



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

January 2024



2023 Annual Report; Planning for 2024

Join us at Eagle Grange's next meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 (6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall) to both look back at past accomplishments and plan exciting things for the coming year.

2023 Accomplishments	Planning for 2024
<p>Service Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free "Share the Love" Valentine's dinner • FFA Blue Jacket scholarships • Fleece blankets - Williamsport YWCA outreach • Holiday food collection joint project with FFA • Jingle Bell Jamboree • Cookie Baking/Delivery to shut-ins • Charitable gifts of \$1,200+ for various causes 	<p>Service Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Share the Love" dinner – 2/10 • FFA Blue Jacket scholarships • Charitable gifts • Family friendly events (like Jingle Bell Jamboree) • Cookie baking/delivery • Fleece blankets for homeless • _____
<p>Property Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of heat pump HVAC system • Kitchen improvements – replaced countertops/sinks/faucets, additional gas stove, hallway light • Direct electrical connection for chair lift • Exterior light functionality restored • Permanent mounting/lighting of outdoor sign • Replacement or repair of 5 exterior doors • Repair/painting of fire escape • Sealing of entrance ramp • Underground drainage - basement sump pump 	<p>Property Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible shrubbery replacement project in conjunction with Penn College • Grants funding research - insulation/siding • _____
<p>Fund Raising Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of "Friends of Eagle Grange" • Six take-out dinners with sales table • Sale of Grange cookbooks 	<p>Fund Raising Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation – cookbook sales & "Friends" • Take-out dinners (proposed dates for 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3/23, 5/11, 6/22, 8/24, 9/28, 11/9 • _____
<p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits at five local fairs • Educational programs at all meetings • Special events - Irish Night & Hawaiian Luau 	<p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair exhibits • Well run meetings/good programs • Special events _____

During the Jan. 2nd program we'll enjoy a pictorial review of Grange events during 2023 and then discuss how we might build upon this with more activities & projects for even more success in 2024.

2023 Financial Statement - Eagle Grange #1

(January 2023 meeting through December 2023 meeting)

Starting Checkbook Balance		\$ 5,179.94	Notes <i>(rounded to nearest dollar)</i>
Receipts			
Gross receipts - dinners		16,889.00	\$13,411 - Net proceeds from 2023 dinners (proceeds increased by purchase of supplies with several Thrivent Action Team \$250 grants)
2023-2-112 Share the Love Dinner voluntary donations	2,157.00		
2023-3-25 Pork & Sauerkraut	2,112.00		
2023-4-22 Pomona Legislative Banquet	590.00		
2023-5-6 Roast Beef	2,220.00		
2022-6-17 Baked Ham	1,763.00		
2023-7-29 Pulled Pork	1,744.00		
2023-9-23 Chicken Breast	2,771.00		
2023-11-4 Turkey	3,532.00		
Contributions – Friends of Eagle Grange		17,725.82	
Hall use donations		3,070.00	
Dues income		2,365.00	
Fair exhibit premiums		925.00	
Interest on custodial account w/State Grange		551.39	
Cookbook sales		460.00	
Designated donations – Police canine program, food collection		261.00	
Awards – State Grange		225.00	
Sale of keyboard		200.00	
Memorials		100.00	
Total Receipts 2023		\$42,772.21	
Trust fund principal withdrawal (for property improvements)		\$10,000.00	
Expenditures			
Property/Capital Improvements		38,533.03	\$114,785 – Total investment in property improvements 2020-2023
Supplies - dinners		3,477.07	
2023-2-112 Share the Love (includes \$300 set up for petty cash*)	644.86		
2023-3-25 Pork & Sauerkraut	327.17		
2023-4-22 Pomona Legislative Banquet	229.42		
2023-5-6 Roast Beef	464.85		
2022-6-17 Baked Ham	385.69		
2023-7-29 Pulled Pork	501.82		
2023-9-23 Chicken Breast	457.89		
2023-11-4 Turkey	465.37		
Utilities		2,943.92	
Electric service	2,108.53		
Propane Gas	835.39		
State/National Grange dues		1,911.00	**Represents remaining principal from sale of Grange real estate – Capt. John Brady, West Branch, Lycova, Bottle Run & Delaware Granges merged into Eagle Custodial account principal may be used only for property improvements and/or 10% per year for community service; principal withdrawn: 2020 - \$31,500 (\$30,000 for property improvements and \$1,500 for community service) 2023 - \$10,000 for property improvements
Routine Property maintenance (including food service license)		1,582.71	
Charitable Gifts		1,229.80	
Insurance – fire, liability, officer bond		1,131.00	
Programs - honoraria/refreshments/supplies		674.49	
Fair exhibit materials		265.72	
Cookbook inventory		225.00	
Postage – routine correspondence, newsletter, dinner mailings		194.61	
Bank charges – safety deposit box		60.00	
Office Supplies		15.00	
Total Expenditures 2023		\$ 52,243.35	
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$ 5,708.80	
*Petty Cash – change for dinners		\$ 300.00	
**Custodial Account Balance held by State Grange		\$ 25,746.99	

Gala Celebration at Annual Holiday Dinner



Mr. John Maietta (standing), a Williamsport native now residing in the Harrisburg area, presented an illustrated program about holiday traditions including both Christmas and Hanukkah. He is an accomplished speaker with a repertoire of dozens of educational programs presented all over the area to school, library and civic groups.



