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From the Master's desk



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By the time you read this in May, all three Pomona Granges will have completed their Fifth Degree conferrals and inspections. The National Grange Committee on Pomona Granges continues to meet and has been split off into subcommittees which will consider various aspects of the subject (mine is Activities and Membership). We will report to the National Grange Convention in November in Niagara Falls. I hope there is a future for our Pomona Grange division.

I hope as many Granges as are able are having craft night programs and that our "crafty" members are producing items to be sold at the New England Grange Building at the Big E. These sales, including the food items, are the lifeblood that keeps the building operation alive (without the need for an assessment charged to each New England State Grange). We are always exploring better ways to use that edifice to better market our Order to the public.

The Leadership Academy will start this month and run with two meetings per month of one hour each Sunday nights at 7:00 P.M. on Zoom. The topics will be varied

and include: What is Leadership?, Leadership Style, Membership Retention and Growth, Fundraising, Member/Community Involvement and Activities, Conflict Resolution, Mediation & Mentoring, and Grange

State Grange adopts alcohol policy

Todd A. Gelineau, State Secretary

The delegates to the 138th Annual Session of the State Grange approved Resolution No. 10 which states:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange adopt the policies of Section 10.11.1 through Section 10.11.5 of the National Grange Digest of Laws to allow local Subordinate and Pomona Granges the ability to apply for a Temporary Liquor Permit in accordance with the State of Connecticut Liquor Control Commission application requirements and to obtain necessary liquor liability insurance, and approval of the Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee.

What does this mean?

If your Grange plans to hold any kind of event that will involve the consumption or sale of alcohol, you are required to contact the State President first. This is required regardless of the size of the event (i.e. a beer tent at a fair, wine tasting, paint & sip, etc.).

This policy only allows temporary liquor permits. Granges are not allowed to have ongoing events or to have bars set up in

Procedures. "The Five Graces of Life and Leadership" by Gregory Burnison will be the guide or text for the series. I would like to see one or more involved from each Grange.

Every Grange could do more to advance their membership, but many are unsure about how to go about
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their halls.

Granges and the groups that rent Grange facilities are required to provide certificates of liability insurance. All certificates must name the Connecticut State Grange as additionally insured. Non-Grange events must name the host Grange and the Connecticut State Grange as additionally insured.

We are all in this together. In the event legal action is taken against your Grange, it is more than likely the State Grange will be named in that action as well. This is the reason all events must have insurance coverage and follow the procedures outlined by the State Grange Board of Directors.

The approvals from the State of Connecticut and the CT State Grange will take time, so we recommend Granges start the process several months in advance of the desired event.

Serving alcohol to the public (and your members) is serious business. Failure to follow the procedures will result in the denial of approval from the State Grange even if your State Liquor permit is approved.



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From the Master's Desk

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this. Amanda Brozana-Rios, our National Leadership/Membership Director offers the Membership Matters Zoom discussion session every second Tuesday of the month at 8:30 P.M. The Zoom link is on the National Grange website and is greatly underutilized. Phil Vonada, National Communications Director also offers monthly programs. I attended one on the Canva computer

program for designing graphic fliers for events. Check the National Grange website for these as well. These are the things that National Grange offers us to help our local Granges.

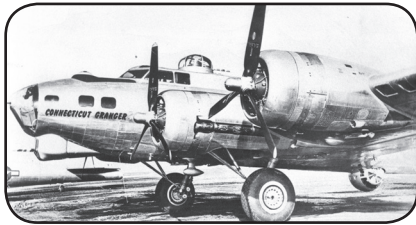
I would also advise more Grangers to subscribe to Good Day Magazine. It is a valuable resource to mine for ideas by way of looking at what Grangers across the country are doing for programs and fundraisers. It is a quality publication that is quite affordable. Another thing National Grange does for us that is underutilized. Subscribe!

As I travel around, I notice Granges have different meeting styles and some are more ritualistic and others less so. Some members, both new and longtime ones, are accepting of our traditional ritual and others are put off by it. Brothers and Sisters, remember that you have options. If the traditional form is too "old fashioned" for member's tastes, consider the new simplified ritual in the paperback manual. I recommend using some form of opening and closing along with the Grange Order of Business to keep your meetings on track and define

the start and the finish. Otherwise meetings descend into anarchy and go on forever. People complain about boring business meetings. Try to have some sort of program or entertainment to lighten up the meeting and provide fun or some learning experience. If well run, a meeting can be completed in less than two hours. Business matters can be handled by committees between meetings and then chairs report back to the group a summary of the matter at hand. If meetings go on too long, consider two meetings a month instead of one. Sometimes change is necessary for efficiency sake.

As I travel around, I see one common theme, dedicated and friendly members who care about the organization and their communities. Some folks are a wee bit tired as much is expected of few. That is why we must attract new blood into the organization if we are to survive. It is being done so I know that it can and will be done in the end. Look to the tools available to you and take advantage of them. Remember from the charge of the Overseer in the Third Degree, "While you strive to make labor honorable, exert yourself to make it pleasant and cheerful for all around you."

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April 15 marked the 10th birthday of our beloved Hank the Burro. Born into the National Grange Herd (each State received an animal of their own) in 2013 and has been an integral part of our Connecticut State Grange ever since. He has criss-crossed the state and nation, rapidly becoming a superstar among his herd peers. We wish Hank a happy birthday and know he will continue to be Connecticut's favorite burro for years to come!

Happy Birthday Hank!



Legislatively Speaking



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In his Jan. 6, 1941 State of the Union address, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the “Four Freedoms Speech.”

“In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression - everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way-- everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want--which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants--everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear--which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor--anywhere in the world.

That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation. That kind of world is the very antithesis of the so-called new order of tyranny which the dictators seek to create with the crash of a bomb.”

Norman Rockwell created illustrations for the Four Freedoms



Franklin Roosevelt and Fala sculpture at the FDR Memorial in Washington, D.C.

photo by Todd Gelineau

to help visualize the four freedoms which President Roosevelt envisioned.

We are at a time and place where we all need to reflect on these freedoms, and discuss amongst ourselves the meanings and visions of the freedoms and how we can incorporate them into this time of our Country.

