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Keith Seidel's family farm in Lenhartsville, Berks County.

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# The Master's Station

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## 'Therefore, Be It Resolved...'

Recently, I represented the State Grange at the state convention of the Pennsylvania Rural Letter Carriers Association. As I listened to their deliberations, it reminded me of the National Grange efforts to bring rural free delivery of mail to countryside communities across America. Even though we take equitable postal service for granted today, at one time, the entire notion was scoffed at by many. In fact, at the time of its proposal in the late 1800s, Pennsylvania Senator Matt Quay said:

*"Delivery of the mail by this Government to the doors of the farmers will destroy the rural life of which America is so proud. The center of rural life is the country post office, where farmers gather to meet each other when they get the mail. All this will be swept away by this socialist scheme!"*

Being advocates for change is inherently difficult. There is always opposition to divergence from the "status quo." But looking through history, the greatest victories of the Grange came in the face of the greatest resistance. Whether it be rural free delivery, standing up to railroad monopolies, or bringing electrification to rural communities, the Grange was not one to shy away from the difficult fight, or abandon what we believed was just.

Change seldom comes quickly, as we are reminded through the lesson of Perseverance. After years of advocacy on the local, state, and national level, our efforts to fund reliable broadband access to many remote areas has finally begun to yield dividends.

But what gives us this unseen power?

At the heart of the Grange lies a powerful force - grassroots advocacy. As Grangers, we understand that real change starts from the ground up, within our local communities.

Grassroots advocacy empowers us, as individuals, to voice our concerns and champion causes that matter most to us.

Our communities are vibrant and diverse, each with its own unique set of challenges and opportunities. Our subordinate Granges are reflections of those communities. By engaging in grassroots advocacy, we harness the collective power of our voices to address these issues head-on. From advocating for better infrastructure and healthcare facilities, to supporting our local farmers and promoting education, every action we take has the potential to leave a lasting impact.



Elizabethtown Area Grange #2076  
members Matt Espenshade  
with then-subordinate  
Master Ronald Shaffer at State  
Session in the late 1990s.

The resolution process is the cornerstone of how the Grange addresses and acts upon the concerns of its members. Through the submission of resolutions, we express our views on various topics that hold significance for our communities. Once adopted, these resolutions serve as guiding principles for our organization, setting the stage for our collective advocacy efforts.

I hope your subordinate and Pomona Granges plan to send delegates to the 151st Pennsylvania State Grange Session, coming to Berks County in October. This is an opportunity to work for the betterment of our rural communities, and beyond, through thoughtful debate and dialogue.

When a resolution is adopted by the delegates at State Session, it becomes a formal call to action. Our dedicated members then work diligently to advocate for these policies at the local, state, and even national levels. This process ensures that our voices reach policymakers and decision-makers, amplifying our influence and creating opportunities for meaningful change.

Together, grassroots advocacy and the resolution process are a “dynamic duo” that drives this organization forward. As we engage in grassroots efforts, we identify common issues and concerns affecting our communities. We bring these matters to the forefront through the resolution process, crystallizing our collective vision into tangible goals. While identifying challenges, we should also strive to provide solutions.

We must remember that our work does not end at the completion of State Session. In reality, it has just begun. Together, we transform our resolutions into action, channeling the power of our unity to inspire change from the ground up. Whether it’s advocating for rural development, supporting local businesses, or championing environmental sustainability, our combined efforts can make a remarkable difference.

As the Sept. 15 deadline to submit approved resolutions for consideration at State Session approaches, let us embrace the opportunity to act. Each one of us plays a vital role in this process - from crafting and submitting resolutions to actively advocating for their implementation. Our strength lies in our numbers, and our dedication lies in our hearts.

Let us never forget that the true power of the Grange lies within us - the passionate and committed individuals who form the backbone of this organization. By upholding the values of grassroots advocacy and the resolution process, we strengthen the fabric of our community and ensure a brighter, more prosperous future for generations to come. See you in Morgantown!

Fraternally,  
Master Matt





# Membership News

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As seasons start to change and we look forward to State Session, I have to pause and look back over the exciting summer.

After attending a portion of Junior and Youth Camps and Family Festival, I see the future is in good hands. Those younger members who have been raised in the Grange are stepping up to be the leaders of tomorrow. Backed with a knowledge of Grange history and traditions, we have a strong base for the future of the Grange.

But it takes more than just the Youth to ensure the future of the Grange. We need to reach out, into our communities, and share the Grange with them. In this time and place, many still see us as being exclusively an agricultural organization. We are more than that – we are here to help those living in rural areas. We have potential to grow our membership by sharing our values with the community around us.

This summer I was privileged to visit with our newest Grange, Grassroots Grange, who is bringing the organization back to Indiana County. It was so exciting to visit with them and see them filled with energy and new ideas as they strive to grow their local Grange. Something that excites me about Grassroots Grange is their meeting locations. I've been to meetings in Grange halls, township buildings, firehalls, member's homes, and libraries, but meeting in a mall was a first for me. I'm happy to see them thinking outside the box and willing to meet in a location where they are visible to the community.

This summer was also marked by Ag Progress Days in Centre County and I want to thank those who were willing to help at the booth.