The hall and tables were beautifully decorated for the season and holiday music was playing in the background to provide a good dose of holiday spirit for the 50 persons attending. The fresh table centerpieces and many door prizes were awarded to lucky winners to conclude this festive event.

The evening included remarks from both the current and immediate past presidents of the State Grange and the presentation of various awards to the Grange and from the Grange. See next page for more photos.



Max Farley (right) was presented with gift certificates from Grange Treasurer Ruth Lundy in appreciation for his voluntary service mowing the Grange lawn.

December 5th Night of Awards



Ben Hepburn of Williamsport speaks before accepting the 2023 Eagle Grange "Community Citizen Award" recognizing a 40-year teaching career and service to FFA & Farm Bureau.



State Grange President Matt Espenshade (right) presented the National Grange "Golden Distinguished Grange" Award to Eagle for overall outstanding accomplishments during the past year. Only 24 Granges across the nation attained this level of achievement, Eagle for a third consecutive year.



President Phil Vonada gave an engraved acrylic plaque from the Grange to Ben as a permanent memento of his award.



It came as a big surprise to recipients Doug Bonsall (center) and Jenn Nauss (right) to be named Eagle's "Grangers of the Year". They are joined by Wayne Campbell (left), a long-time friend of Eagle and the immediate past president of the PA State Grange, who had a similar surprise at the recent State Grange session in Morgantown when he was announced as the state's "Granger of the Year".

Joint Service Projects with Montgomery FFA



Eagle Grange and the Montgomery High School FFA Chapter partnered again this holiday season to collect food, paper goods and hygiene items for distribution to those in need by the Footprints of Montgomery Food Pantry. The FFA wagon is loaded with donations received at the Grange and at several other collection points in the surrounding communities.



During the jingle Bell Jamboree, Grange and FFA members worked together to make tied fleece blankets that will be distributed this winter to homeless persons throughout the area. The Grange plans to make many more blankets at work days on February 9-10 and to share the finished product with those in need. A \$250 Thrivent Action Team grant has been received to purchase most of the supplies needed for this project.

Lots of Holiday Festivities at Jingle Bell Jam



Decorating ice cream cone trees with Libby Green (seated above) and playing holiday games (below).



Santa's helper (aka Janet Reynolds) distributed gift bags.



The refreshment stations (above & below) were popular....



....equally popular were the various craft stations. Helpers below were Montgomery FFA members.



Making Rounds to All Ages



From the youngest visitor...



....to the more "mature" among our number!

Coming Events

January 2 – Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m. (snow date 1/3)

Program – ***A pictorial summary of the past year's activities and planning for 2024***

- Hosts – Tom & Daisy Styer

January 20 – Pomona #28 meeting @ Allegheny Grange; potluck lunch at noon followed by (snow date 1/27)

February 7 – Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m. (snow date 1/8)

Program – ***FFA Blue Jacket scholarship presentation demonstration of FFA opening ceremony***

February 9 – Work day for blanket making & take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

February 10 – "Share the Love" Lasagna Take-Out Dinner & more blanket making; see details below. Help needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch.

3rd Annual "Share the Love" Take-Out Lasagna Dinner

Sat., Feb. 10, 2024

Snow Date – Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024

A gift from Eagle Grange #1 to the community

Homemade lasagna, garlic bread, mixed green salad with homemade celery seed dressing, applesauce, angel food cake with strawberries



No charge for this meal; if you wish to "pay the love forward", donations will be accepted to support the Grange's services to the community

Advance reservations strongly suggested; meals limited to first 200 reservations

Contact Daisy Styer @ 570-546-5861

Pick-up 2-4 p.m. @ Eagle Grange Hall
Rt. 15 & East Blind Rd., Montgomery, PA

Next Take-Out Dinner

Pork Loin & Homemade Sauerkraut – March 23, 2024

Important Reminders

2024 annual dues (\$50 each) payable either in person @ meetings or by mail to Sec. Jenn Nauss, 10 W. Schoolside Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Hosts needed for most 2024 meetings; call Janet Reynolds (570) 538-2068 to select date of your choice

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January 2024 Newsletter

A Recent Visitor Brings Holiday Cheer

