

Glimpses at 150 Years of Service



1871-2021...It All Started at Eagle #1

Welcome to Eagle Grange's Sesquicentennial Celebration



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This Historical Booklet Is Dedicated to:



Fred & Joann Murray

Without a doubt, the tenacity of the Murrays is the reason Eagle Grange is alive today. For many “lean years”, they maintained the Grange Hall almost single handedly, handled uses of the building, provided supplies at their own expense and refused to consider disbanding the Grange.

Joann is a lifetime Granger at Eagle. She was a charter member of the Juvenile Grange in 1945, graduated into the Subordinate Grange in 1953 and has served in many positions over the past 68 years. She is the only current member of Eagle Grange who is a direct descendant of the 1871 organizers (from John/Christianna Page).

Fred “married into the Grange”, becoming a member in 1960. He has served in many offices, including 8 years as President. Both have a wonderful sense of humor, are still regular attenders at all Grange events and continue to work tirelessly for Eagle.

David W. Troutman

David is the current President of Eagle Grange, serving in this position since 2011. Despite the demands of his career and a growing family, Eagle’s own “Mr. Fix-It” finds the time to do all kinds of repairs and maintenance at the Grange Hall. During the 2020-2021 renovations, we jokingly accused him of living at the hall upon seeing all the painting and carpentry work he did.

Joining the Grange in Huntingdon County in 1986, he served as President of the Pomona Grange there and as a member of the State Grange Executive Committee. After marrying and moving to Lycoming County, he transferred to Eagle Grange in 2006 and soon became an active participant. David is knowledgeable on Grange procedures, leads a well-run meeting and is pleased that Eagle is once again meeting in full form. He is always willing to try new things and works alongside the members on all projects.



The Background of the Grange*

**also known as "The Patrons of Husbandry"*

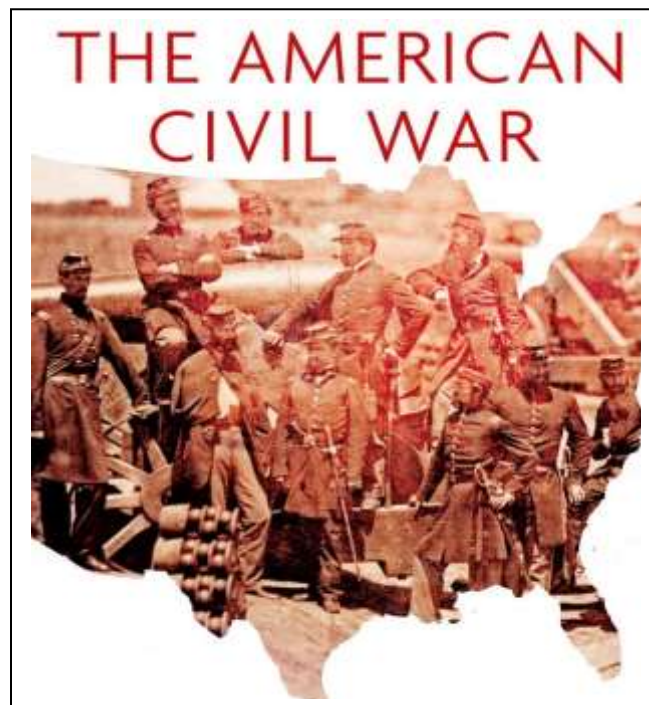
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The Civil War was a turning point in American History. The nation, having come through periods of growth and expansion, was beset with political and moral problems. The first and most important question that was settled during the war and its aftermath was that this re-united country should be free soil from sea to sea. The great West was opened through further migration of farmers, miners and ranchmen. Westward expansion was always an important and influential factor in our nation's development. The nation's political problems had been augmented by the expansion and growth of the country and the development of its natural resources.

The invention of the reaper, the completion of the steam railway to the Pacific Coast and the

invention and use of the telegraph, all greatly affected the life of the nation. The nation in the post-Civil War era was a nation in the throes of developing a common heritage and building an empire of industry. Change - new ways, new ideas, new products, new inventions, new attitudes, new life - these were the keywords of the times.

The War resulted in the policy of the supremacy of the national government over the states. But with the end of the war there came severe and perplexing problems. Trade and industry had been greatly stimulated by the great need in the armies of munitions, clothing, food, and all types of supplies. The nation had piled up a huge debt. Foreign relations had been disturbed. Everywhere, both North and



South, was turmoil and unrest. The aftermath of the War brought to the nation a time of low public morality, possibly the lowest in American history. Dishonesty and corruptness in high places and low brought about one of the most humiliating pages in American life.

With this brief background, revealing problems and opportunities, change and development, expansion and unification, the time was ripe for the

organization of one of the finest organizations in American rural life.

The Beginning of an Idea

If excessive droughts had not come to northern Minnesota during the Civil War years of 1862-63, the order of the Patrons of Husbandry might never have been founded. Because of the drought, a farmer who had suffered severely, Oliver Hudson Kelley, had an opportunity to accept a clerkship in the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., during the winter of 1864. By the time he returned to Minnesota in the spring of 1865, he had formed only one real friendship, that being with the Rev. John Trimble, Jr. In the fall of that year Kelley was again called to Washington and was appointed a special agent for the Department of Agriculture to tour the southern states to procure information and statistics, which had been sadly lacking because of the war years.



Oliver Hudson Kelley

Mr. Kelley was a member of the Masonic fraternity and found he was well received among southerners, who also were members of the Masonic organization. Due to the ill

feelings that had developed between the people of the North and the South, and realizing the value of the Masonic fraternalism, he came to the conclusion that the politicians could never restore peace in the nation, and that if it came at all, it must be through fraternalism. Since the nation was basically a rural nation, this spirit of fraternalism naturally must take place among the rural people. In his travels and in his communications he sought an evaluation of the idea of a Secret Society of Agriculturists, as an element to restore kindly feelings among the people. In January of 1867, Mr. Kelley received an appointment in the Post Office Department in Washington. From the time he had been appointed a special agent in agriculture, he had befriended a number of influential people. Ideas and thoughts were exchanged through letters and conversation. Finally these basic needs became apparent.

- 1. There was a need for a farm fellowship or organization, patterned on a nationwide basis.**
- 2. Surveys revealed that there was great need for improvement in farm techniques.**
- 3. The farmer was greatly in need of guidance and education to bring about improvements in farming.**
- 4. There was need to supply information, techniques, etc., through a magazine or other written media.**
- 5. The inclination was to have the organization patterned on the basis of it being a secret society. It was thought that this would provide interest and appeal.**
- 6. The name of the national organization should be one associated with farm life.**
- 7. It was concluded that the order should have four basic degrees, based on the four seasons of the year.**
- 8. There was need for a ritual, using simple farm terms to symbolize farm life and provide teaching techniques.**

9. ***It was deemed advisable to have women and young people as well as men in the organization.***
10. ***In order to promote the idea, it was thought that the best way to do an effective job in public relations and advertising would be to send a lecturer or deputy into the farm areas to tell the story and create interest and cooperation in launching the movement.***
11. ***A fee, not too large, but large enough to meet the basic needs of the order, also was suggested.***

After considering many names, finally two names seemed to be most desirable. The one "Patrons of Husbandry"; the other, the word "Grange", which Mr. Kelley had seen advertised as the name of a new current novel. The word "Grange" means a house with a farm attached.