The dedication of those willing to step up and promote the Grange is amazing. That is the excitement that we need to have and take into our Granges.

I was reminded earlier this month about a church conference I had attended years ago. The subject of that conference was "Getting New People Through the Doors," which is very relevant within the Grange. How do we get people through the doors and how do we retain them?

1. Invite them to attend a meeting. If your Grange is holding an event – a meal, Christmas or Easter party, or speakers – that is the perfect time to share about the Grange, our values, and what we are doing in their community. If we already have the community stepping through the Grange doors for an event, then why not share a little about the organization with them?
2. Show enthusiasm / Be welcoming. The biggest turn-off any potential member has is they don't feel welcomed. If you are not excited about the Grange, then why should they? Be enthusiastic and welcoming to potential members. You only have one chance to make that first impression.
3. Follow-up. Many of the non-members attending your events are known to you or someone in your Grange. Have you followed up with them to see if they are interested in becoming a member? I know in my personal experiences, those groups and organizations who have followed up, who have taken the time to reach out after the initial contact, are the ones I've become a member.

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## PA Grange Partnerships for the Betterment of Agriculture and Rural Communities



Those familiar with Grange history are likely aware of the connection between our Order and the introduction of Rural Free Delivery. In the early years of the Grange, there were vast disparities between the life of city dwellers and that of farming communities across the country. Among these, city residents had mail delivered to their front door each day, while farmers and rural neighbors had no choice but to travel great distances at their own time and expense to the country post office.

During a discussion at a Grange meeting, a woman questioned why a farmer's mail should not be delivered with the same dedication as his counterpart in urban settings. This led to the drafting of a resolution, which passed through the Pomona and State Grange, and ultimately the National Grange. This lone spark ignited a national movement, and though ridiculed by the opposition at first, became a hallmark achievement of the Grange, and helped solidify its credibility as a voice for rural America.

Though nearly 130 years have passed since Rural Free Delivery implementation, rural communities are still dependent on letter carriers to help connect them to the world beyond their reach. In recognition of this continued dependence, the Pennsylvania State Grange greeted the Pennsylvania Rural Letter Carriers Association during their annual convention.

Addressing the convention delegates, Matt Espenshade, Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, emphasized the significance of bridging the gap between rural populations and the resources they need. He noted the crucial role of rural letter carriers play, making these dedicated individuals true lifelines of

communication for remote areas, where access to broadband and essential services may be limited.



“It was a privilege to represent the Pennsylvania State Grange during this convention. The importance of their work is certainly not lost on Grange members, whose quality of life depends on the hardworking rural letter carriers who serve our

communities with dedication and perseverance. We continue to offer our support, and together, we can address any hurdles that may impede the growth of their service opportunities,” Espenshade said after his address.

Each year, the convention delegates discuss workplace dynamics and develop policies in response to challenges faced by the approximately 4,300 association members. Topics often include responses to new requirements by U.S. Postal Service, securing fair compensation for their work, maintaining retirement benefits, and finding ways to serve the public more efficiently and reliably.

“The Pennsylvania Rural Letter Carriers are appreciative of the support from the Grange dating from the inception of rural free delivery to present. The Grange has been critical in helping rural carriers to continue to service the needs of the rural communities. We look forward to continuing our alliance with the Grange for many years to come,” said Karen Shafer, President of the Pennsylvania Rural Letter Carriers Association.



# The Lecturer's Scroll

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Greetings from South Central Pennsylvania!

I hope that this article finds you doing well and enjoying the last days of summer.

## Family Festival Recap

Attendees enjoyed the annual Family Festival, which was held July 13-16. The Lecturer's Department again hosted a "Sip n' Paint" workshop, where an instructor led participants step-by-step through a painting while they enjoyed "mocktails." Thank you to Jackie Gianico for again serving as our instructor. 35 Grangers joined in the fun and the proceeds were donated toward the anniversary session in October. A great time was had by all.



Participants painted a beautiful sunset beach scene.

## State Session Reminders – October 19-22

As autumn is right around the corner, we are all preparing for the 150th Anniversary State Grange session in Morgantown.

Deadlines for the following contests and programs is September 15. Hopefully you have already submitted these entries to me, but if you have not, please do so as soon as possible.

- Lecturer's Reports and Scrapbooks
- Community Connections Reports
- Pen In Hand
- Design a Program
- Lecturer's Grant
- VIRTUAL Photography Contest

Entries for the My Favorite Anything and Art

contests will be accepted at the annual State Session in Morgantown, beginning at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18. Please note the change in day (Wednesday, not Thursday) because of the extended session. Judging of entries will begin on Thursday, so entries must be brought to the exhibit room by Thursday morning.

More details about each of these contests is available on the Lecturer's page of the Pennsylvania State Grange website - <https://www.pagrange.org/lecturers.html>

## Program Ideas

### October

First Week – "Get Organized Week" – October is the beginning of a new Grange year so it is the perfect time for your Grange to get organized for the coming year. Make a calendar of programs and other events/activities, determine your goals for the year, and engage your members in the planning process.