President Roosevelt designed the New Deal during the Great Depression. During World War II he drafted the Second New Deal which was a roadmap to rebuild the United States with programs that were part of the Marshall Program which rebuilt Germany and Japan after the war ended. He just died in

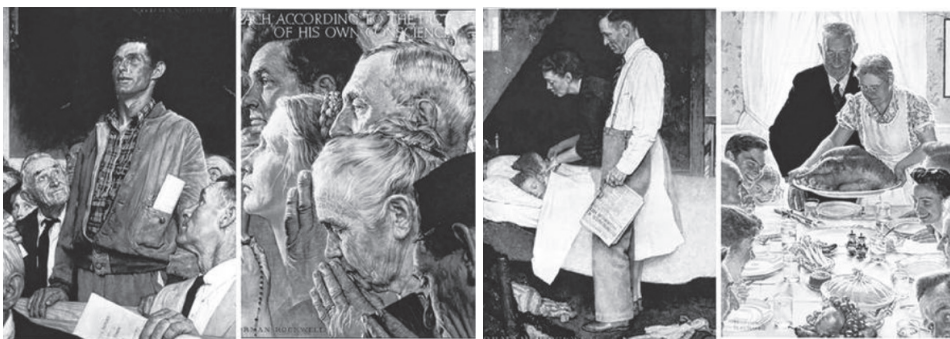
office before it could be presented to Congress and President Truman was not brought into the loop. Too bad because if the Second New Deal was enacted it may have been the Second Reconstruction of America similar to that after the Civil War, during which the Grange was founded.

We are witnessing a troubled nation with greed and corruption in the daily news. Criminal cases will soon be in the courthouses across the nation. I had a boss that used to tell me “give a person enough rope and they will hang themselves, some people have longer ropes though.” Later we had to revise with “and some people have bungee cords instead of rope.” “Justice for all”, which we recite in the Pledge of Allegiance, is needed because no one is above the law.

Norman Rockwell was a member of Stockbridge Grange #295, in case you didn't know.

April showers bring May flowers, What did the Mayflowers bring? Pilgrims!

Happy Mother's Day to all of the Mothers out there.



Grange member, Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms paintings.

Partnering for Success



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As you are reading this article, we are just completing the month of April which National Grange encourages us to celebrate at “Grange Month”. This is such a great time to open our Grange Halls to the public to help celebrate with us as we honor what makes our community great. For me, I was so pleased that Riverton Grange welcomed our newest member, Steven Arba Roberts, my second cousin, who joined Grange. Steven’s and my great grandparents were charter members of Riverton Grange, and our family has been a member now for FIVE generations. Steven’s middle name (Arba) was my father’s first name. My father and Grandmother were both Golden Sheaf Grangers and brought me into the Grange at 14 years of age. I asked Steven why he waited so long to join Grange, and he said that I was the first person to ask him to join. So my message to all of you is to learn from his response and ask folks who you think would be great Grange members.

As Lecturers/Program Directors, our roles dovetail so strategically with membership, community service, legislation, family activities, and other aspects of our Grange. Working with all areas of the Grange, we can make our Grange halls thrive.

One opportunity that I highly encourage your Grange to participate in is the Community Citizen Award. I plan to present this award at North Stonington Community Grange in the near future, similar to my visit there last year. I remember their hall

being filled with attendees to see their honoree accepted this recognition. All our communities have outstanding citizens who deserve recognition, and this is one way to showcase the impact of your community Grange. Here is a link to the National Grange page to order all you need for a successful Community Citizen Award program: Grange-Month-Citizen-Award-Order-form-2023.pdf (nationalgrange.org).

I hope you all were able to read my Guest Editorial in the April 2023 edition of *Good Day! Magazine* titled “Partnering for Success: National Grange plus Lions International plus Rural Minds”. In this article, I spotlighted just one example of promoting mental health awareness that we have undertaken here in Connecticut. We all know that there is a mental health emergency in rural America. People living in rural communities have much higher rates of depression and suicide than people living in urban areas. That’s why the National Grange is partnering with Rural Minds – a nonprofit organization confronting the mental health challenges faced by rural Americans – to develop

a Rural Suicide Awareness and Prevention program. National Grange’s goal for this educational program is to create a grassroots, person-to-person approach that provides people who live in rural communities with mental health and suicide prevention information. As part of this program, the National Grange and Rural Minds hosted a webinar (see link) on suicide awareness and prevention. This webinar is just one piece of our educational program. It will be housed on an expanding Rural Suicide Awareness and Prevention webpage (see link) that provides additional resources for mental health and suicide prevention. Join your fellow Connecticut Grangers and become an important part of the solution in preventing suicide in rural America. Granges that participate can be recognized as a Golden Grange In Action for 2023.

It is such an honor and privilege to serve as your Connecticut State Grange Lecturer again this year. Under the leadership of State President Rob Buck and his team, we are energizing some of our Granges and re-opening some doors! Watch this column and the State Grange website as we continue to promote programs for all our Granges. Until then, stay safe and healthy and remember that we were all #RaisedRightHere!

LECTURER'S FORUM
with Ann Bercher,
National Grange Lecturer
Fourth Tuesday
of even months on Zoom

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 uncover 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.



We heard from Janet Haller about the April photo - "This picture was in the Connecticut Granger in July 1967. They were the State Winners in the National Grange Sewing Contest. The person on the left was Class B Youth, first place, Judith Freund, a non member from Sharon. On the right is Doris Shaw, member of Tunxis Grange, who placed first in Class A with a street dress. The young girl in front is Patty Kolaski, the granddaughter of Helen Bousquit of Middlebury Grange, who won first prize in Class C with an organza dress. The three winners represented Connecticut at the National Grange judging, which was held in New York City. The top prize was a 1967 sports car valued at \$3,000 and a mink stole designed especially for the winner."

We also heard from George Kotowicz who confirmed the photo was of a sewing contest and that it was Doris Shaw on the right in the photo.

From Janet Haller on the March photo: "The photo appeared in a special souvenir edition of the Connecticut Granger in 1972, celebrating National Grange coming to Connecticut. The photo is of a musical family who was at Leaders' Conference in New Hampshire."