Although some others were involved in early discussions, the following were most involved and came to be considered the Seven Founders of the Grange:

- *Rev. Aaron B. Grosh*
- *William M. Ireland*
- *Oliver H. Kelley*
- *Francis M. McDowell*
- *William Saunders*
- *John R. Thompson*
- *Rev. John Trimble*

Later Miss Caroline Hall, niece of Mr. Kelley's wife, was accorded the honor of a status equal to the seven Founders for her outstanding services to the infant order.

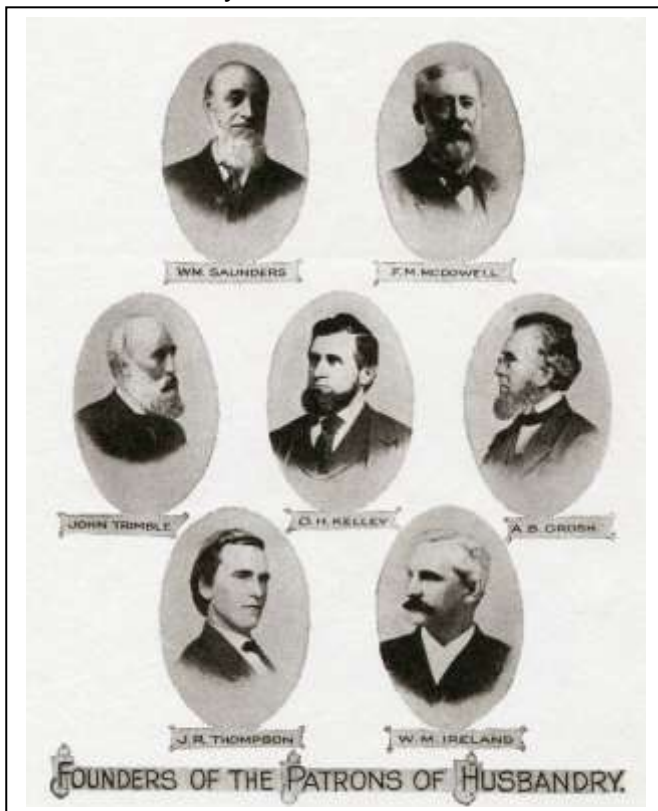
On November 15, 1867, at four o'clock in the afternoon, a preliminary meeting was called to frame a Constitution for the movement. The meeting took place at the office of William

Saunders, Superintendent of the Propagating Gardens in the federal Department of Agriculture, located on a site now part of the National Mall in Washington, D.C. William M. Ireland was named temporary chairman, and Kelley was chosen as secretary. An official name was chosen - the name of the order would be "Patrons of Husbandry" and the branches in the local communities would be known as "Granges".

The formal organizational meeting took place on the afternoon of December 4, 1867 and is considered the official birthday of the Grange. Saunders was chosen as Master (President), Kelley as Secretary, Thompson as Lecturer (Program Coordinator) and Ireland as Treasurer.

Slowly, but surely the Grange movement

began to grow. At the beginning of 1868 there was in existence only one subordinate grange – Potomac #1 in Washington, D.C. which was the "trial Grange" in which the ritual was tested and refined. By the end of the year the number of Granges had grown to eleven. By the end of 1869 there were forty-nine subordinate Granges and one State Grange, Minnesota, which was organized early in the year. By the beginning of 1871 there were eighty-nine



subordinates and two State Granges, Iowa being organized on the 12th day of January.

Soon the Grange would come to Pennsylvania, too. Read on to learn the fascinating story of Eagle Grange #1.

The Birth of Eagle Grange No. 1



First President (Master) of Eagle Grange #1 – Luke Eger & his wife Hannah

It is at this point that Eagle Grange No. 1 enters into the picture. By sheer force of events Eagle Grange was able to claim the No. 1 position in Pennsylvania.

In April of 1868, Oliver Kelley began a trip with the idea of promoting the organization of subordinate Granges. On April 6th he made contact with a number of men endeavoring to interest them in the organization of a Grange in Harrisburg, PA. Selling the idea was difficult, but finally he managed to get \$5 each from W. T. Hildrup, Superintendent of the Car Works; George H. Small, Cashier of the Bank, and D. W. Gross. This was enough for a dispensation to be issued to them. He left with the understanding that these and a few others interested would organize a Grange. Their plans were never carried through. ***Of unusual interest, the earliest minutes of Eagle***

Grange from its founding through early 1873 refer to the organization as “Grange #2”, presumably related to confusion with the Harrisburg group that would have been the first Grange in the state had its organization actually been carried out.

In 1870 Luke and Hannah Eger lived on a farm several miles west of what was then Montgomery Station, now Montgomery, PA. Luke had subscribed to some farm papers and in one of them, *The Prairie Farmer*, he saw an article concerning a new farm organization – the Grange - though still in its infancy, yet one having a great deal of appeal to him.

He corresponded with O. H. Kelley, the secretary of the new "Patrons of Husbandry", seeking information about the organization of a Grange. Having procured sufficient

information, he began talking to his neighbors, giving them the literature he had received. Deeply interested though he was, he seemed to make little headway among them. But Luke was persistent, his enthusiasm unending. Finally, according to his brother-in-law, Frank Porter, "just to keep peace in the family" enough people agreed to become a part of the new Grange that Luke insisted must be formed.

Then on February 22, 1871, it happened! Luke wrote the following letter:

**Montgomery Station
Lycoming County, Pa
February 22, 1871**

Mr. O. H. Kelley-Dear Sir:

I have at last succeeded in raising and organizing a club here, and I think there will be but little trouble after this in interesting clubs in this county.

I enclose fee for Dispensation, etc. As our club room for the present is some distance from Montgomery Station, I would be pleased to be notified some days before the arrival of the Deputy, so as to meet him there with conveyance, as the roads are getting in bad condition; and also to be able to notify the members.

Your obedient servant,

Luke Eger

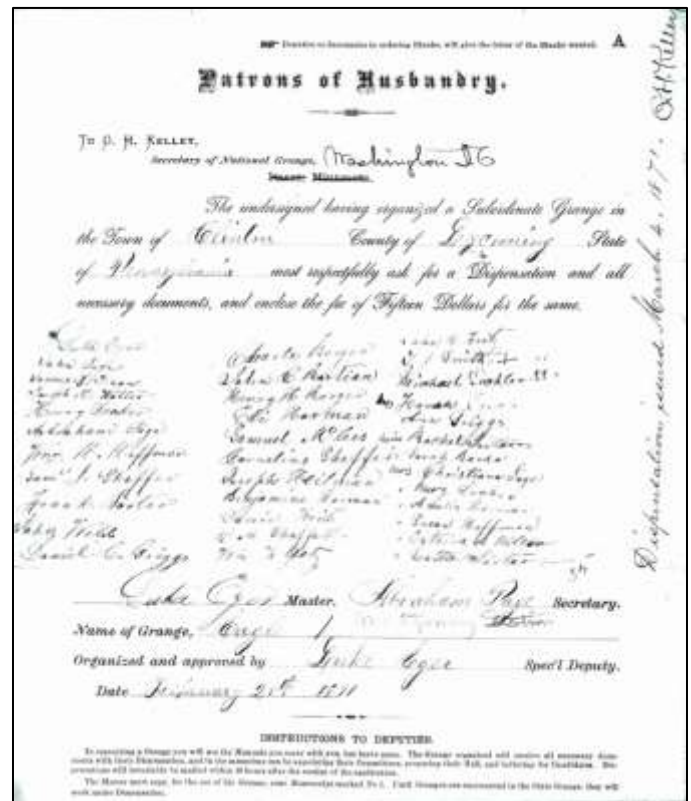
Word soon arrived from Washington that Col. D. D. Curtiss, newly commissioned deputy, would be coming to Montgomery Station on March 4. When the day came, all was set and Eagle Grange, named after the nearby Bald Eagle Mountain, was duly organized.

