingly talented individuals who understand the power and sentiment of handicrafts such as quilts. As part of our Patriot's Program, started in 2012, we are heavily encouraging all Granges to identify members who are veterans or active duty service members that were deployed during war time and request for them a QUILT OF VALOR.

Quilts of Valor are free, made by volunteers who seek to "cover service members and veterans touched by war with comfort and healing Quilts of Valor."

Go to: www.qovf.org/

Click on Take Action and REQUEST A QUILT.

Once you have submitted a request, or if you know of a Grange member who has received a Quilt of Valor in the past, please contact me by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or call (202) 628-3507 ext. 102 to inform us of your request/the Quilt of Valor already received, the name of the veteran and your Grange's name.

Please don't forget, certificates are available for FREE from the National Grange to recognize veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam and the conflicts not classified as wars during the Cold War Era. Certificates will be available in mid-2017 for Gulf War Veterans in 2018 for all those serving in the post-9/11 era conflicts/wars. This program is sponsored by Potomac Grange No. 1 (DC). Informational DVDs are available to explain WWII - what led to the war, the war itself, its toll and its impact on our nation - and the Korean War. DVDs on Vietnam and the Cold War conflicts are expected out in 2017 and Gulf War and Post-9/11 in 2018. These can be used to glean information needed for a great lecturer's program or can be an introduction for Junior Grangers and Grange Youth to citizenship and patriotism lessons.

Fraternally,
Amanda Leigh Brozana
National Lecturer

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing: submissions@ctstategrange.org.



No answers were received this month.



Hank the Burro

Connecticut's Grange Mascot

Facebook "like" me on

345 Likes!

By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange Friends!

Noel and I ended September with lots of Grange Installations. In late September we installed the officers of Hemlock Grange. Good luck to new President Murray Newton.

We also worked up at the New England Grange Building at the Big E. Got to see lots of Grange friends from all over the NE Region - and also got to meet many new non-Grange friends as well!

I had the pleasure of going with Noel up to Winchester Grange to see Todd Gelineau honored as Past Master, and to welcome Bill LaTulipe as their new President. Todd served in that role for 19 years. He is now a member of the Executive Committee. Congratulations to Bill LaTulipe for taking over the reigns as he begins his Grange journey as Winchester Grange's new Master.

Then it was time for the 132nd Annual Ct State Grange Session in Norwich. It was a busy time - but we were ready for business.

Want to keep up on my adventures as I travel around the State? Be sure to follow me on Facebook. Please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>

Say Hello if you see me!



Future of Bridgewater Grange Hall uncertain

Waterbury Republican-American, Oct. 22, 2016

BRIDGEWATER – First Selectman Curtis S. Read told more than 100 residents on Saturday there wouldn't be much difference between rebuilding and renovating the historic Grange hall.

"A renovated building would essentially end up being a new building," Read said, noting the condemned structure is in such disrepair that almost all of the wood and foundation would need to be replaced. "We will keep the historic continuity and structural integrity, but it would be 95 percent new wood if we decided to renovate."

Residents torn between practicality and historical preservation discussed the town's options during a meeting in the Burnham School gymnasium. Though the Board of Selectmen highly recommends razing the building and rebuilding as the most cost-effective option, some residents don't want to lose the historical value the Grange brings to their town.

The Grange, built in 1863 and listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, originally was a one-room school, but later was used by the local chapter of the National Grange farming fraternity. The building had been used to host various town and Grange events until it was deemed structurally unsound and closed in the fall of 2014.

Most of the people in the town were unaware of the presence of the Grange on the historic registry, and we credit the people that did the research to bring this forward so that there could be a fair, open process to evaluate reasonable alternatives," said town resident Ned Bandler, who has been a Grange member for 70 years.

Some residents said they would rather leave the Grange building as is to preserve its historic value, especially with St. Mark's Episcopal Church next door that already has everything needed to host town functions.

Read said that's not an option because of the need to separate church and municipal functions.

Fran Kelly, who has lived in Bridgewater for 26 years, disagreed.

"That is not an issue in such a small town," Kelly said.

"The Grange has held events in our church before."

Whether rebuilt or renovated, Reed said the Grange would get an expanded meeting room, a kitchen, two handicapped-compliant bathrooms and an entry foyer with a coat closet. The basement would have utility, storage and recreation rooms, he said.

Read said he hopes to raise the basement by 4 to 5 feet to help prevent flooding and water leakage.

The estimated cost of the project is \$694,750, but that could change depending on whether the town chooses to demolish and rebuild, or renovate.

Issues that still need to be resolved include environmental concerns such as lead paint, oil in the ground and asbestos.

The town and its community members plan to continue their research and conversations to determine what would make the most financial and long-term sense.

Reed said he hopes to have all issues resolved and a decision made by the spring of 2017, and construction can begin next summer.