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Grange Benefits of the Gift of Gab

We all know someone, or perhaps are that person, who has the “Gift of Gab”. According to the Cambridge Dictionary, the phrase means “the ability to speak easily and confidently in a way that makes people want to listen to you and believe you.”

Where did this phrase originate?

The word “Gab” dates back to the 1700s meaning conversation or chatter. But this originates from the Middle English word ‘gob’ which means mouth, and ‘gabbe’ which means idle talk. This brings us to the legend of the Blarney Stone.

The Blarney Stone was gifted to Cormac MacCarthy, King of Desmond, from King Robert the Bruce of Scotland. This ‘magical’ stone, (which had a spell on it by a witch who was saved from drowning), was presented to McCarthy as a token of gratitude for his assistance in

the battle of Bannockburn in 1314. The castle which houses the stone was built by Cormac’s son, Dermot McCarthy, in 1446. Dermot was renowned for his eloquence and this is the reason behind the Blarney Stone’s reputation for imparting the “gift of the gab” upon those who kiss it.

But what does this have to do with the Grange?

The “Gift of Gab” is an essential tool for marketing and promoting your Grange. A person who has the gift of the gab may often find it easy to persuade others, simply based on his comfort with conversation. For example, a member who is described as having the ‘Gift of Gab’ often engages in friendly conversation and easily can move into the Grange “pitch” without making it obvious that the point of the conversation has changed. By the time

this member finishes with the conversation, the recipient of the conversation is enthusiastic about the Grange, and perhaps may be ready to join, even if it was something that the recipient didn’t intend on happening, or even want beforehand.

Granges need to leverage their current membership base, find members who have this gift, and put them on the front lines - such as manning an information booth, being a greeter at Grange activities and events, speaking with the press about Grange happenings, and even attend other meetings and events where the impact of your Grange can be inserted into conversation. All members should be familiar with the Grange Mission and have an elevator pitch prepared and ready. Potential members want to know what your Grange stands for and what you’re trying to achieve. But some members are better at utilizing these communication tools than others. Granges will grow by offering value, standing out, and when the effort is made to connect with others.

Hello Spring



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Hello Spring! We are all busy getting our garden beds in shape and spending more time outdoors. I am happy to be out once again. I have a tentative date for our Crafts Clean up day for the Stage area this year. Its on a Sunday, July 23rd. We will be cleaning up the stage and then getting out last year’s inventory. We should not have to remark items as they were marked within reason and many items that were sitting around have been sold. That said, we will go through everything so we can get started

on marking new items. We have several bins already. If you have been collecting items, you can bring them up that day even if you can not stay.

If anyone wants to know if there are items they could make, we sold most of the Christmas ornaments last year so new ones would be great. Mittens were also an item that people really wanted so if you knit, those might be a great project. If you crochet, I found a great pattern and made about a dozen myself. It’s an easy pattern and they come out great. Just send an email to familyactivities@ctstategrange.org and I will get it out to you. Cat nip fish toys are also a great item whether you sew them with material or crochet/knit them. Kitchen items like Aprons for adults and children were a hot item last year and sold very

quickly. Even Cotton Crochet bags for veggies were a good seller.

I have tried to make it to several other grange meetings, Subordinate and Pomona. I am very impressed with the CFA Chairman and their reporting during the meetings, keep up the good work. Don’t forget to volunteer to do a lecturer’s program for one of the months if you have not already done so. I have one Pomona that has provided a judge for our Needlework contest. The other 2 still need to find someone. Please consider volunteering if you are able and it’s a fun afternoon with lunch provided afterward. Speaking of which, don’t forget our contests, there is plenty of time to make something from our list. Sock creatures, Snowmen, or even the tea cup arrangement contests are just a few suggestions.

Farfalle with Spring Vegetables



Fresh peas are available from spring through to the middle of summer. A handful of baby spinach leaves can be added to the sauce.

Ingredients

INGREDIENTS

- 13oz farfalle or penne
- 24 stems asparagus (halved lengthways if very thick)
- 2tbsp olive oil

- 6½oz peas, thawed if frozen
- ¾ fl oz double cream
- 20 basil leaves, roughly chopped
- 2tbsp chopped flat-leaf parsley
- Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
- Fresh grated Parmesan

Step 1:

Put a large pan of salted water on to boil. Meanwhile, trim the asparagus, cutting off any woody ends and cut the stems into 4-5 inch lengths.

Step 2:

Heat the oil in a large frying pan and add the asparagus. Cook for about 2 minutes, making sure to toss the asparagus, and then add the peas. Cook and stir over a medium heat, until the vegetables have softened and are bright green. Keep the mixture warm over a



gentle heat.

Step 3:

Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook until al dente. A few minutes before the pasta is ready, add the cream and a squeeze of lemon juice to the vegetables, raise the heat and bring to the boil. Boil until reduced so that the cream coats the vegetables. Season to taste.

Step 4:

Drain the pasta and return to the pan. Pour the vegetables and sauce over the pasta and stir in the herbs and lemon zest. Serve immediately with Parmesan.

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Patty the Platypus goes on the road!



Vernon Grange was surprised by a visit from Patty the Platypus at the April meeting. She was just visiting as she's currently living with Coventry Grange #75. To claim her, Vernon will have to make a visit to Coventry. They vow to accept that challenge! Patty is Eastern Pomona's challenge animal.



EASTERN CT POMONA #14

Corr: Noel Miller

June 3: Election of Officers, Vernon Grange #52

We are struggling to get members out to Pomona meetings. Please come and help us out.

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

We have been very active these past few months. Monthly meetings with informative programs. Monthly fund-raising dinners on the last Thursday of each month. These are very popular as the public enjoys the weekday take out. We all enjoy making the dinners and meeting the guests. We are encouraging them to learn about the Grange. The town recreation committee began a line dancing program for the community. This turned out to be very popular and is held upstairs in our hall. The sessions are held on Sunday afternoons and so many attended that they began two sessions of skill levels. Great to see the community using our hall. The weekly Yoga group continues to meet upstairs as well.

