



# Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

March 2023



## Coming up on March 7th

### Irish Potluck & Program

Shake off the winter blues at an evening celebrating the luck of the Irish. Join us Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> for a potluck dinner and fun evening – it all starts at 6 p.m. in the Grange Hall.



The whole evening will explore all things related to Ireland. **First of all – please wear something green.**

**Secondly, please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share.** Do try to find a recipe for something Irish; we'll provide tent cards so you can put the name of your dish(es) with it.

Phil Vonada is host for the evening and has announced he is planning the very traditional Irish entrée of corned beef & cabbage. Phil will also be sharing one or more vocal selections with an Irish flavor.

**Then after dinner we'll play Irish Bingo,** a variation on the familiar game but filled with plenty of Irish facts. While each of us makes our own Irish Bingo card, an armchair travelogue of Ireland's scenery will be shown.

**Finally, please bring a small bingo prize gift** suitable for either male or female.

### Grange Cookbooks Available

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition @ \$25 each and the 2010 edition on clearance for just \$15 each

## Books for Local Students



A statewide Grange initiative called **Books for a Buck** promotes childhood literacy by giving books to elementary school students. Eagle Grange has provided the funding to purchase about 225 books distributed to nine different classrooms at Montgomery Elementary School.



# Making Blankets for the Homeless



Above: Grange friend Linda Byers (left) from Perry County taught Libby Green (right) and Carol Schnure & Linda Valentine (below) how to cut and tie the fleece blankets.



Grange members Ruth Lundy, Janet Reynolds & Carol Gresh (above) do some finishing touches before Bernie & Beth Downey (below) affixed a message label on each.



Below - Ruth Lundy (left) delivered the 19 completed blankets to the Williamsport YWCA. Director (right).



Three Montgomery FFA students also came by to help.



# Coming Events

## **March 7** – Irish Potluck Dinner @ hall – 6:00 p.m.

- Everyone please bring an Irish dish & a bingo gift
- Program – **Irish Music, Irish Bingo, Irish Tour**  
Host – *Phil Vonada*

## **March 24** – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

## **March 25** – Roast Pork Take-Out Dinner served with homemade sauerkraut or stuffing/gravy. Help needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch.

## **April 4** – Grange Meeting @ hall – 6:30 p.m.

- Program – **Driving Safely Around Large Trucks** presented by PA Motor Truck Association  
Hosts – *Irv & Janet Reynolds*

## **April 22** – 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Road Rally (9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.)

- Look for details in next newsletter

## **April 22** – Pomona Grange #28 Legislative Banquet @ Eagle – 5:30 p.m.

- tickets (\$15 each) available soon;
- 5-6 volunteers needed to prepare/serve/clean-up

## Don't Forget

If you have not already done so, please pay your annual Grange dues at the next meeting or by sending your check to:  
**Secretary Jenn Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

# In Loving Memory



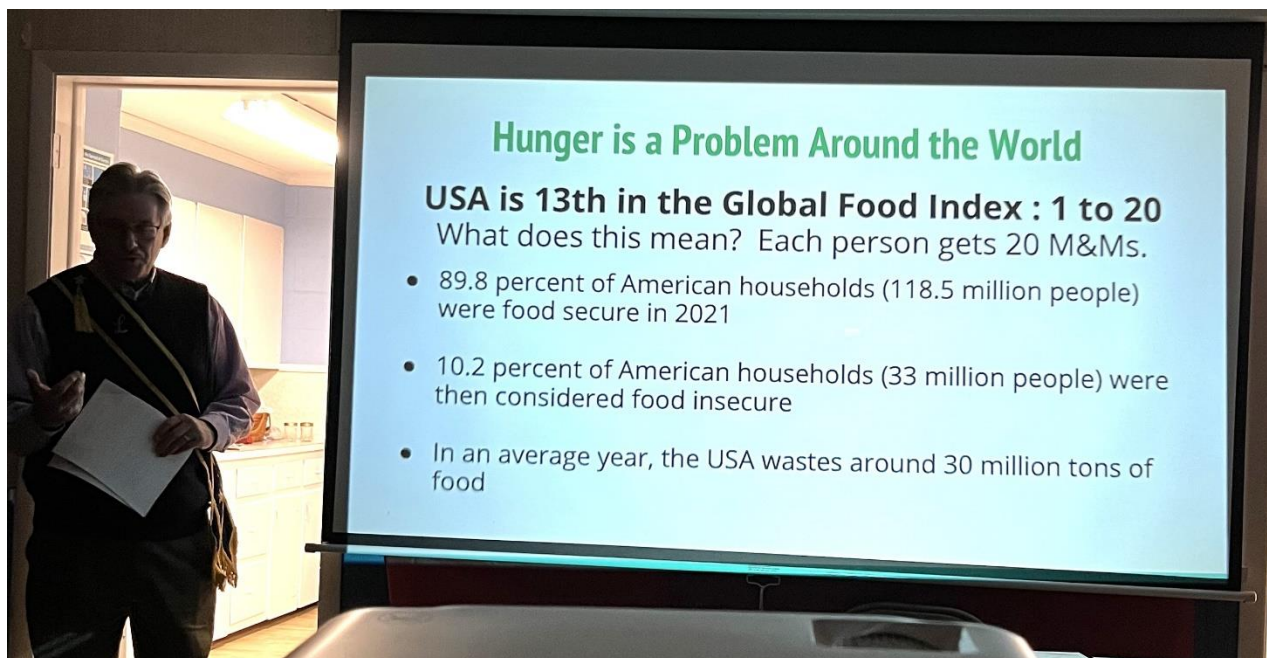
**Brother Robert More** of Montgomery, a member of Eagle Grange since 1986, passed away on 2/5/2023.