Officers were chosen as follows:

- Master - Luke Eger

- Overseer - Samuel McClees
- Lecturer - Henry Decker
- Steward - William Hoffman
- Assistant Steward - Joseph Walter
- Chaplain - Charles Berger
- Treasurer - John C. Bastian
- Secretary - Abraham Page
- Gatekeeper - James Tyson
- Ceres - Amelia Harman
- Flora - Rachel Porter
- Pomona - Lottie Porter;
- Lady Assistant Steward - Christianna Page

Other charter members were: Susan Bastian, Henry Berger, Mary Decker, Hannah Eger, Daniel Fritze, John Fritze, Sarah Fritze, William Getze, Ann Griggs, Daniel C. Griggs, Benjamin Harman, Eli Harman, Joseph Heilman, Susan Hoffman, Charles Kelley, Jessiah Myers, John Page, Frank Porter, Michael Sechler, Cornelius Shaffer, Alfred Shaffer, Samuel P. Shaffer, T. I. Smith, Esther Walter, Henry Waldman, Susan Waltman and John Webb. This gave the Grange a charter list of forty members - a sizable group for the brand new and unknown organization.



Eagle Grange's Charter Application - 1871

EARLY YEARS OF EAGLE GRANGE

The group immediately went into action and adopted a well-defined constitution. It is noted that the initiation fee for males was five dollars and two dollars for females. It was specified that in all cases, the money must accompany the application for membership. Dues were set at ten cents per month. A resolution was also adopted which called for the fining of all male officers twenty-five cents and women officers twelve & one-half cents for absence, unless they presented an acceptable and lawful excuse to the Grange. The records note that fines for absence were occasionally paid.

At the second meeting a resolution was enacted whereby regalia would be immediately procured for fifty male members and twenty-five women. Since no supply houses were in existence at that time, the regalia had to be made by the women of the Grange. The project was completed in August of 1871 at a cost of \$32.50.



As early as the third meeting, ways and means were considered for the erection of a Grange Hall. At the fourth meeting a survey was taken as to the choice of location of a hall. Twenty five members cast their vote favoring a hall at Montgomery Station. Five felt that the hall should be along the Pike (now Route 15). For road travel the Pike was the chief artery of travel along the Susquehanna. It can be assumed the development of excellent railroad transportation and the growth of the Montgomery Station community influenced a number of members to cast their vote to locate a hall in this area. For various reasons, among

them a financial panic in the late 1870's, a hall was not to be built for some years.

While Eagle's organizational meeting was held in the Pine Street School along the Pike, the fact that a great deal of emphasis was placed on the secret work of the organization, gave cause to move the place of meeting to a more private location in the home of Jessiah Myers who had an upper room that was a convenient and adequate place to meet. Soon more adequate quarters were needed due to the growth of the Grange.

A Town Hall, the first floor of which was used for group meetings while the second floor was used for a private school, had been erected on lower Broad Street in Montgomery Station. Arrangements were made to hold the Grange meetings in the Town Hall beginning in January, 1872. This was the official home of the Grange for some years. In 1878 at the same time the state and

nation were experiencing financial problems, Eagle Grange also had its own problems. The wheat crop in 1878 was about half that of normal production. Money became tighter and tighter and the Grange found itself in debt for the rental of the hall.

Toward the end of 1878 meetings were no longer held at the Town Hall. The Grange's charter, dispensation and other property were left with the hall association until such a time as the debt could be paid. The Town Hall was later converted into apartments and for some years was used as the Montgomery

Poorhouse. To the best of current knowledge, this building is no longer standing.

From January, 1881 to the middle of 1883, the Grange met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Eger. For a few months afterward, the meetings were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porter. From September, 1883 until the close of 1885, most of the meetings were held in the Pine Street School House. Beginning with the January meeting in 1886 and continuing until November 1887, most of



the meetings were held in the home of J. W. Piatt.

In April of 1887, at which time the Grange numbered thirty-five members, action was taken to purchase one-fourth acre of land from Mr. Luke Eger for \$20. On this land adjoining the Pine Street School House, a two story hall was to be erected. The location was on the west side of the Pike at the intersection with the current West Blind Road, directly across

Route 15 from the present location of the Grange Hall.

When ways and means of raising money for the new hall were discussed in 1887, it was suggested a festival be held. For most of the next 100 years, the annual festivals were very popular events for the entire community and quite profitable for the Grange.

While the minutes of November 10, 1887 are missing, it appears this meeting marked the beginning of the use of the new hall. The

dedication was delayed until February 22, 1888, the anniversary date of Luke Eger's original letter to O.H. Kelley.

It is quite interesting to note from the time of the first meeting in the new hall and continuing until the following July 13, the location of the hall was recorded in the minutes as "Pine Street, Pa". Beginning with the July 27, 1888 meeting and continuing to the January 22 meeting in 1891, the location of the hall was given as "Eagleton, Pa".

The hall was duly dedicated on February 22, 1888.

Among the honored guests present were Leonard Rhone, the Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange and Robert. H. Thomas, the State Grange Secretary. The morning session was given over for the dedication program. In the afternoon session Eagle entertained Lycoming Co. Pomona Grange #28 which had been organized in March of 1877. On September 13, 1888, the Grange purchased three stoves for heating. The price for all three? Fifteen dollars! .

BIRTH OF THE PA STATE GRANGE

It All Started at Eagle #1

This historical narrative in the continuing story of Eagle Grange pauses for a moment to bring into the records pertinent information regarding the organization of the Pennsylvania State Grange. In Luke Eger's 1871 application for a dispensation to organize Eagle Grange, he stated that little difficulty would be experienced in organizing additional Granges. However, two years elapsed before another Grange - Keystone #2, Montgomery County - was established in Pennsylvania. It is an interesting coincidence that the first Grange in Pennsylvania was organized at Montgomery and the second Grange in Montgomery County.

During 1873 the Grange movement really took hold in Pennsylvania. By September of that year twenty-five subordinate Granges had been established. On September 18 a meeting was held at Reading for the purpose of organizing the Pennsylvania State Grange. The delegates met in Blenizer's Hall with twenty-two Granges represented. In addition to the official voting representatives, several hundred interested persons were in attendance.

Eagle Grange was represented by Frank Porter who at the time was Master of Eagle Grange. Frank was one of a committee of five appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the state organization. Frank also was honored in being elected the first Overseer in the new organization, an office which he held until 1875. It is also of interest to note that Sister Lottie Porter from Eagle Grange served in the position of State Flora for the years 1875-76. To Frank goes the honor of having organized forty-one Granges in Pennsylvania between 1873 and 1907. This was the same

man whose brother-in-law Luke Eger had considerable difficulty in persuading to become interested in the Grange. Frank organized Granges all over northcentral Pennsylvania establishing units in Bradford, Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Sullivan, Tioga and Union Counties – quite a feat considering the transportation of the late 19th century. One of the Granges he organized in 1906 – *Bottle Run #1301* – merged into Eagle in 2018.