The Grange helped with the town roadside cleanup. Our plans now are for the Appreciation Days to honor the teachers, nurses and firemen. It is important for us to

provide a positive attitude and welcome all who come into our hall. Pat continues to make the recycled bags and the sales continue.

We are pleased to see that several of our young members are very involved with high school sports. They are the future of our Grange.

VERNON GRANGE #52

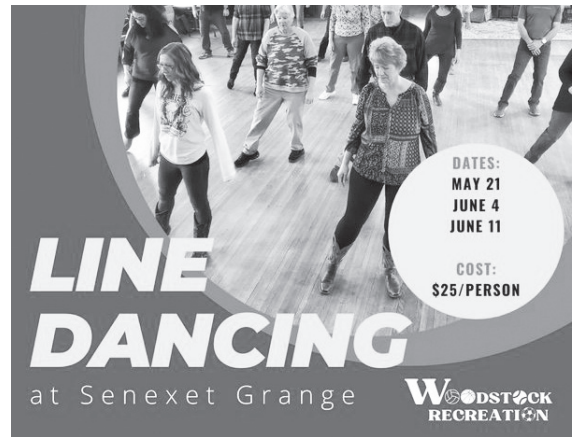
Corr: Irene Percoski

May 5: In Memoriam

June 2: Neighbor's Night (We invite Granges to visit)

July 7: Midsummer Nights

We were surprised with a visit from Patty Platypus at our April meeting along with Ted Powell, State Overseer and State Executive Committee member, Noel Miller. It was also good to see Gordon, Carol and Mike on zoom. It seems that if we would like to keep Patty for a month we will have to go to Coventry Grange and capture her. Challenge accepted! Dawn's program informed us that the lowly flea seems to be the chief indicator when man started to wear clothes. Those pesky fleas! Wearing clothes introduced the textile industry and fashion followed. So 50,000 years ago as man migrated north the need for clothes became imperative, but it wasn't until the 18th century that patterns were produced for people to make their own clothes. Lots of facts and figures filled the program along with some jokes that had us groaning. Our community service list is growing and plans for a tag sale are progressing well. Date will be June 10, at the Strong Farm, from 10 to 2. Hope to see you there. Look for our tent. Put your thinking caps on and think of a theme for this year's Booth at the 4 Town Fair. Send your suggestions



to Nancy. Our Light will be on and the door is always open. Come visit.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

May 4: Mothers Day

June 1: Father's Day

We will be having a tag sale and repairing the exterior of the hall and landscaping.

NORTH STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

May 12: I Haven't Got "Boogle"

May 26: "Memorial Program"

We are sad to report that another of our Golden Sheaf members has joined the Great Grange Above. Jane Tennant, who had just moved back to town, passed away in February. She will be sadly missed.

We were honored to welcome our State Master and First Lady as well as our State Overseer to our March 10 meeting. It was Ritual Night and, going along with our yearly theme of games, Lecturer Sue Pianka had invented a unique game she titled Grangeopoly. Four teams played the game to the enjoyment of all; and prizes were awarded. Everyone had such a good time that Sue plans to save it so we can play it again next year.

Several of our members are under the weather so attendance has been slim lately. We wish them all well and hope they will be back with us soon. And if this chilly weather will just warm up a bit, next time we will tell you all about awesome April.

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MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

As of this writing, Mountain Laurel Pomona is eagerly awaiting its May 6 Fifth Degree Conferral at Winchester Grange beginning at 2 P.M. We have heard there are candidates looking to take the degree that day.... maybe you are one of them?

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Dave Roberts

May 14 (Sun.): Join us to experience the excitement at Granby Grange with our 31 new members. Refreshments will be served 30 minutes before the meeting and immediately following the meeting.

A large crowd attended our Sunday, April 16, Granby Grange Membership Meeting. President Ron Cowdrey participated remotely due to his home recuperation. Vice President Philip Marshall chaired the meeting at the Grange Hall. Our special guest was Andrew Hurczyn, Founder and Operator of Addison Farm in Granby who talked about "Hemp farming". This summer, the Grange plans a field trip to his nearby farm to see hemp farming up close and personal. Granby Grange member and CT State Representative Mark Anderson shared pending legislation known as House Bill No. 6697 which could be harmful to hemp farmers. Granby Grange appointed a Special Committee of President Ron Cowdrey, Vice President Philip Marshall, and

Executive Committee Chair Dave Roberts to work with Andrew Hurczyn and Mark Anderson as needed to provide our local Grange

position.

Since our membership revitalization campaign began, Granby Grange appreciates all who have donated to help our Grange get back on its feet. We are still seeking donations made payable to Granby Grange, and mailed to Treasurer Carol Innes, 115 Wells Road, Granby, CT 06035.

When you come visit us at the historic Granby Grange hall, walk around the outside and view all the wonderful maintenance work that members have been accomplished cutting down trees which were damaging the building, removing vines and obsolete items, and clearing brush and trash from the property. So much is happening at Granby Grange under the leadership of President Ron Cowdrey and his team!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

May 9: Mother, Potluck at 6 P.M.

May 23: Memorial Day Program by Chaplain, Ref. by Earl & Sandy Phillips.

June 13: Dad, Ref. Betty & Bill Ahrens

June 27: Election of Officers with Country Store. Ref. Rae Fassio & Sue Kline

At our second April meeting, we learned the State Grange Foundation had approved our Grange Improvement Grant request of \$1,000 to go towards needed improvements to the lighting in the Post Office and out in the parking lot.

There had been speculation in the community about the future of the Winchester Center Post Office as the Winsted Post Office has been slow in replacing the outgoing mailbox damaged by vandals. Winchester Grange received notice from the Post Office of their decision to renew their lease for the next five years.

Having a Post Office in Winchester Center is not only about convenience, it is also about identity. Had the Rural Delivery Unit (as it is officially known) closed, the zip code 06094 would have gone away and all Winchester/Winsted residents would reside within the 06098 zip code. That would have been a tough pill to swallow as Winsted is really a city within the Town of Winchester.

Until next time, enjoy your spring.