Second Week – Fire Prevention Week – invite a local fire department to lead a program on fire prevention and emergency preparedness. Work with your community service department to coordinate a collection or make a donation to the local fire company.

National Pasta Day and World Pasta Day are both in October – have a potluck supper to try a variety of pasta dishes and have members swap recipes.

### November

National Sleep Comfort Month – invite a local sleep specialist to speak to your members about the importance of good sleep, signs of sleep disorders, and how to seek help.



Third Week – Game and Puzzle Week – plan a game night for your members and guests. Have each member bring a favorite game and have attendees play an old favorite or learn a new game.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,  
Jenn

### 2023 Lecturer's Contests "At A Glance"

#### Lecturer's Reports and Scrapbooks

Membership Classes: Up to 50 members; 51-99 members; 100 or more members; Pomona

Submit by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

First Place Reports - \$10 / First Place Scrapbooks - \$50

#### Creative Connections

Division A – Traditional Open House / Division B – Other Designated Project

Membership Classes: Up to 50 members; 51-99 members; 100 or more members; Pomona

Submit by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

First Place – Framed Certificate

#### Pen in Hand

Classes:

- Poetry (300 words maximum)
- Short Story (1,500 words maximum)
- The Grange of the Future – If I could change something about the Grange, it would be... (500 words maximum)

Submit by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

First Place in each class - \$10

#### Design a Program Contest

Lecturers design programs as one of the primary responsibilities of their office. Pennsylvania Lecturers / Program Directors are doing amazing work and should be recognized for their creative ideas.

Submit by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

First Place - \$30  
Second Place - \$20  
Third Place - \$10

#### VIRTUAL Photography

Classes:

- Bridges
- Wildlife
- Landscape
- People
- Celebrations

Submit *virtually* by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

First Place in each class - \$10  
Best of Show - \$20

#### Art

Classes:

- Nature/Animals
- People
- Still Life

**Bring to State Session**

First Place in each class - \$10  
Best of Show - \$20

#### Lecturer's Grant

Quality educational programs can be critical tools for our Granges and our ability to reach our members and those in the community. We recognize that these programs can be financially taxing and that not all Granges have the financial resources to plan such programs. The Lecturer's Department will sponsor a grant of \$100 for this purpose.

Submit applications by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

#### My Favorite Anything

Classes:

- Wood
- Plastic
- Fabric / Material / Yarn
- Miscellaneous

**Bring to State Session**

First Place in each class - \$10  
Best of Show - \$20



# Chaplain's Message

Jodi Keith Kensinger, Pennsylvania State Grange Chaplain  
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It is hard to believe that we are into my FAVORITE part of the year..... FALL!!! The cooler temps are on the way, along with pumpkin spice everything and autumn décor! The kiddos are back in school (which I'm sure some parents are grateful for) and football season has been well underway.

I signed Riggs up for swimming lessons. Actually they are Mommy (or Daddy) and me classes, where they are teaching the little ones to 1) not be afraid of the water and 2) to never approach the pool (or body of water) without Mommy or Daddy. It has been a very uplifting and humbling experience. My baby loves the water and going swimming, but at 13 months, he has a very short attention span and is more interested in making friends and waving at other kids in the pool. My family calls him a little social butterfly.

During the first night of the swimming lesson, the instructor had us (the parents) put our children on the side of the pool (either sitting or standing) and count 1, 2, 3, Jump. By doing this, it was instructing the kids to enter the water when there was an adult available to be with them! Unfortunately, Riggs was a tad too young for this activity and was more interested in watching everyone jumping in. But, he did better the second night of lessons and came to me from the side of the pool. He was such a good little egg.

This experience reminded me of the story of Jesus walking on the water and telling Peter to come to him in Matthew 14:22-33: "Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there

alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

So many times, we put our trust into God and want him to save us in life. But as humans, we often take the trust back and feel that we can do it on our own and better than what God can do! We can never fully give it all to Him. Just like Peter, we tend to get out of the water and take a couple steps and then realized there is nothing holding us up, except for the grace of God. More times, we need to be reminded that it is by the grace of God that we are saved and need to put of trust and faith into his hands!

As you enjoy the wanders of God's great masterpieces (aka the autumn scene), just remember "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go" (author unknown). Put your trust in God's hands and just let things go! Happy Fall Friends!

God Bless & Love Always,  
Jodi Keith Kensinger



# Family Activities

Cindy Schlegel & Evelyn Cottrell, Co-Directors  
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Greetings from the northeast corner of Pennsylvania, Susquehanna County

I am sure if you attended Family Festival, you had a good time making new friends and renewing old friendships, along with attending the work shops.

In my May/June article I told you how late we get frosts here in this area; this year was no different. We had a killing frost about the second week in June. It came when our fruit trees were all in blossom; so we have very few apples. I know some of you are in the same boat, but we will make the best of what we got. Thank goodness we have farmers markets we can get some of what we need.



State Grange Session is coming up real soon. Get your Family Activities Reports mailed to Cindy by September 15, they must be postmarked by that date. We are looking for many entries to fill our space in the exhibit room. Please bring/send your judging sheets along with your entries. Have your entries labeled with the contest labels that was sent in your packet this spring attach them with a safety pin.