BOTTLE RUN GRANGE #1301

Six of Eagle's "daughter" Granges organized by Porter are still active today - *Canusarago #27* in Lycoming County and in Centre County *Progress #96, Logan #109, Bald Eagle #151, Penns Valley #158* (originally named Spring Mills Grange) and *Victor #159*.

To Luke Eger, also, goes the honor of organizing seven Granges, all in Lycoming and Union Counties. One of the Granges he organized in 1874 – *West Branch #136* – merged into Eagle in 2018.



WEST BRANCH GRANGE #136

Records note, too, Luke missed only one meeting of the State Grange from 1873 until his death in 1890 from typhoid fever. He and his wife Hannah also regularly attended the Grange Picnic and Encampment at Williams Grove. Fred Brenckman, author of *History of*

the Pennsylvania State Grange (1949), had this to say about Luke Eger: "he had many qualities of mind and heart that endeared him to the members and he was the song leader of the organization."

While Luke Eger died in 1890, in the years following the members were not unmindful of his unceasing devotion to the Grange, and at the February 14, 1895 meeting, plans were made to purchase a painting of him which was later unveiled and hung in the Grange Hall.

It appears that due largely to the efforts of Frank Porter, the second annual session of the State Grange was held in Williamsport on January 6, 1875. One can see the rapid growth of the Grange in the statistics which were presented at that meeting. By early 1875, Pennsylvania had 440 Granges and no less than 18,000 members. Nationwide the Grange had grown to 21,687 subordinate groups with a total membership of about 700,000.

THE EAGLE STORY CONTINUES

One of the original goals of the Grange organization was that of cooperative buying. In the early days of the Grange, members of the Grange pooled many orders for items used on the farm and in the home, thus getting a better price. Places of business that would not give special prices were not patronized. After the erection of the Grange Hall, plans for a store in the building came to fruition, and for many years members of the Grange benefited economically in being able to make farm supply purchases, usually items of staple nature, at the Grange store. The store as a rule was open on the Grange meeting nights. A.G. Decker, served for many years as store keeper.

In 1893 J. W. Piatt came home from the State Grange sessions much enthused and inspired.

1888. 1888.

OFFICERS OF GRANGES
WILL FIND IT TO THEIR ADVANTAGE
TO EXAMINE THIS

PRICE LIST
WITH CARE

GRANGE SUPPLIES.

THAT MAY BE ORDERED OF R. H. THOMAS SECRETARY PENN-
SYLVANIA STATE GRANGE MECHANICSBURG,
CUMS. CO., PA.

I am in receipt of many letters inquiring the prices of various articles required by Granges, and have therefore prepared the following price list for 1888. Orders should be accompanied by check, either in Postal Money Order, Registered Letter, Draft or Certificate of Deposit, and should have the seal of the Grange attached.

TAKE NOTICE.

All Grange blanks furnished from this office, such as Applications for Membership, Secretary's Receipts to Members, Treasurer's Receipts to Secretary, Orders on Treasurer, Notices of Meeting and Arrangements of Days, Notices of Suspension for non-payment of Dues, etc., are put in packet form of foolscap together 50 or 100 in a form, so that secretaries will have no trouble in keeping this class of blanks and paper in good condition. The price of goods above named includes prepaid postage.

Treasurer's Receipts, 100 copies, per 100	25
Dimes and Withdrawal Cards, per 100	12
Travel Cards in any quantity, at the rate per single hundred by mail prepaid	50
Blank order sheets, for the convenience of Purchasing Agent and Secretaries in ordering goods, per hundred	50
Orders on Treasurer, per hundred	30
Books for Subordinate Granges, with lead press and device, as recommended by Executive Committee, per 100	1 50
Books for Pomona Granges, Insurance Companies, Hall Associations, etc., each	4 00
Ballot boxes with white and black ballots, complete	1 50
Ballot boxes and seals cannot be returned for mail, and must be sent by express at expense of Grange ordering them.	
Gentlemen's Rogalls, each (man's)	25
Ladies' Rogalls, each (man's)	25
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500 envelopes for Memberships, per hundred, by mail prepaid	20
Notices to members of meetings, and arrangements of days, per hundred	20
Notices to members of their suspension for non-payment of dues, per hundred	20
Secretary's Receipts to Members for payment of dues, per hundred	20
Treasurer's Receipts to Secretary, per 100	25
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Treasurer's Receipts to Secretary, per 100	25

He enlisted the help of his fellow member Alexander Decker to put into action a program to recruit new members and together within a two week period they procured fifty applications.

An interesting item appears in the records. In 1893 the Grange considered buying an organ for the hall. On June 10th the trustees were instructed to purchase one. On August 10th there was still no organ. There was more discussion whether one should be purchased or not. Mrs. Annie B. Moore, a member of the nearby Spring Garden Grange in

Union County, was present on the occasion and offered her services to try the organ if one was purchased. Nonetheless on September 14, the Grange voted not to buy one.

The years passed and occasionally there was discussion on the purchase of an organ. In March, 1915 the Grange again seriously considered purchasing one. Brother William Decker offered to pay 25 percent of the price. It was reported on April 15, 1915, an organ was purchased for \$40.00. Years later a piano was acquired and in 2021 an electronic keyboard was purchased to provide music for meetings.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY On February 20, 1896, Eagle observed its twenty-fifth anniversary. Special speakers for the occasion were Mortimer Whitehead, Past Lecturer of the National Grange and W. F. Hill, then the Lecturer (and later Master) of the PA State Grange. Past Master Frank Porter was honored in being chosen to serve as the presiding officer for the afternoon session. He reviewed the activities of Eagle Grange from the time of its inception, speaking vividly of the early days. The Lecturer, Sister Kate Eger, gave an interesting and complete history of Eagle Grange from its beginning, mentioning especially the difficulties encountered in having adequate meeting places during most of the twenty-five year period. Mr. Whitehead (of New Jersey) spoke on the beauties and benefits to be derived from Grange membership, particularly mentioning the need of an organization like the Grange to provide a common meeting ground with organizations of industry. Remarks by others called for faithfulness and devotion to a fine organization.

The evening session saw Brother Alex Decker in the Master's chair. The State Lecturer, W. F. Hill addressed those present and spoke specifically on items that pertained to the Grangers in their individual and social activities. Past Lecturer Whitehead spoke at some length on the relationship of the Grange member to his government and called for good, sound reasoning in the exercise of his voting franchise. Nine charter members were present for the occasion.

This account of the 40th anniversary appeared Feb. 24, 1911 in *The Williamsport Sun*:

During the forenoon "everybody came loaded with baskets and the three stoves in the building were very popular for a while. It was real fun to see the people unload and unbundle. Everyone was wrapped up so that it was almost impossible to recognize one's best friend until the top layers were taken off. We gathered around the tables about 100 strong, and when we were through with the feast, I did not know whether we were equal to hearing and making speeches or not. Had it not been for the cherry pie which was served in honor of George Washington, we would not have been in quite so much trouble. However, at 2 o'clock we were assembled in the hall upstairs and the meeting, which was an open one, began with music followed by an address of welcome and a history of the Grange by Miss Kate Eger. Only three charter members of the first Grange are left, S. P. Shaffer, W. H. Hoffman and Mrs. Luke Eger. Mr. Shaffer and Mrs. Eger were unable to be present, but Mr. Hoffman was there and declared he was feeling fine, that was, until after dinner.