Holiday Boutique

November 12, 2016
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

All things holiday
Thanksgiving to Christmas to New Year's
Vendors, Crafts, Food

Greenfield Hill Grange
1873 Hillside Rd.
Fairfield, CT 06824

Breakfast,
Lunch, &
Refreshments
available



Michelle DeDominicis
State Junior Grange Director
juniors@ctstategrange.org

Junior Grange

LYME GRANGE JR. MEMBERS

Corr: Ted Powell

The Lyme Junior Grangers helped out at Take a Vet Fishing at the Bozrah Rod and Gun Club . They raised over \$387.00 to help buy fish and had their parents and grandparents make food. They work with the Lebanon Lions , American legion , two Boy Scout troops, Bozrah Rod and Gun members . This group raised \$ 2650.00 dollars to buy trout. There were over 100 vets from WWII and up. These vets come from Vet homes and Hospitals. They come from all over the state, and there are people that give their time off to drive the vets to these fishing events.

The kids had a great time and are working on their next projects to feed people for Thanksgiving and getting toys for kids at Christmas.



Ekonk Community Jr. Grange

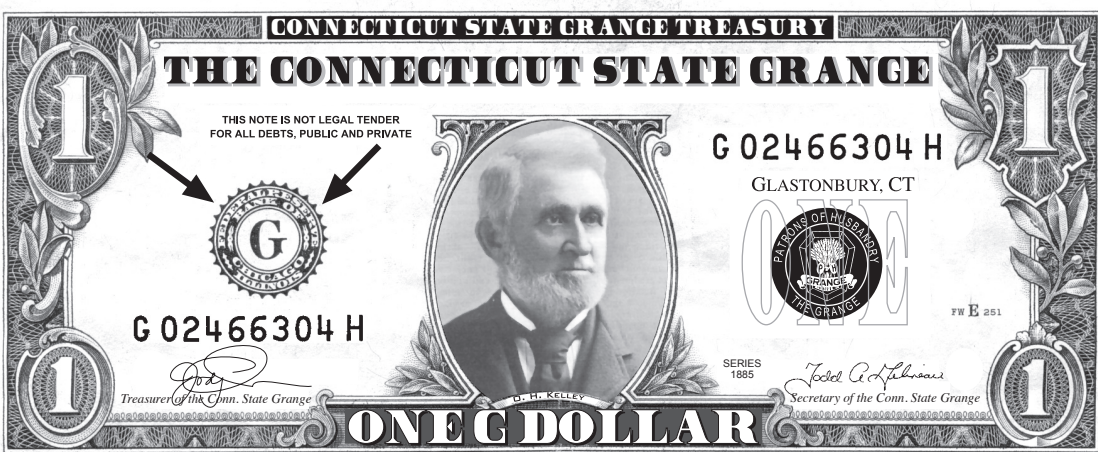


Ekonk Community Junior Grange members pose for a group photo in their booth at Sterling Family Days.

Norfield in the Halloween Spirit



G Note Leader Board



**Congratulations to
Ekonk Community Grange No. 89
and
Vernon Grange No. 52**

for winning the \$50 prize for small and large Granges in the G Note contest. Your generous donations to this cause have raised over \$5,200.00!!! This astounding amount will go towards paying Connecticut's assessment to National Grange for future National Grange Conventions. The program will continue into 2017-- keep on looking for those G Notes!

In Memoriam

Ernest (Dick) Knutson Taghannuck #100
John Giaconia, G.S. Lyme #147
George LaPlace Lyme #147

Please keep us notified of deceased members.
Use the email or the regular mailing address listed
in the Granger Staff list in this issue.

State Chaplain

Being Thankful

Charles Dimmick, State Chaplain



It seems to me that there is a significant difference between giving thanks and being thankful. The first may be only an outward verbal or visual act, while the second is primarily internal, something you think or feel or experience. It is possible to give thanks without that internal component, thanking without really meaning it, but since God sees what is in your heart I'm

sure God prefers that we feel thankful internally, whether or not we express it externally. St. Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, instructs us:

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

Of course, being thankful internally it is only fitting that we also express that thankfulness by giving thanks externally. In Psalm 30 we find: “That my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!”

Being thankful is not only the right thing to do, and good for your spiritual well-being, it turns out that it is also good for your mental and physical health. An article in The Huffington Post from November of 2012 describes “10 Reasons Why Gratitude is Healthy” including it boosts well-being, it makes you a better friend to others, it helps you sleep better, it improves relationships, it benefits the heart, and it has been linked to a better immune system.

But we should not only be thankful individually; we should come together with others to share our mutual thankfulness for God's provision for our needs. What is more appropriate to this season of the year than to live out the words of that grand old hymn:

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

Hats Off to Excelsior



Hat contest at Excelsior Pomona meeting at Bridgewater Grange Sept. 2016 with Pat Fischer and Mary Lou Raymond.