If you don't have one of those labels we will have some at our check in table, it just saves time at check in if this is done before you come. Labels can also be printed off of the website <https://www.pagrange.org/family-activities.html>

**Please mail all unsold tickets & ticket stubs to:**  
  
**Evelyn Cottrell**  
**750 Cottrell Rd**  
**Thompson, PA 18465**

Please make sure you have entered your items in the right category and attach your recipe to your baked goods and candy.

If you have unsold quilt tickets, now is the time to put the push on and sell them. Return all unsold tickets/ticket stubs to me ASAP.

Do not send them in the mail after October 6, I may not receive them in time for State Grange, send them along with someone coming to Session.

Thank you all who have sold tickets and have helped in any way. You always do a great job.

If you would like to serve on the Family Activities Committee let Cindy or me know; we are still looking for a couple of members to join us.

I am looking forward to seeing you State Grange! Enjoy what summer we have left. Fall with all its glory of beautiful colors, cooler days and nights will soon be here.

God Bless You All,  
Evelyn Cottrell



# Youth & Young Adults

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Summer brings backyard BBQs and Youth Camp! This year we had 31 campers including two committee members, along with 3 cooks join us at camp. It was a great time to connect with youth from 9 different counties across the state. Workshops focused around national competitions ~ Grange Baseball and Parliamentary Procedure. We are hoping to take a Parli Pro team to nationals and represent PA! String art was the craft that showed a lot of creativity from these young people. Thank you to Wayne Campbell for cutting the pieces of wood and sanding them to get them ready in advance. At the Coronation Ceremony, we selected the ambassador team for the 2023-2024 term. It is our pleasure to introduce you to Shae Smith and Elisabeth Reich.

## **Shae Smith**

My name is Shae Smith and I am the currently a member of the Elizabethtown Grange. I have been attending youth camp for only two years, but have attended Junior camp for much longer. I previously took part in royalty trips when my siblings held this title, so I am looking forward to experiencing many more opportunities. My favorite Grange events so far are Family Festival and State Session, but I am also looking forward to attending the Eastern Regional and National Session this year. During my time, as the state youth ambassador, I will be attending HACC in Harrisburg for my Bachelor's degree in Nursing with hopes to later become a Labor and Delivery nurse.

## **Elisabeth Reich**

Hello! My name is Elisabeth Reich and I attend Valley Grange #1360 in York County. I am entering my sophomore year at West Virginia University for Agricultural and Extension

Education. My goal is to become a high school Ag teacher. I am most looking forward to State Session because it gives me an opportunity to see my friends from across the state.

## **Family Festival**

Family Festival has just ended where we enjoyed various activities including the chili cookoff and the cornhole tournament. Congratulations to our winners and a big THANK YOU to all who participated in our events! The results are as follows:

### **Chili Cookoff:**

1st place: Derek Schroeder  
2nd place: Doris Koenig  
3rd place: Jodi Keith-Kensinger



### **Cornhole Tournament:**

1st place: Isaac Mengel & Derek Schroeder  
2nd place: Robert Beamon & Wayne Campbell  
3rd place: Bryce Danko & Riley Danko

We concluded the weekend by naming our 2023-2024 PA State Grange Outstanding Young Patrons: Desira Rickenbach and Ashlan Smith. We are excited to have a full Youth Royalty team and look forward to the coming year. PLEASE reach out to Lindsay or Jennifer if you would like to invite any of us to your Grange for a program or an event being held in your community.

## **Ashlan Smith**

My name is Ashlan Smith, and I am a member of Elizabethtown Grange in Lancaster County. Some of my favorite hobbies are reading, drawing, writing, and spending time outdoors or in the woods. I am a full time welder and have been with my company for a little over two years. As OYP, I am looking forward to

**Photos from Youth Camp and Family Festival are on pages 27 & 29.**

getting the chance to go to more Grange events and ones I have not been to yet. I am hoping and looking forward to attending Regionals, State and National Session, as well as going to the Farm Show to help in the Grange booth. I'm really looking forward to the experience and journey the next year has for me; I am curious to see how it will change me as a person and Granger!

**Desira Rickenbach**

My name is Desira Rickenbach I am a 30 year old, 4 generation Granger. I belong to Virginville Grange in Berks County. I love to craft and have been putting it to good use by making preemie baby beanies for the Berks County Pomona Grange Community Service Project. As an OYP, I hope to help our wonderful family grow and help the younger generations to see everything we have to offer to help them be the person they want to be. I look forward to attending many events throughout the next with our team.

**New Connections**

With feedback from some of our "younger" youth, we have decided to create a PA Grange

Youth Instagram page to keep our members informed. Apparently, not everyone uses Facebook! If you have an Instagram, please follow us to keep informed of our adventures. We are still looking for sponsors for our Youth team. If you are interested in the sponsorship, please complete the form below and return it to Jen Danko to help prepare for State Session and the Youth Drill team. We appreciate the support we have received from all of our members of this great organization!

The Youth Team will be wearing the vest while participating in any Grange activity to show their pride in this great organization. Thank you for your help in recognizing our amazing Youth and Young Adults!



**Youth Officer Team Sponsorship**

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ office.