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

May 11: "Produce to the People" by Guest Speakers Chris & Michele; Ref: Kathy Hayden

June 3: Plant & Rummage Sale 9AM-2PM

June 8: Hiking Trails by Mike Taylor Ref: Jill Drew

We were very excited when we held our April meeting to have it in our newly painted (the inside, the outside will be done this summer) Grange Hall. The program at that meeting was "Spring Cleaning". We were happy that Margaret Hopkins, one of our members, could re-purpose the pews/benches from our hall. She is transforming her family's beautiful barn space into a magical theater setting! On June 9th and 10th The Chalk Gremlin Circus Company presents: The Barn Show. A family friendly circus production celebrating the twists, turns, and traditions of rural life. The Local Farm is located at 22 Popple Swamp Rd. Cornwall Bridge CT 06754. Margaret has been studying for many years the art of the trapeze, silks and circustry. We are looking forward to seeing her perform with her company. We love supporting brothers and sisters and it would be great to see you there.

As part of "Spring Cleaning" both of the old pianos are gone and this makes a big difference in the size of the Hall which will be perfect for our dances. Our next Square/contra Dance will be on May 6th at 7pm.

At our May 11th meeting we will have guest speakers Chris Mullins and Michelle Shipp, from Cornwall, who will be telling us about the program they have started that provides produce to people who are in need. We encourage you to come to that meeting and learn what a Grange can do to help.

Our Plant and Rummage sale takes place on Sat. and Sun., June 3&4. It starts at 9am and is our biggest fundraiser for the year.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: David Roberts

May 5: In-person Meeting & Program: "Young at Heart" hosted

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by the Youth/Junior Committee; Refreshments furnished by: Bill & Tillie Jackson

May 7: Riverton Grange hosts ceremony #23 honoring our Veteran of the Month, at the Barkhamsted Senior Center, 109 West River Road, Barkhamsted; 6:00 PM) -- Veteran of the Month: SSgt Daniel W. Matthews

On Friday, April 7, Riverton Grange met in hybrid fashion, both in-person and virtually using Zoom, to allow all members the opportunity to attend. Since April is National Grange Month, we wanted to have our first order of business being the obligation of new members Steven Arba Roberts of Winsted, and Kathy and John Johnson of Riverton.

In addition, new member Deborah Bahr Roberts of Riverton was virtually welcomed. Two visitors (Tim and Melissa Sweeney) joined our meeting in-person. Tim is the Commander of Riverton American Legion Post #159 with whom we collaborate each month for our Veteran of the Month Salute. We hope that the Sweeneys will soon join our growing Grange membership!

Our April meeting Lecturer's program was focused on Easter and included a game called "Blow the Bunny". This was a throwback Men's vs. Women's competition, so you can image that the competition was fierce. Multiple teams of two men and two women formed and competed against each other until all teams but one was eliminated. Each team contestant received a straw and had to blow the faux cottontail bunny down the length of the table and then the second team member had to blow the bunny back to the beginning.

The Riverton community hosted the annual Riverton Fishing Derby on Saturday, April 15th, with lots of activities for the entire family. Dave Roberts treated all Grange members to a free breakfast from 8-9 AM to support the local Riverton Volunteer Fire Department.

We received a Connecticut State Grange Community Service grant check for \$150 that will help fund the mental health awareness education component of our fair.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Skip Maddox

May 21: (Sun.) Meeting, 2 P.M.

Please note this is a change of date. CWA Baking Contest.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Barbara Friedland

Simsbury Grange will host its annual Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 10th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The fair will feature a bake and craft sale, exhibits from local organizations and farms, kids' activities, and contests with ribbons and cash prizes in several categories. Entertainment featuring Out The Boxx will also be provided.

The community is invited to participate. Join us as an exhibitor and/or as an entrant into one of our many categories: Exhibits: (Limited table spaces are available) / Non-profit – no charge (\$25 requested if selling items)

Contests with ribbons and cash prizes: Adults: Vegetables, Canning and Jamming, Needlework, Baked Goods, Flowers and Plants, Original Art. Children: Vegetables, Original

Lego Creations, Baked Goods, 2 Dimensional Art (Original Art & Photography)

Online Registration is available by visiting: simsburygrange.org. To enter the State baking and needlework contests please visit the link below..<https://www.ctagfairs.org/p/news--resources/contests>

Fair Brochures are available at the Simsbury Town Hall, Flamig Farm, the Senior Center, and the Simsbury Library or online at <http://www.simsburygrange.org>.

For information on entries please e-mail entries@simsburygrange.org.

Please join the Simsbury Grange and The Simsbury Public Library in welcoming local filmmaker, Ray Asselin, as he presents his 5-part Beaver Pond Wildlife series documenting a full year's time at New England beaver ponds.

Part 3 will be presented Thursday June 8 at 7pm at Simsbury Grange. Life on, above, and below the pond surface is explored. Register at: www.simsburylibrary.info. Go to Event Calendar to register for this event.

We will prevail! God is with us!

Submission by Thomas Sulier, Harmony Grange No. 92

In the winter of 1777-1778, George Washington after observing the stricken troops at Valley Forge wrote: "To see men without clothes to cover their nakedness, without blankets to lie on, without shoes, for want of which their marches might be traced by the blood from their feet, and almost as often without provisions as with them... is proof of patience and obedience which in my opinion can scarce be paralleled."

It has been my experience, when you listen to various speakers in public or private life, that the words of some speakers are quickly dissipated, forgotten and lost, while the words of others, perhaps succinct and sincere make an impression on you and are retained for a lifetime.

George Washington's words spoken at Valley Forge describing the herculean resistance and selfless sacrifice of the troops at Valley Forge and Morristown are an example of the latter, and have stuck with me since my high school history sojourn back in my adolescence.

The spirit which was embodied by these men, the painful sacrifice and arduous patience was borne of a desire to create and give rise to a free Nation populated by citizens who entertain a brotherly affection and love for another, working hand in hand to improve not only their lot but the world of their families and neighbors.

I believe that I was singularly blessed to have remembered this narrative of sacrifice, and to be able to understand that the courage and resolve of those men is something I, and the people of this nation must sometime soon emulate if we are to renew and refresh the hopes that motivated them back in 1777.



NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Lots of happy news to report of our March 26th meeting held at Cheshire Grange Hall. First, we had 33 in attendance- that's better. We had 5 candidates: Aillie McKeen and Robin Hettrick (Wallingford #33), Rebecca Purcell (Greenfield Hill #133), Judy Doyle and Chris Wright (Riverton #169). That was great. And we are always happy to have visitors. Joining us were: Peter Keefe, General Deputy (Inspecting), Noel Miller, Past Voting Delegate and Master of Eastern CT Pomona and State Officers Mary Lou Keefe, Pianist; Dawn Percoski, Family Activities Dir. and Irene Percoski of the Agriculture Comm. We thank them for coming.

Following the meeting, the officers outdid themselves with a table full of delicious refreshments.

Our next meeting is Sunday, June 4 at Beacon Valley Grange. Program in charge of Lecturer Bob Charbonneau is entitled "Summertime." Refreshments will be served by the committee members.

On a sad note, we offer our sincere condolences to our Overseer Charles Dimmick on the passing of his son Edward. Edward is also survived by his brother Wesli Dymoke, Secretary of Cheshire Grange... all members of Cheshire Grange.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

May 3: Dean Martin Music. Open Meeting Public Invited

May 17: Family Activities Program with a Tea Cup Auction



Norfield Grange Members (left to right): Roland Poirier, Chris & Lyn Kimberly, Christina Seeber, Catharine Kimberly, Ray Fitch, President of Norfield Grange presenting the \$450 donation check to Anne Bigin, Director of the WFP, Lisa WFP Board Member, Kareen Kanage & Steve Porter. The money was raised from the Annual Barn Dance & Dinner in January.

On April 6th we held a successful Cheshire Grange Community Awards program where we honored Ilona Somogyi for her involvement with restoring the former Ball and Sockett Button Factory into an arts and retail center. A reception for her was held after the program. We also awarded Anna Doolittle with her 75 year continuous membership recognition. We had a very good response from the many members of the public who attended. As I write this we will be putting on a fund raiser dinner for a local hiking group which we have done for them over the years. Plans are under way for our community fair in late August.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our hall looks beautiful- the roof has finally been replaced. Now we can concentrate on something else.

In May we will be meeting on the 12th. Program "Lily of the Valley" in charge of Jean Meehan. Jean and Marilyn Maxwell will be in charge of refreshments.

Other activities for May- the 17th set-up for Saturday's tag sale- time- 1:00-4:00. May 20th - Tag Sale 9:00 to 3:00 and Open Mic 2:00 to 5:00. Busy week that's what keeps us young.

On June 9th we will be celebrating our 134th anniversary. At this meeting membership certificates

will be presented to Thomas Honyotski and Theodora Gagnon 65 years and Linda Morgante and Robert Sendewicz 45 years. Our flower is the "Rose."

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Stephanie Thompson / Jim & Lori Golias

On April 1st. Greenfield Hill Grange was the venue for a Luncheon and Panel Discussion. The subject was "Building a Local Food Supply". There were three speakers. Cornelia Olsen, grange member, spoke about her experience of turning her lawn into a backyard farm. Haley Schulman spoke about her work with the organization Food Rescue, US, Fairfield County. And Sean Fitzpatrick, the founder of Real Food CT, spoke about growing and distributing fresh vegetables to food-insecure people in Connecticut's large cities. There was a large turnout for a delicious lunch and interesting talk.

How do you plant a pollinator garden? Join us for a luncheon on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 12 to 2. \$20 a person, lunch included. Plants, prizes, gifts and more. Greenfield Hill Grange, 1873 Hillside Rd., Fairfield. Learn how to create a pollinator garden in your yard with garden plans and tips that make it easy to get started. Please reserve by May 12. Reservations required.

Call Jim 203-259-8023 or Steve. 203 367-7343. Menu: chicken, eggs, or tuna salad on a croissant, Caesar salad, coffee, tea, juice, and dessert.

If you love your freedom, thank a veteran. The Greenfield Hill Grange has been collecting puzzles, games, snacks and necessities for the veterans at the VA hospital in West Haven.

Nancy Olson and Cathy Raynor recently made a delivery of these much needed (and appreciated) donations.

Our donation box is now empty and needs to be replenished for the next trip to the VA.

Spring advice: "Don't tell secrets in the garden. The potatoes have eyes, the corn has ears, and the beanstalk.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Steve Porter

May 2: Paint, Sip, Pizza & Raffles with WWL

May 9: Monthly Meeting

June 13: Monthly Meeting

July 11: Monthly Meeting

August 8: Monthly Meeting

Sept.10: Grange Fair: Noon - 4 pm

September 12: Monthly Meeting

It's been a busy winter and spring at the Norfield Grange. On January 10th the members took a field trip and held our meeting at a local restaurant BareBurger, Ridgefield (featuring bison, elk, beef, chicken and meatless options). In late January (the 28th) we held our annual Barn Dance & Dinner. The net proceeds of \$450 were donated to the Weston Food Pantry and presented to two of the WFP Board members at our March meeting on the 16th. Our annual WHS Grange Scholarship process is under way with applications due by April 28th. Our monthly Paint, Sip & Pizza Nights (October-May) have been successful too. Each night is a fun, relaxing evening encouraging creative juices to flow - open to teens and adults painting side-by-side a monthly themed picture. The last PSP night of the season will be on May 2nd and jointly hosted with the WWL (Weston Women's League) thanks to two members

of both organizations suggesting we collaboratively host the event together and split the net proceeds.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

May 13: Plant Sale, 9-12

June 1: Meeting - Election?

July 6: Meeting

Aug. 3: Meeting

We were honored at our April meeting to have the Worthy State Master Rob Buck and his wife, Maggie visit us. He gave us a wonderful pep talk- now everyone is very enthusiastic once again.

We're in the midst of a heat wave. It certainly helps the oil bills. Spring flowers are up and putting on a wonderful show- spring has finally arrived.

Our Plant Sale on May 13 is the day before Mother's Day. Last year we did very well and were hoping to

do well this year also. The time has changed to 9 to Noon.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

May 13: Hemlock Grange at 17 Sage Hollow Rd., Portland, joins the Historical Society's townwide tag sale 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Members can donate items to the Grange tag sale pile. Bring your items to the hall Friday, May 12, 11:00 to 2:00 or Sunday before the tag sale begins. Call Betty Jane at 860-267-7512 or Maureen at 860-342-0290 for info/questions.