After the afternoon meeting at which time Mr. E. B. Dorsett of Tioga County, the Lecturer of the State Grange, made a most excellent address. In company with Mr. Dorsett, I went over to see Mrs. Eger, who lives just across the road from the hall. We found her in excellent health and only absent from the meeting because she wanted to avoid taking a cold.

I had planned to come home on the five-thirty train but everyone insisted I must stay for supper as it was to be even better than the dinner. I could not understand how this could be, but I remained to see, and found that they told the truth. Great platters of ham roasted were continually going up and down the tables, followed by cold slaw, salads, pickles, jellies, preserves, celery, baked beans and last of all ice cream and country cakes, four and five stories high. The men enveloped in aprons, helped serve and everybody again ate, not to their heart's content, but to their discomfort. We drove to Montgomery in a snow storm and this trip only added to the pleasure of the day, which was truly a red letter one for Eagle Grange."

There is no record in the minutes of any observance related to the 50th Anniversary when the Grange's membership stood at 53. Similarly, there is no record of any special observance of the 75th Anniversary. However, the program on February 24, 1946 was planned as a commemoration of the anniversary when a short history of the Grange was given.

85th Anniversary in 1956



Some items of interest that occurred over the years are presented here. Records of early lecturer's programs indicate that many of them dealt with the problems of the day, current events and government legislation. Some subjects of discussions and debates over the years include:

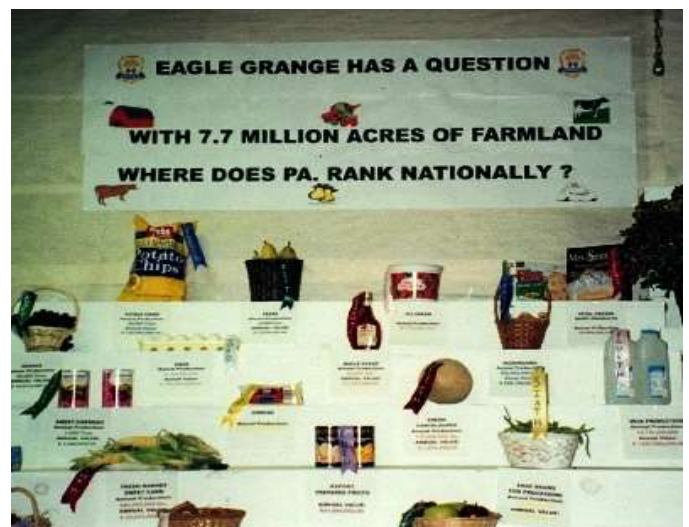
- ***"What shall be done with the surplus money in the U. S. Treasury?"***
- ***"Do we look after our children in their school as we do after our cattle in their stalls?"***
- ***"Is it practical or advisable to favor spending part of the money now expended upon our public roads in the macadamizing a portion in each township?"***
- ***"Can an unmarried man manage a farm as well as a married man, other things being equal?"***
- ***"Should Canada be annexed to the United States?"***

During 1939 the State Highway Department announced plans to construct a new highway

which would involve the plot of ground owned by the Grange as well as the hall and the school house which had been acquired by the Grange at a prior time. An agreement was made with A. D. Baker to purchase a half acre of land across the highway for \$100. The deed was recorded in February, 1940. The County Commissioners agreed to give \$1,600.00 for damages. The hall was moved during the summer of 1940 at a cost of \$390.



The Grange has always been active in community affairs, especially those pertaining to rural life. Surprisingly, little mention is made in the records about the coming of the Pennsylvania Ordnance Works in 1942 for which the government condemned 8,400 acres of land in the nearby White Deer Valley to build a munitions plant. During these years, however, many exhibits were placed at the local fairs and floats have been entered in parades.





Eagle Juvenile Grange #307 was organized on September 13, 1945 by Mrs. Bowman Waltz, Lycoming County Juvenile Deputy, with 22 members present between the ages 5-12. Mrs. Wilbur (Roxanna) Hively was chosen as the first Matron (adult leader). In 1966 the National Grange changed the name of the children's unit from Juvenile to Junior Grange.



Among the charter members were Robert "Bob" Hively and Joann Page (now Murray), current members of Eagle Grange in 2021, highlighted above. Eagle Junior Grange was especially active for its first 25 years, visiting with other Junior Granges in the county, presenting programs for the Pomona Grange, visiting local nursing homes and entertaining the parent Grange with holiday programs. Fair displays and parade floats were also projects of the Junior Grange.

One of the favorite activities of the children was participating in the Grange's annual festival each summer. The children had their own money making projects such as Fish Pond and selling peanuts and homemade candy. The Juniors bought a 50-star flag for the Grange Hall, planted a flowering crab tree in 1964 and placed an electric clock with eagle trim on the first floor in 1970.



Unfortunately, membership in Eagle Junior Grange dwindled until it was declared inactive in 1979. The small-sized Junior Grange officers' stations were loaned to the new Allegheny Junior Grange in 1994.

In 1947, when the Freedom Train came to Williamsport bearing so many precious documents and records connected with the formative years of our nation, Eagle Grange was represented with a fine float (cooking apple butter) in the parade that was staged in honor of the occasion.

When the State Grange met in Williamsport for its 81st annual session (1953), Eagle Grange held an open house with several hundred Grangers visiting.

Service to the community continued to be a priority for the Grange. In 1957 a panel discussion by local educators was featured at a Grange meeting and included the presentation of a book to the school library (next page).



The high point in Eagle's membership seems to have been in 1961 when 183 members were reported in the State Grange's annual register.

In 1966 Eagle member David Russell won first place vocal and best of show in the State Grange talent contest held at New Castle and went on to receive honorable mention at the National Grange competition in Minneapolis.



In the spring of 1967, two scarlet maples were planted on the front lawn of the Grange lot. One was placed in memory of a charter member of Eagle Grange and the other was planted in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National Grange.

For some time the members had discussed the advisability of making changes in the building structure to more adequately serve the needs of the Grange. In 1967 action was taken to

excavate a partial basement, construct a new kitchen and provide indoor rest rooms.



Much of the work was completed in 1968 at a cost of approximately \$5,000. Records indicate that a loan of \$2,500 was necessary to complete the project. The loan would not be retired until 1974.



Eagle Grange had a most welcome addition to its membership on January 1, 1969, when the 31 members of White Hall Grange No. 1244 in nearby Washington Township merged with Eagle. No picture of the White Hall Grange building has been found.



The 100th anniversary of Eagle Grange was celebrated in 1971 with four days of celebration, March 4-7. An old fashioned box social (above) was featured on the first day.

Other anniversary events included a square dance with music by the McNett Country Band (*which incidentally will also be providing a free concert as part of the 150th anniversary observance*), an antiques display and tea, and history in pantomime. Both the National Master John W. Scott and State Master A. Wayne Readinger and their wives were in attendance. The official centennial plate (below) was presented to each.



The Grange in November 1971 voted to present honorary memberships to members upon reaching 50 years of membership. By December 1987 this action would be repealed as the Grange struggled financially.

In April 1972 the State Grange Master again visited Eagle to present the Secretary's Award to Roxanna Hively and several members were recognized with certificates for long-time continuous membership.