Select one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 donation to sponsor a member of the Youth Team, receive a supporter vest, size: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60 donation to sponsor a member of the Youth Team

Please send this form and sponsorship to: Jennifer Danko, 22 Twins Ave., Newport, PA 17074



# Deaf & Community Service

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*“If thine enemy hunger, feed him. Do good, hoping for nothing in return, and your reward shall be great. Love one another.” - Chaplain, Second Degree*

How often do we really think about what is being said here? We aren't told to feed the people who are our friends, the people we invite over for supper, or the people on our Christmas card lists. We are told to feed our enemies. Who is our enemy? I would like to take some liberty here and suggest that perhaps what was meant was to help people who “aren't like us.” I firmly believe God intends for us to help all those around us to the best of our abilities – including people who might speak a different language, dress differently, or have different beliefs. How often in Granges do we “always do what we've always done?”

At a recent subordinate Grange meeting, a member brought up helping a local organization where she and her husband volunteer. While I certainly wouldn't say the people being helped are our enemies, I would say that the people being helped aren't the same as the majority of our members. They speak a different language, work different jobs than us and, sadly, most live in poverty. As a result of this conversation, not only are we helping them by donating school supplies for the children, but many of us have other items at home that we will be donating as well.

We are also told to “hope for nothing in return.” When you or your Grange performs community service, are you doing it for show? I believe the majority of our Granges are helping because they see a need that needs met. It's not about the recognition or the

“fame,” but about reaching out to those in need and helping however we can.

Throughout the summer, our department has worked with Grangers to support our veterans, showing our love and appreciation for them through our actions.

## Junior Grange Camp

Sister Judy Hetzell and I were blessed to attend Junior Grange Camp for a morning. Campers, helpers, and counselors painted ornaments for Veterans Day and Christmas. As we discussed during the workshops, many residents of the VA do not receive presents from family or friends – this ornament will proudly be displayed in their room or on their door. The creativity of our Juniors never ceases to amaze me!

## Family Festival

Thank you to all Granges and Grangers who supported our department in any form at Family Festival. Numerous cards, ornaments and wreaths were created or colored – all of which will be donated to the VA to distribute to residents. The silent auction baskets raised more than \$450 to directly support our veterans. Twenty-two Grangers participated in our annual Walk & Bike-a-Thon, and raised \$1,031! The generosity is supporting these individuals will allow the Coatesville VA Voluntary Services to purchase canteen cards for residents, allowing them to purchase items they want or need. In addition, several bags of clothes and a very



full box of toiletries were donated to assist our veterans.

Susan Lechtanski from Susquehanna Service Dogs brought SSD Kelp for a workshop to discuss how service dogs help those who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or have a different disability. Ann Poorbaugh and SSD Curie accompanied her to discuss how Curie has improved Ann's quality of life after she lost her hearing suddenly as an adult. A check for \$250 was presented to Susan to help Susquehanna Service Dogs continue their good works.

### State Session

Please bring new items to donate to our Veterans – the current needs include: sweatshirts, sweatpants, short and long-sleeved t-shirts (not dress shirts or undershirts – they prefer colors other than white. Clothing sizes M-3X are most needed), men's 3-in-1 body wash/shampoo, and flexible head razors. **Items must be new.** Clothes need to be appropriate for wearing as the outer layer in public and may have pictures, but pictures must be appropriate for men and can not display drugs or alcohol. Plain clothing is fine.

If you or your Grange prefers, you can make a cash/check donation through our department. Thank you to the Granges who have already done so!

Our department is also blessed to be able to partner with Pennian Bank to present Jeff Winton from Rural Minds. This event is free and open to the public – attendees do not have to register ahead of time. We will be taking up a freewill offering at this event with all funds being given to Rural Minds to help them in their journey to improve rural mental health awareness. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Keep up the good deeds! "Whatsoever you attempt to do, strive to do it well."

Fraternally,  
Tina

## Secretary's Corner

Debbie Campbell, State Secretary  
secretary@pagrange.org

I hope you have enjoyed your summer and are getting ready for Fall activities and community service projects with your Grange.

You should have received your credentials in the mail for your Grange members who are going to State Grange as your Delegates by this time, if you haven't received them by now, please contact the State Grange office at 717-737-8855 or me at 717-275-4469. If you haven't sent Delegates in the past, please consider sending them as they are your voice for your Grange.

Reminder that all dues must be up to date as of 2nd Quarter 2023 in order to have Delegates at State Session.

Reminder....National Grange has increased the prices of the recognition seals. They are now \$5.00 each instead of the \$3.00 that was on the Pennsylvania/National Membership Recognition Seals & Certificates Order Form that was sent with your secretary's packet in February. The corrected form is on the Pennsylvania State Grange website, [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org). This cost increase was effective as of August 1, 2023.

Thank you!





# The Junior Granger

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What a fun and busy summer we've had!

In July, both Junior Grange Camp and Family Festival saw an abundance of Junior Grange fun!

From July 2-8, we "shore" had fun at Camp Sylvan Hills in Howard. This year, we had 49 Junior Grangers at camp, including **11** brand-new campers. It was a very hot week, which made all of the water games that much more fun and refreshing.