May 19: Hours among the Flowers

May 26: Omitted unless regular meeting is canceled.

June 9: No Meeting, postponed until June 23.

June 23: Memorial

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Cheshire Grange Awards Night



Left to Right: A. Ruel Miller, Anna Doolittle and her daughter.

Cheshire Grange welcomed to our hall tonight 38 guests for our Community Service Night. We honored Community Service recipient Ilona Somogyi and 75 year member Anna Doolittle. Anna Doolittle was presented her 75th Anniversary certificate. Anna's daughter was there with her. Ilona Somogyi was presented her Community Service Award and President Ruel Miller gave her a chance to talk about her work in renovating the Ball & Socket Arts. She was escorted up to the Master's station where she gave a presentation about the history of her project with the Ball & Socket Industry and begin the process of converting it to Ball & Socket Arts, an art museum along with an ice cream shop. Kim Watchenhausen, in place of Representative Hayes presented Ilona with a state proclamation in honor of her efforts.

Choose challenging goals



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As we are over a third of the way into the year I ask each of you to check in on your membership goals. Have you reached them? Maybe consider a more challenging goal next time. Have you not begun? Why wait, as the saying goes there is no time like the present. Are you on target to meet your goals by the end of the deadline you set? Keep moving forward and don't ease off the pedal. Have you tried any of the ideas from our last Granger article? We would love to hear from you. Email Shelley at membership@ctstategrange.org. Just in case the last ideas were not your cup of tea here are some brand news ones to try.

Retain Members

Provide a much needed break for your members. Often Grangers are worn out from doing everything. A way to ease this burden is by co-hosting or collaborating with other organizations in the community, sharing resources, finances, and man-power. This allows Granges to tackle a new program that they would not normally do or do something that initially they are unable to do, due to a lack of resources.

Highlight wins for you membership early and often. Consider adding an informal agenda item called "celebrations and wins" to the beginning of each meeting. Encourage members to share goods new about the Grange but also good news about their personal life including a birthday, a new job or buying a house. We ask if members are in need so why not ask to share the exciting items too. Sharing good news at the beginning of the meeting can

set an upbeat tone and potentially make the meeting more enjoyable. If you have a lot of Grangers that want to share set a 1 or 2 minute timer, that way everyone can share without taking up too much time in the meeting.

Welcome New Members

Be the place your community goes to when they need a place to gather. Consider bringing people into your hall for any reason. Some examples include being a rest stop for a road race, a place where road crews can take their lunch, (even if it is just your parking lot) rent out the hall to other organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or 4-H groups. Organizations are always looking for a low cost option when they do not have a place of their own.

Sponsor a sports team in the area. Many recreation teams look for sponsors to pay for uniforms. Granges get their name on the uniforms, and have a golden opportunity to talk to the team and spectators, encouraging families to join. The Grange is unique as the whole family can be an active participant which could be a wonderful "selling point" for Granges.

Increase Participation

Consider changing the time and day of your Grange meetings. Grangers' lives fluctuate and what may have been a good day and time for

most members to participate years ago, may not be the case now. Consider sending a survey or poll out to your members asking when they are available for meetings and adjust accordingly.

Encourage friendly competition between members. Some ideas include most participation during the month, most items donated, or most new members brought in. The winner can win something as silly as a trophy from the dollar store or something more worth while such as their dues would be paid for the year.

Be Proactive

No matter the event or program being held inside or outside of your hall, make sure to bring plenty of pamphlets, brochures, or any take home items as well as membership applications. Even offering a way for people to pay for membership dues on the spot. This can be done through Venmo, Paypal, Square or cash.

Looking to GROW your Grange?

Is it time to STRENGTHEN your Grange Membership?

The CT State Grange
Membership Committee
is available to help
Granges reach their
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Contact Shelley at
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Hank Interviews Elizabeth Jensen of Redding Grange (and on the CT State Grange Membership Committee) –

This month Hank the Burro interviews Elizabeth Jensen of Redding Grange. Elizabeth was the catalyst for the revitalization of Redding Grange which had closed for lack of membership. In November 2021 due to Elizabeth's hard work, 33 members were present to receive the charter for the newly re-opened Redding Grange No. 15. Today she serves as a member of the Connecticut State Grange Membership Committee.

1) Once a Grange gets past not wanting new members and/or thinking it cannot attract new members, what is step 1?

I think there is a difference between not wanting to attract members, and simply thinking you can't attract them. If a Grange leadership team does not want to attract any new members, they should take a serious look at why, and really be honest with themselves about whether they are setting their Grange up for long-term success. It's great if you are fortunate to have a few people as the backbone of your Chapter, but it's not sufficient to keep it secure for years to come.

So I would say "step 1" is making sure that your Grange's leadership and key members are open to new members, and are committed to cultivating a good experience for them. I learned early on that the Grange is not the building, it's the people – so be sure to invest in the people.

2) What is the best way to connect a Grange to its local community when that connection has been broken?

For any Grange that is looking to refresh its place in a community, I would recommend conducting some due diligence about what is actually needed in your area. When Redding Grange was first re-forming, there were lots of good ideas that bubbled up - but some were already being covered by other organizations, and people were just not aware. We decided early on to do our best not to swerve into the lanes of other successful

organizations in town and find our own path. I would do as much polling as you possibly can in your community to find out what is missing, and then see if that is something that fits within the scope of the vision for your Grange. If there have been issues, it may be also worth doing some questioning about what people find are the obstacles for becoming or remaining members, and be open to honest feedback – even if it is not what you want to hear. All feedback is a gift.

3) Best ways to leverage connections Grange may already have.

Make it understood that increasing membership is a goal for the entire Grange, not just some committee in the sidelines. Try to have membership slips on hand at all times, and consider creating a simple flyer specific to your Grange with a bit about its history, and what to expect with becoming a member of your local chapter- it makes it easier for your members to share with others. I also recommend having times when new members can come to get familiar with the Grange, without having to walk right into a meeting full of ritual. Look for things that have a larger common denominator in terms of appeal for new folks.