The next month there is record of a discussion about painting vs. siding of the Grange Hall and a first mention of the Lycoming County Landfill proposed on the grounds of the Allenwood Prison Camp. Immediately the Grange adopted a resolution opposing the landfill. Over a number of years the minutes reflect much activity hosted at the Grange by citizens groups which organized to fight the landfill. In 1974-75 several buses of concerned citizens traveled to Harrisburg on this issue. (*One of the 150th anniversary events was an August, 2021 tour of this landfill facility.*)

At the 1972 State Grange session, Eagle received a third place award in the Community More Beautiful contest. Another state honor came in 1973 when Eagle received the Best of Show Award for its antique display at the session in Reading where the State Grange's 100th anniversary was celebrated.

Vandalism of the Grange hall was reported in November 1972. An antique clock was stolen, window glass broken and a lock pried open. In an effort to safeguard an antique corner cupboard valued at over \$1,000, action was taken to loan the cupboard to the Lycoming County Historical Museum with the understanding it would be returned whenever the Grange desired. Papers were to be filed to formalize this agreement but none have been found either at the Grange or at the museum. In 1994 the Executive Committee was

instructed to inquire about the cupboard but no outcome of this effort is recorded. This beautiful antique cupboard is pictured below.



Shortly thereafter it was reported the basement was flooded during a heavy rain and the Clinton Township Fire Company was called on to pump it. It was necessary to install a new furnace costing \$1,030 along with other repairs. An application was made to the Small Business Administration for a forgiveness loan; eventually \$1,700 was received. Basement problems continued for many years despite many attempts to improve drainage.

More vandalism was reported in 1974 when an antique trunk and some antique chairs were stolen. Action was taken to sell the rest of the antique chairs and to hold several special fund raisers, both designated to retire the bank loan taken for the 1968 building addition.

Fearing for its safety, it was decided in September 1974 to donate the portrait of Luke Eger for display in the State Grange office in Harrisburg. The picture was eventually returned to Eagle when the State headquarters was sold and later was donated to the

Lycoming County Historical Society. In 2021 the portrait of Eagle's founder was temporarily brought back to the Grange Hall for display.

The annual festival was discontinued for the year 1975 "*due to lack of help and interest*". By 1976 the decision was made to hold only one meeting per month replacing two meetings each month that had apparently been the practice since the Grange was formed. Meetings during the winter months were moved to the first floor to conserve fuel.

By the end of the 1970's, Grange finances had become very limited and in 1978 the financial situation made it necessary to re-start the summer festival. An appeal from the State Grange asking for a \$1/member donation to fund the November 1979 National Session in Lancaster was answered with Eagle making only a partial contribution. By the 1980s the Grange frequently declined to donate to appeals received due to its limited finances. Finding funds to pay the annual taxes due on the Grange property was a challenge.

The 1979 State Session was held in Williamsport and Eagle hosted a rehearsal and served a dinner for the Youth Department. Doug Bonsall was State Youth Director at the time and through this event he first became acquainted with Eagle.

The State Grange Service Corporation began taking shape in 1982 to provide more services to Grange members. Eagle Grange agreed to transfer its five shares of stock (valued at \$8.13 each) in the defunct Keystone Grange Exchange to the new Service Corporation.

An insurance settlement of \$748 was received in January 1984 for damages sustained to a tree and the lawn; few other details about this incident were recorded. Later that spring it was decided to remove the damaged maple tree and replace it. The replacement tree was not planted until the following spring (1985).

In April 1987 it was reported a water heater had been installed with Brother Robert More donating his services. The balance in the treasury stood at less than \$25 that month. Funds were very low through most of the year.

A group of 13 enjoyed a boat ride on the Hiawatha in July 1987.

A request was submitted in September 1988 to the Lycoming County Board of Assessment requesting the Grange be exempted from paying real estate taxes. Granges in the county were finally exempted from paying taxes in the 1990s after some significant work by the Pomona Grange.

Eagle Grange went on record in December 1990 opposing a hazardous waste incinerator proposed for Gregg Township, Union County.

It became increasingly evident that many additional repairs were needed on the century-old Grange Hall. Again, there was discussion about installing siding rather than painting the exterior of the building. An estimate of over \$10,000 for siding the hall was received in 1993. At that point the Grange began seeking sources of grants to repair the hall. In mid-1994 a \$5,000 legislative initiative grant was received through the office of State Representative Alvin Bush. These funds were used to paint the hall, repair some windows and install a new ceiling and lights on the first floor. By this time it appears the second floor of the hall was not being used for meetings.

Furnace issues and lack of funds for repairs resulted in no meetings being held November 1994 through April 1995. When meetings resumed in May of that year, the Master and Executive Committee were given authority to apply for funds and complete restoration projects "in the best interest of the Grange". Later that year it was reported another legislative initiative grant had been received through the office of Senator Rodger Madigan.

The amount of that grant is not recorded but expenditures of over \$4,000 are mentioned: replacing the heating system, repairing the water system (including a new pressure tank), installing a cellar drain and laying carpet on the first floor.

Minutes from September 1995 through early 2009 have not been located. When written records resumed, they note the Montgomery Historical Society was holding some meetings in the Grange Hall. The society suggested in April 2009 the recently located flag pole from the former Stone School be installed on the grounds of the Grange. No action appears to have been taken on this idea.



A very significant recognition of Eagle's historical importance was received in 2001. Documentation does exist of the extensive application for a historical marker by the PA Historical & Museum Commission. The dedication of this marker was held on May 5, 2001. A gala celebration and dinner marked the occasion and was attended by many state and local officials, Grange members and guests.



Run Grange and Elizabeth Anstadt and Bernie & Beth Downey from Allegheny Grange.

Major financial help came to Eagle in 2013. The Bower Decker American Legion Post #251 in Montgomery contributed \$10,000, Brady Township gave \$1,700 and Clinton Township gave \$1,735. These funds were used to repair/paint the roof and to replace all 23 windows in the Grange Hall. Rentals of the Grange Hall continued to generate some modest income.

No recorded minutes have been found from any meetings that may have been held from September 2014-May 2015.

In 2016 the PA Department of Transportation replaced the Route 15 bridge over Black Hole Creek adjacent to the Grange property. The project required a small piece of the lawn area for which a settlement of approximately \$700 was received as compensation.

The exterior appearance of the Grange Hall was greatly improved in 2018 with repair and painting of the wooden siding. Grange members and friends contributed to make this work possible.

Starting in the latter part of the 2000 decade, several attempts at renewing Eagle Grange were made as the membership reached a low point of less than 20. Help came from the State Grange to canvass the local community but this membership drive was not successful in recruiting new members. Support and encouragement did come from some individual Lycoming County Grange members who chose to become Affiliate Members of Eagle to help sustain the state's oldest Grange. This "new blood" included Karen & Roy Williamson, Robert Hively and Gordon Hiller from Bottle

EAGLE ENTERS RENEWAL PHASE

With its 150th anniversary fast approaching, Eagle Grange was "adopted" in early 2019 as a special project of the PA State Grange History Committee. Several members of that committee were determined to do whatever possible to preserve Grange #1. Discussions and strategic planning began in earnest led by Doug Bonsall and Jennifer Nauss, both of whom later became affiliate members of Eagle.

The active Eagle members participating in the strategic planning were open and receptive to new ways of renewing their Grange. No doubt

the ideas considered and the goals established seemed very much "out of the box" for the small group but they supported and cooperated in the effort.