This year, we were joined by special guests Nettie Hartley, National Junior Grange Ambassador, and her father Walter Hartley, the Rhode Island State Grange Master. This was Nettie's first-ever week-long Junior Grange Camp, and we sure gave her and Walter a big Pennsylvania "WELCOME!"

I'm going to take a moment to say **thank you** to everyone who made camp possible. From the Granges who donated to our appeal and the Granges and individuals who stepped up as meal or camper sponsors, to the 37 counselors, helpers, workshop leaders, and staff members who volunteered a day or week of their time to make camp special for our Juniors. I am **truly** grateful. It was also great to see ten of our State Grange Officers supporting our Juniors in various ways throughout the week.

Save the date for next year's **Jurassic Journey** from June 30-July 6, 2024.

Big shout-outs to Ruth Vonada, Wayne Campbell, Debbie Campbell, Thelma Brodzina, and Ginny Straub who kept us fed all week; Rebecca Anzueto Estrada for capturing our memories in the newsletter; Lindsay Schroeder

for her incredible photography; and Tammy Schaeffer for ensuring we all stayed safe and healthy. And also BIG thanks to the Junior Grange Committee - Jen Beamon, Ashley Furman, Miranda Irons, Tina Reich, Christie Straub, and our newcomer - Jimmy Knoerdel! Camp would absolutely NOT be possible without any of you!

During Friday's banquet at camp, we presented several awards, and I just want to take a moment to list them here:

## Grange Knowledge Test High Scores

Groups 1 & 2 (age 5-10) - Savannah Beamon and Gabriel Anzueto

Groups 3 & 4 (age 11-14) - Ruby Reyburn and Emma Seidel

## Superlatives

Clownfish - Elsa Kehs

Turtles - Sawyer Straub

Starfish - Sarah Riegel

Sharks - Gayle Reyburn

Helper of the Year - Ally Spencer

Counselor of the Year - Riley Danko

Thank you to Tyler Davis and Danni Wilcox who had an incredible year as Pennsylvania Junior Ambassadors. From Harrisburg to Reno and all over the state, they made Pennsylvania's Juniors proud.

And congratulations to our new Ambassadors:

**Gayle Reyburn**, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

**Braden Thomson**, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County

Our Ambassadors would be more than happy



to come present at your meeting, fair, or event - just contact me to “book” them.

Later in July, we celebrated Family Festival at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. There were crafts, water games, salt dough, and tons of fun to be had while trying to beat the heat and also stay dry. On Saturday evening, several Juniors competed in the Talent Contest:

Instrumental Age 5-9

1st Place: Molly Reyburn

2nd Place: Elsa Kehs

Vocal Age 5-9

1st Place: Savannah Beamon & Riley Beamon

2nd Place: Elsa Kehs

Instrumental Age 10-14

1st Place: Gayle Reyburn

2nd Place: Ruby Reyburn

Congratulations all! We'd love to see even more Juniors in next year's talent contest.

And speaking of contests... State Session is just around the corner, and there are a ton of contest opportunities for our Junior Grangers. Entries will be accepted at Session on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning in Morgantown. I'd also love to see a ton of Juniors on this year's Junior Jam. Check out the schedule and register by September 10. Register by visiting <https://www.pagrange.org/2023-state-session.html>.

Junior Contests this year include Recycled Craft (Aluminum or Tin Cans), Cooking Contest (Muffins - two categories: savory or sweet), Design a t-shirt (“Be Kind”), Creative Writing (“All About my Hero”), Building Blocks, Pumpkin Decorating (mini pumpkins/gourds or the virtual contest), Scrapbook Page (“Holiday Fun”), and the Art and Photography categories. There are also options to participate in contests held by the Youth, Lecturers, and Deaf & Community Service departments - check them out!

**AND** this year we also introduced a few “Junior-at-Heart” categories for anyone age 15+ to enter

**AND** we also reintroduced the Junior Grange of the Year contest. Those applications are available on the PAJG page on the PA Grange website, and are due by **September 15**.

Also, take a look at all of the National Grange contests for Juniors. Those deadlines will be quickly approaching. That guide can be found at [www.nationaljuniorgrange.org](http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org).

Finally, this year is as close as National Grange Session will be for **many** years - it would be great to have an awesome group of PA's Juniors at National Grange Session in Niagara Falls. Junior activities begin on Thursday, November 16 and go through Saturday, November 18. More information can be found at <https://www.nationalgrange.org/157th-annual-national-grange-convention/>

Stay tuned to the Pennsylvania Junior Grange Facebook group and the State Grange email blasts for information about upcoming Junior Online Gatherings and other special events coming up soon!

Thank you all, and remember to **be kind**,  
Phil

### JUNIOR JAM SCHEDULE

Saturday

Junior/Youth Breakfast - not included in registration

9:00-9:30 - Registration

9:30-10:30 - Junior Degree

11:00 - Leave hotel Travel from hotel to Reading Museum

Reading Museum visit and bagged lunch

Mid-Atlantic Air Museum visit

Skating with pizza and snacks at Fantasy Skating Center

Snacks and activities at Ontelaunee Grange with sleepover

Sunday

Breakfast/cleanup

9:45 - Arrive back at hotel



# Government Matters

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## Celebrating Pennsylvania State Grange Legacy at the State Capitol

On an early summer day, Pennsylvania State Grange members along with Pennsylvania Senators, Representatives and members of the Administration gathered on the steps of the Capitol Rotunda to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange. This milestone achievement was highlighted during a media event on June 13.