4) Retention

There are so many things that compete for peoples' time and energy these days. Members want to spend time where they feel valued, appreciated, and have the ability to affect their surroundings. Figure out what your basic guardrails are for your organization, and then be open to new ideas and allowing people to experiment and try things that stay within those parameters. Celebrate small wins whenever you can, and actively seek out barriers to retention and engagement. If something is not popular, or getting in your way of growing your Chapter, take a hard look at how important it is to keep. I'm a big fan of 'piloting' new approaches – it's a great way to try new things while keeping a safety net on hand in case it doesn't work out.



L to R: Faith Quinlan (former Memb. Dir.), Elizabeth Jensen and Former State Master George Russell.

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE



Virtual Social Hour


Thursday, May 25th • 7:00 PM

Who Are We?

The Committees of the CT State Grange

Join us for an informational and casual social gathering, as we discuss the heart of the Connecticut State Grange - **OUR COMMITTEES** - and learn about their contests, activities, events and projects.

Stop by and say Hello!



Send an e-mail to information@ctstategrange.org for Zoom Meeting Access Info.

Learn How to Plant A Pollinator Garden?

Join us for a luncheon presentation with leaders of *Fairfield's Pollinator Pathway* program.

Saturday, May 20, 2023
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
\$20.00 per person - Lunch included
Plants, prizes, gifts and more!

Greenfield Hill Grange, 1873 Hillside Road, Fairfield

<p>Learn how to create a pollinator garden in your yard with garden plans and tips that make it easy to get started!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical tips for success Plant suggestions Plans to help you get started The opportunity to win native plantings! 	<p>Menu</p> <p>Chicken, egg, or tuna salad croissant</p> <p>Caesar salad</p> <p>Coffee, tea, juice</p> <p>Dessert</p>
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Reservations Required by May 12
Please call
Jim: 203 259 8023
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Lyme Grange Plant SALE


May 13 • 9:00 - 12:30

Route 156 & 2, Sterling City Road, Lyme


- Annuals, Perennials, Hydrangeas, Boxwoods, Vegetables, Herbs, Hanging Baskets, Shrubs
- Info on creating a pollinator garden
- Children’s “Junior Gardener” area to mix and pot pumpkin seedlings or sunflower. Take home & make “plant waterer from a plastic water/soda bottle.
- Come pick out a special gift for Mother’s Day

For More Information:
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CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE PRESENTS...



CT State Grange Lecturer’s Department and National Grange Policy Committee on Hemp & Cannabis

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JUST THE FACTS: HEMP & CANNABIS

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 • 7:00 PM

Featuring Special Guest Speaker Vince Scholten

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Learn the truth about Hemp & Cannabis and the history behind it, including its various agricultural products and uses.

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Please RSVP to CT State Grange Lecturer Dave Roberts: lecturer@ctstategrange.org / 860-469-5067



Charles W. Dimmick
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For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself. *Job 19*

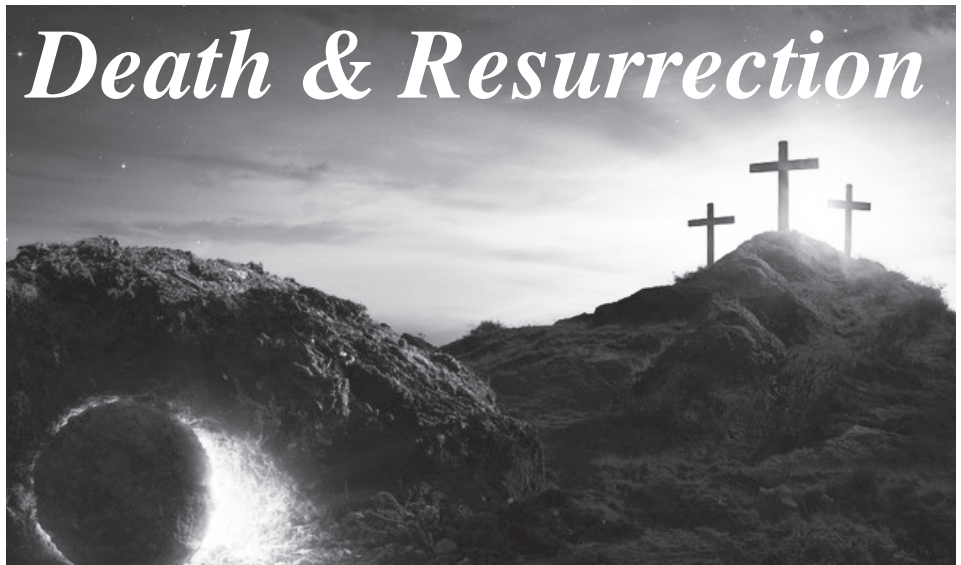
Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. *1 Corinthians 15*

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so; For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me. From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be, Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow, And soonest our best men with thee do go, Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery

...

One short sleep past, we wake eternally And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die. [*Death be not Proud, by John Donne*]

Death is inevitable for all of us,



Death & Resurrection

yet for those of faith, whether we are Christian, Jewish, or Muslim, there will be a resurrection after death, where we will encounter God directly, and experience eternal life thereafter. The details of how this will happen are shrouded in mystery. But the promise that this shall happen should be a comfort to all of us.

Many of you know that my younger son, Edward, died in late March of this year. My strong faith in God's promise of life after death has sustained me in this loss. The words spoken during the Grange ceremony for draping the Charter are especially appropriate: "Heavy indeed are the sorrows that so often descend upon us during this earthly pilgrimage; yet proving the trial of our Faith, in the certainty of the resurrection and the immortality of the soul.

To those who look forward to a reunion in another and a brighter world, where there will never more be separations nor pain, the experience of death is shorn of its sting, and life's eventide becomes more delightful than the morning."

In Memoriam

Edward Dimmick
Cheshire Grange No. 23

Sally Newcomb
Mercedes Robbins
Senexet Grange No. 40

Jane Tennant, G.S.
N. Stonington Comm. No. 138

Muriel LeGeyt, G.S.
Riverton Grange No. 169

Alice Stemmler, G.S.
Hemlock No. 182

"Well done, good and faithful servants."