It was determined that renewal must focus on several key areas. The strategic plan included:

- ***Improvement of the Grange Hall physical structure to become a more accessible, welcoming and useful facility***
- ***Expanded community service and outreach activities***

- **Membership recruitment/growth and increased member involvement**
- **Educational programming on regular basis**
- **Development of internal communications & external public relations**
- **Increased fund raising**

One of the first initiatives was a very successful Candidates' Forum prior to the 2019 General Election. The Grange Hall was packed as the candidates for County Commissioner participated in a well-organized discussion.



Granges throughout the state. This initiative generated almost \$5,000 designated for building renovations.



A Food Safety Course with about 50 attendees was sponsored by the Grange in February 2020 in cooperation with the Lycoming County Extension. Later that same year Eagle withdrew \$1,500 from its trust fund for a major community service project. Grants of \$500 were given to each of three local fire companies serving the community (below). The presentation would be one of the first casualties of the COVID-19 pandemic and had to be postponed for several months.



The consolidation of West Branch and Bottle Run Granges into Eagle during 2018 brought more active members and additional funding. Each of these Granges had previously consolidated with another Grange so the proceeds from the sale of four properties brought about \$49,000 to Eagle as the surviving Grange. Under Grange rules, assets from the sale of Grange owned real estate is held in trust by the State Grange and interest is paid semi-annually to the local Grange. The use of the principal may be expended only for re-investment into property or, on a more limited basis, for community service projects.

As detailed planning for building renovations got underway, it quickly became evident that the original phased approach was not possible and the initial work would have to be more extensive than originally planned. Handicap accessible restrooms, installation of emergency lighting, an ADA-compliant entrance ramp and designated handicap

The **Friends of Eagle Grange** program was initiated in 2019. With approval of the PA State Grange, the appeal was distributed to

parking were required if any improvements were to be made. A trust fund withdrawal of \$30,000 was made in mid-2020 to finance a major portion of these mandated renovations.



Emptying the kitchen so renovations can begin.

The building renovation was dirty, messy and inconvenient but Grange activities continued throughout the process. The construction, plumbing and electrical work was done by contractors but the remaining work, especially painting, was donated by Grange volunteers.



Painting! Painting! More Painting!



State Grange President Wayne Campbell joined volunteers to help with renovations.



The new flooring project took about 15 hours – all accomplished in one day by volunteers!

Significant funding needed to complete the installation of new laminate flooring came from Valley #1360 (York County), Perry Valley #1804 (Perry County) and Red Lion #1781 (York County) Granges. Representatives of those Granges, as well as local businesses that provide in-kind services, were honored at a September 2020 Appreciation Picnic.



Appreciation Picnic

As the work progressed, lighting was improved throughout the first floor with LED fixtures, the electrical service was upgraded to prepare for installing air conditioning, a lighted outdoor sign was purchased and additional outlets were added in the kitchen. By the time the planned work was completed in 2021, almost \$50,000 had been invested.

Amazing Renewal Results



ADA-compliant restrooms



Accessible entrance ramp & handicap parking



Constant clean-up needed during renovations.



The dining room's new look....including new tables, curtains and improved lighting.



Commercial appliances have been added to the kitchen, now fully licensed for food service.

First Event - Sept. 2020 Yard Sale/Pig Roast



An anonymous donor underwrote the cost of the stainless steel commercial refrigerator.



The new Grange banner and friendly Granger smiles provide a warm welcome at events.





For the first time in many years, officers were formally inducted when Eagle hosted a county-wide installation ceremony in October 2020.



Phase 2 renovations included the complete rehabilitation of the second floor, the installation of a chairlift and adding HVAC units on both floors to provide improved heating and cooling.



Railings have been added to the side and kitchen entrances to improve accessibility.





New regalia and officer station scarves in use



Many long-time members, like affiliates Bernie & Beth Downey (above), were honored for continuous membership at a holiday dinner meeting, December 2020. Affiliate members hold their primary membership in another Grange but also support Eagle, too.



Take-out meals like the Nov. 2020 turkey dinner have been good fund raisers despite restrictions imposed by the COVID pandemic.

Getting Ready to Celebrate 150 Years - 2021



150th anniversary t-shirts were designed and received in time to introduce at the 2020 State Grange session held in Erie, PA. Several hundred of these were soon being worn not only at Eagle Grange, but all over the state.

Partnership with FFA



Eagle presented five FFA Blue Jacket scholarships in March, 2021 to students from Milton High School. Through a State Grange grant, FFA students who become a first time Grange member receive a complimentary first year membership.

The FFA has undertaken with great enthusiasm a joint project with the Grange to build/install bluebird boxes and plant memorial trees on the grounds. Completion is expected later in 2021.



Hanging of the 150th anniversary outdoor hall banners on a cold January (2021) day

Eagle Expands Its Community Outreach



Grange events are announced on the brand new sign clearly visible by passersby on Route 15.



Ever mindful of its role to serve the community, a free “Share the Love” stuffed chicken breast dinner celebrated Valentine’s Day.



Cheerful Service at March, 2021 Pork & Sauerkraut Take-Out Dinner from Jenn Nauss (above) and David Troutman (below)



DELAWARE GRANGE #1895

Delaware Grange #1895, formerly located in nearby Dewart, Northumberland County, consolidated into Eagle as of March 1, 2021.



A very unique and remarkably successful **Road Rally** (above) was sponsored in March, 2021. A beautiful clear day hosted 17 teams with about 50 participants traveling to various sites and businesses in several counties. The project received widespread media coverage.



Educational programs, like one featuring the editor of *PA Magazine*, are offered at meetings.



Eagle has become the second Grange in the entire nation to reach 150 years of continuous service and has been so recognized on this plaque hanging in National Grange headquarters in Washington, D.C.

In June 2021 updated bylaws were adopted and action taken to incorporate the Grange.

As this historical booklet goes to print in July 2021, additional sesquicentennial anniversary celebrations planned include:

- Community picnic and screening of documentary film ***Surrender!*** – the story of Alvira
- Free Family Fun Fair & Corn Hole Tournament
- Tour of Lycoming County Sanitary Landfill site
- **Official Anniversary Celebration** - Hosting of Lycoming County Pomona Grange meeting; butterfly release, buffet dinner, historical slide program, presentation of anniversary citations from local officials
- Free community concert by the McNett Country Band and honoring of local veterans

- Open house brunch in conjunction with the kick-off of the State Grange's 150th anniversary observance

What the future holds for Eagle Grange is, of course, unknown. Activities and service projects continue to grow, the Grange Hall is in excellent physical condition, finances are stable and membership is growing.



A gallery of historical highlights for the 150 years of Eagle Grange has been created on the second floor.

Eagle can be proud of dedicated men like Luke Eger and Frank Porter and the many, many unnamed brothers and sisters who have devotedly labored during the past 150 years - to the community and with active participation in the Pomona, State and National Granges. To those who are serving in leadership roles today, we are most grateful. To its members who in the future will be called to carry forward this noble work, comes the challenge to uphold the heritage of our forefathers. Eagle Grange No. 1 has a unique place of honor to maintain, a rich heritage to guard and an enviable record of service to continue.

God speed and best wishes, Eagle Grange!