The Grange charter will be draped in memory of Brothers More and Fred Murray at our April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Property Updates

- The basement sump pump is now fully installed and functioning.
- Some electrical work in the kitchen has added another outlet and hooked up the exhaust hood fan & lights.
- An additional gas stove has been purchased and installed in the kitchen to provide much needed oven capacity for our growing take-out dinners.
- A generous anonymous contribution has been received to underwrite the cost of the installation of the new countertops and backsplash in the kitchen.
- Selection of laminate for the counter project was done by a group of members meeting on 1/21/2023 and the order placed with Covenant Kitchens & Baths. Actual installation is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Frey Plumbing will remove old sinks/faucets and install shut off valves before the counter project begins. After the counters are done, then Frey will install the new sinks and faucets that we've been planning for over a year.
- Some additional stone will be added around the perimeter of the newly paved parking lot.

## Hunger Program in February Raises Food Insecurity Issues



# WOW!!! The Grange Really Shared Love With This One

Eagle's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Share the Love" dinner was a complete sell-out...orders had to be cut off at 200 meals more than a week before the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> event. No charge was made for this meal, but very generous donations were received from most customers, enabling the Grange to realize about \$1,500 from the project to support on-going property improvements.



Joann Murray & Phil Vondana put together 12 steam pans of lasagna; many others helped, too!



By 10 a.m. the first lasagna were baking in the oven.



Assembly line of volunteers preparing tubs of salad



Jackie Murray fills individual containers of applesauce included with each meal.



Janet Reynolds works with a smile on her face tackling another one of the many jobs involved in preparing enough of everything for 200 meals.



Jenn Nauss cuts the the red velvet cakes served in recognition of Valentine's Day. Each piece was topped with a fresh strawberry.



Part of the kitchen crew is shown as they get ready to dish out the lasagna and garlic bread. Left to right – Joann Murray, Nancy Eck, Daisy Styer, Jackie Murray & Doug Bonsall. The recently installed stainless steel exhaust hood is visible in the upper right of the picture.....what an improvement to ventilation & lighting!

# Roast Pork Loin Take-Out Dinner

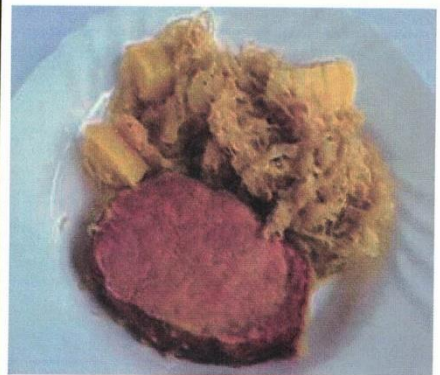
Served with choice of Homemade  
Sauerkraut OR Stuffing & Gravy

**Sat., March 25, 2023**

*Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1*

Roast Pork Loin with Homemade  
Sauerkraut OR Stuffing & Gravy,  
Mashed Potatoes, Succotash,  
Applesauce, Bean Salad, Roll & Butter,  
Angel Food Cake & Strawberries

*Suggested Donation - \$13*



**Advance reservations strongly suggested\***

Contact Daisy Styer @ 570-546-5861

*\*Meals cannot be guaranteed without reservations*

**Pick-up 2-4 p.m. @ Eagle Grange Hall**

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**Next Take-Out Dinner**

*Roast Beef with Stuffing – May 6, 2023*

# Hall Filled to Capacity with FFA Friends

One of the oft forgotten Grange accomplishments is the major role the organization played about 100 years ago in advocating for vocational education in the nation's public schools. The development of the FFA (*formerly Future Farmers of America*) came about as a result of that initiative. Eagle Grange works with the local Montgomery High School FFA on a number of joint cooperative projects each year. Blue Jacket Night was observed at the last Grange meeting with many FFA students and families present.



Montgomery FFA advisor Chris Ulrich (left at podium) outlined the work of the local chapter and thanked the Grange for its support of this youth program..



FFA officers (above & below) led a very well done and impressive demonstration of their meeting procedures. There were many similarities to the opening and closing ritual practiced by the Grange.



These four young men received their Blue Jackets at the PA Farm Show as they begin their FFA journey. Eagle Grange sponsored three of the jackets and was eager to hear each of them speak about their FFA involvement.



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## Bringing Warmth to Those in Need



With financial support from a \$250 Thrivent Financial Action Team grant, Eagle Grange took on a new project in February to make 19 tied fleece blankets for those facing homelessness. More pictures on Page 2.