Deputy Ag Secretary, Greg Hostetter, presents citation to State Grange.

Matt Espenshade, Pennsylvania State Grange Master, thanked Grange members and legislators for attending. He noted that since its establishment in 1873, the organization has grown in influence, becoming a leading voice for the Pennsylvania farming community. “We look back, and think about the ways the Grange has helped empower our rural communities, and worked in the service of agriculture,” said Espenshade.

Greg Hostetter, Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, reiterated the value of the Grange and PDA’s

support for the organization. Hostetter presented a citation to the Pennsylvania State Grange to commemorate its 150th anniversary.

Representative Eddie Day Pashinski (D-Luzerne), who has served as the Democratic chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee since 2017, congratulated the Grange for 150 years and noted there are more than 5,700 members. Pashinski also recognized the Grange junior and youth members in attendance.

“You are the voice of rural Pennsylvania. Whether its rural electric, broadband, and all of the things that you are involved in, it is improving the lives of rural Pennsylvania,” Pashinski said.

During his comments, Representative Dan Moul (R-Adams), the Republican chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, focused on the rich history of the Grange. He praised the Grange for working towards the betterment of the American way of life through community service, education, legislation and fellowship.

Representative Donna Oberlander (R-Clarion) pointed out she first worked with the organization when she was a county commissioner. She discussed the importance of the work the six local Granges in her district do to promote agriculture education in classrooms. As the chairman of the House Tourism and Recreational Development committee, she is working to bridge a gap between tourism and agriculture. Oberlander lauded the National Grange for allowing women to be equal members and to vote since its inception in 1867, decades before women could vote in civic elections.

Doug Bonsall, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee, shared the committee's work to compile excerpts of the storied past of the Grange in the Commonwealth. The anniversary celebration will continue throughout the year, including a presentation in the Pennsylvania State Senate in September. The year-long celebration will culminate at the 151st Pennsylvania State Grange session in October, which will be held in Morgantown, Berks County.

### **Pennsylvania State House Designates September 18 as Pennsylvania State Grange Day**

In the midst of the 2023-24 state budget negotiations, the Pennsylvania House passed HR 148 which designates September 18 as "State Grange Day" in Pennsylvania. The legislation was introduced by Rep. Scott Conklin (D-Centre) who is a sixth-degree Grange member.



"From the time of its first meeting in September 1873, when members of 25 local Granges united in their mission to strengthen rural communities, the Grange has evolved from a small farmer's fraternity into a multifaceted organization with thousands of members, all united by the same spirit of fellowship and a desire to see their communities thrive," Conklin said. "That commitment is evident in everything the Grange does, from education to advocacy to

the tireless community service and good works that empower small communities."

Senator Elder Vogel (R-Beaver), also a Grange member, has a similar resolution in the Pennsylvania State Senate and the Grange looks forward to its passage in the fall.

### **Pennsylvania State Budget Impasse Continues into Summer**

On July 6, the Senate passed a general appropriation bill (HB 611) totaling \$45.5 billion, 5 percent over last year's approved budget. The total is less than the Governor's proposal and much less than the budget previously approved by the House. Even with placing \$500 million into the Rainy Day Fund, approximately \$12 billion remains in reserves.

The House passed the bill 117-86 with all Democrats and 15 Republican voting in support.

However, much uncertainty and drama surrounding finalization of the state's FY 2023-24 budget process is continuing into the summer. Contention is centered on whether to include a \$100 million Lifeline Scholarships for students in low-performing public schools to attend non-public schools.

Governor Josh Shapiro had indicated support for the concept during his gubernatorial campaign. The scholarships were included in the budget negotiated between the Governor and Senate Republicans. Prior to the House's concurrence with the bill, Senate leaders had indicated they would not support the overall agreement if funding for vouchers was removed.

With the House and Senate not scheduled to be in until September, much uncertainty remains. School districts, non-profits and agriculture organizations are waiting to see how this impasse will impact their budgets moving forward.

## Legislative Zooms

A reminder of our monthly Legislative Zooms. I hope to see more of you attend our monthly zooms on the second Thursday of each month as we meet to discuss the latest legislative developments. This provides time for each of us to discuss issues of importance to Grange members and allows me to better represent everyone.

In addition, I love visiting Granges and I am happy to come to talk to your chapter to talk about what is happening in Harrisburg and throughout the state. I want to know what is important to you so please contact me and I will come join a meeting.

For more information please email me at [carrie@nsallc.com](mailto:carrie@nsallc.com) or call 717-424-5832.