Eagle Grange is Home to Two Past PA State Grange Presidents



Gordon Hiller



Elizabeth Downev

HONOR ROLL

Masters/Presidents of Eagle Grange 1871-2021

Name	Years Served	Name	Years Served
Luke Eger	1871	Clyde Tallman.....	1938
T. F. Smith	1872	Myles Brouse.....	1939
Frank Porter.....	1873-74	Donald Jarrett	1940
William Hoffman.....	1875	R. D. Hoffman.....	1941
Joseph Walter.....	1876	Percy Brouse	1942
Frank Porter	1877-1880	Merle Page	1943
G. F. Shaffer	1881-1883	William Harman	1944
John W. Piatt.....	1884	Merle Page	1945
Henry Decker.....	1885	John Solomon.....	1946
William Decker.....	1886	Lloyd Harer	1947
D. W. Harman	1887	Donald Jarrett	1948
Records Missing	1888-1892	John McCarty.....	1949-1950
George Decker.....	1893	Donald Jarrett	1951
J. W. Piatt	1894	William Myers	1952
Emerson Hagenbuch	1895	Wesley Vitkus	1953
Alexander Decker	1896	Percy Brouse	1954
Harvia Shaffer.....	1897	Merle Page	1955
S. E. Decker.....	1898	Donald Jarrett	1956-1957
Frank Porter.....	1899	George Page	1958
W. M. Faust.....	1900	June M. Wagner	1959-1960
William H. Harman	1901-1903	Merle Page	1961
Alexander Decker	1904	Dale D. Voneida.....	1962-1963
J. W. Piatt	1905	Charles Kahle	1964-1965
W. M. Faust.....	1906	Fred Murray	1966
Records Missing	1907-1910	Dale Voneida	1967
W. M. Faust.....	1911	Donald Jarrett	1968
William H. Harman	1912	William Myers	1969
Harry Hively	1913	William Fairchild.....	1970
S. E. Decker.....	1914-1915	Donald Jarrett	1971
Henry Berger	1916	William Myers	1972
W. M. Faust.....	1917	Harold D. Rehrig.....	1973
Henry Decker.....	1918-1919	Charles M. Kahle	1974
S. E. Decker.....	1920	Donald Sherman.....	1975
Clyde Tallman	1921-1922	Larry Foresman	1976-1977
R. D. Hoffman	1923	Fred Murray	1978-1979
William Kahler	1924	Milton Boden.....	1980-1983
Charles Persun	1925-1926	Merle Page	1984
Oscar Page	1927	William Fairchild.....	1985-1986
William Schrader	1928	Percy Brouse	1987-2004
Luther Winder	1929	Fred Murray	2005-2010
Merle Page	1930-1931	David Troutman	2011-Present
R. D. Hoffman	1932-1933		
Mrs. Irvin (Inez) Persun	1934-1935		
Merle Page.....	1936		
Charles Persun	1937		

Original corporate seal
of Eagle Grange #1





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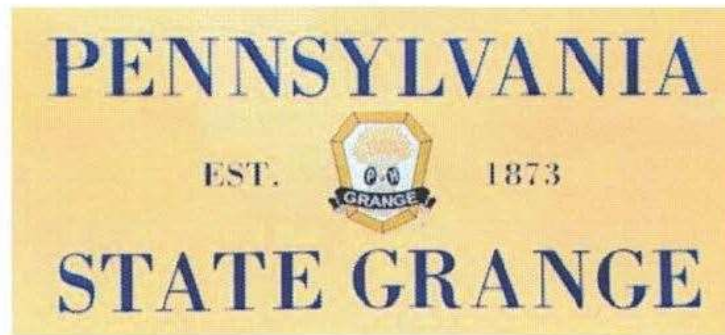


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Best wishes to Eagle Grange #1
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Looking forward to what the
future brings for this
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Jenn Nauss

Wayne and Debbie Campbell



*Congratulates Eagle Grange #1
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*Congratulations to the
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Eagle Grange Number One
on your
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As affiliate members, we are happy to be part of a growing Grange serving the community and beyond. Eagle Grange offers a variety of programs from candidate forums to backyard picnics and everything in between!

Eagle Grange welcomes all people to any of its meetings and events.

We also welcome all to consider membership with Eagle Grange, the first Grange in Pennsylvania!



Best Wishes
from Elizabeth "Beth" and Bernie Downey
(Beth: Past President, Pa State Grange)

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**Congratulations to
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on 150 years!**

From
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#2103



When the power of love
overcomes the love of power,
then the world will know peace.

Janet Pratt
PA State Grange Ex.Com.
Michael Pratt

**Congratulations to Eagle Grange
#1 on their 150th Anniversary**



**From: Wesley Grange #1675
in Venango County**

Congratulations

Eagle Grange #1

From

Marion Decker McCormick
Allenwood, PA

In memory of my grandparents who
would love this celebration

**Alexander Decker &
Roseanna Hartranft Decker**

In honor of

Robert Hively

Grange Member for 75 years
(juvenile and adult)

Congratulations! Love from your family

Allegheny Grange #1843



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Children's Fair is
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CHARTERED IN 1874

Congrats!

FOR YOUR 150 YEARS OF SERVICE AND
SUCCESS,
EAGLE GRANGE #1



BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43


In loving memory of our parents

**Don & H. Geraldine Jarrett
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*All were dedicated Eagle
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By Sidney & Nancy Jarrett



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From a friend in honor of the exciting
new partnership between Eagle
Grange & Milton FFA



Congratulations, Eagle Grange for 150 years of service

Past, Present, and Future Pauling Families

Why should I care about Eagle Grange #1?

The Grange is a uniquely valuable community resource to everyone who lives here. Our Grange is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the local rural communities in southern Lycoming County. Every year the Grange hosts, sponsors, or supports many worthwhile events and projects. We help school students, honor senior citizens, give charitable donations, provide holiday meals and make our facilities available to the community. If you want to continue having a vibrant rural life, you should care about the Grange.

EAGLE GRANGE APPLICATION

Individual Membership: Annual Membership Dues - \$50 (adults); \$12 (youth)*

*Free one year membership for any FFA student joining as first-time Grange member

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Open to all individuals who are at least 12 years old.

I hereby apply for membership in Eagle Grange #1 and desire to unite with others in elevating and advancing the interests of community life and family values. I understand the Grange is non-denominational and non-partisan and pledge on my honor to abide by the laws of my state and nation and the rules and regulations of the Grange.

Membership entitles me to participate in all Grange activities, to vote on business matters, to participate in services provided by the National & PA State Granges and to receive Grange publications.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

"Friend of Eagle Grange": Annual Donation - \$50 or more

Name _____

Open to businesses, organizations (including other Granges) and individuals who wish to provide special financial support to this historic Grange.

I hereby apply to become a "Friend" and understand that supporting the Grange as a "Friend" entitles me to attend Grange functions and participate in Grange projects but without vote on business matters.

Contact Person's Signature _____ Date _____

All Applicants: Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail completed application and payment to:

Karen Williamson, 900 Nichols Place, Apt. 205, Williamsport, PA 17701



Members Present July 6, 2021

LEFT TO RIGHT: Standing – David Troutman, Barbara Robbins, Mike Wallis, Janet Reynolds, Richard Kelley, Tom & Daisy Styer, Beth & Bernie Downey, Glenn Pauling, David Bittner; Seated – Larry Robbins, Doug Bonsall, Jenn Nauss, Fred & Joann Murray, Karen Williamson; Left Insert – Elliott, Sarah & Barbara Weiss.

In tribute to all the hundreds of faithful Grange members, past and present, here and throughout the nation, who have given generously of their time and talent over many years to improve their communities and serve humanity by following these noble precepts:

“A good Patron places Faith in God, nurtures Hope, dispenses Charity and is noted for Fidelity.”



150TH ANNIVERSARY