*Please remember to invite me to your legislative event or "Meet the Candidates" night at your Grange in the upcoming year.*



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## Public Relations

### Highlighting Local Granges

The Pennsylvania State Grange is asking all local Granges to join in our effort to promote local Granges and grange members. To strengthen our community and to increase our visibility across the Commonwealth, the State Grange would like to highlight local Granges. If you have a Grange building, please send us a picture of your hall and a paragraph about your local subordinate history and current activities. Email your picture and information to [publicrelations@pagrange.org](mailto:publicrelations@pagrange.org) for publication in our newsletter, magazine and/or Grange emails.

Additionally, when your local grange hosts an event, please remember to take pictures and share them with the Pennsylvania Grange at [publicrelations@pagrange.org](mailto:publicrelations@pagrange.org). Let's work together to raise our profile across Pennsylvania. We hope to hear from you soon.

### Email Addresses Needed!

Part of the mission of the Grange is building strong communities and that comes through improved and productive communication. The PA Grange is working to engage all Grange members in as many ways possible. The easiest, and most efficient, way the PA Grange can inform and engage members is through email.

To be sure that every Grange member has all the information he/she needs to fully engage in Grange activities we are asking members to sign up today for Grange emails. To be added to the PA Grange email list send us an email at [publicrelations@pagrange.org](mailto:publicrelations@pagrange.org). Include your name and local Grange name. Don't stop there at your next local grange meeting or event use a sign-up list where members can provide their emails. Send member email lists to [bernie@nsallc.com](mailto:bernie@nsallc.com).

(continued from Membership News on page 6)

Looking towards the future, we have State Session in October at Morgantown and National Session will be in November at Niagara Falls, New York. If you're interested in becoming a Seventh-Degree member, this would be the perfect time as Nationals is merely a couple hours away.

January is Farm Show. We are always looking for help, so please let Brittany at the state office, or myself know if you can help and on which days.

Unfortunately, I do have to address an issue that is out of our control. Once again postage has risen. While we attempt to keep costs down, the rising costs are something that we cannot control or curb. Beginning in January 2024, there will be a limit on the amount of brochures we are able to print and ship for free. We will be able to ship 150 brochures to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange. Any beyond that, we would contact you with the cost of mailing.

All brochures are online for free and can be downloaded and printed at your convenience. They can be found on the Pennsylvania State Grange website at [www.pagrang.org/documents.html](http://www.pagrang.org/documents.html).

Again, this is something that is beyond our control and we hope you are understanding of this issue.

Norman Houser

**If you have any upcoming events please let us know so we can help you advertise in the PGN or on Facebook!**

**[pangrange@pangrange.org](mailto:pangrange@pangrange.org)**



## 5 Minutes with....

**Barbara Schroeder**

### **PA State Grange Executive Committee Chairperson**

#### **What Grange do you belong to?**

*Hamburg Grange #2103 in Berks County*

#### **How long have you been in the Grange?**

*Almost 18 years*

#### **What is your favorite Grange memory?**

*Meeting Derek at the 5th Degree presentation at Fleetwood Grange. He was an officer and very busy, so he actually blew me off when I tried talking to him.*

#### **What food did you love as a kid that you dislike now?**

*Bagel Bites, (why does the cheese not melt???)*

#### **What sport would you compete in if you were in the Olympics?**

*I have no athletic talent, but would LOVE to try curling.*

#### **What is your favorite TV show?**

*Recent TV show Ted Lasso, Chopped, and Guy's Grocery Games; Classic TV almost any pre-1980 game show!*



## 2023 Grange Day Highlights

Grange Day started with members of the Royalty team and Grangers across the state meeting at the State Capitol in Harrisburg, on Tuesday June 13. After they toured the Capitol, we met some more Grangers at City Island for a Harrisburg Senators baseball game. On Wednesday, June 14, the Royalty members went back to the Capitol to be introduced on the Senate floor and met their local legislators. They spent the remainder of the day at Hersheypark.





## 2023 Youth Camp Highlights



The 2023-2024 Youth Ambassadors are Shae Smith, Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lancaster County, and Elisabeth Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County.

Please invite them to your Grange's open house, dinners, and any other events.





## 2023 Junior Camp Highlights



The 2023-2024 Junior Ambassadors are Gayle Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County, and Braden Thomson, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County.

Please invite them to your Grange's open house, dinners, and any other events.







## 2023 Family Festival Highlights

The 2023-2024 Outstanding Young Patrons are Desira Richenbach, Virginville Grange, Berks County, and Ashlan Smith, Elizabethtown Grange, Lancaster County.

Please invite them to your Grange's open house, dinners, and any other events.



# Subordinate Spotlight

## Union #152 Susquehanna County

The word “Grange” has always been synonymous with good food. Thanks to the efforts of a local subordinate in the Northern Tier, that stereotype continues to be well deserved. Their monthly handmade sub sales have gained a significant following within the local community, as was shared to Master Matt by Ricky Oakley, a member of Union Grange #152, who is also Master of Susquehanna County Pomona Grange #7.

While the sandwiches are made on Wednesday, the preparation begins Tuesday afternoon with a 45-minute drive to Shiff's, just outside Scranton. It is there they pick up a variety of lunch meat. While you could purchase the ingredients for a sub at numerous locations along the way, for the Grange members, it's the premium cut lunch meat that maintains their clientele. The Grange hall has a refrigerator where these primary ingredients are kept overnight.

“We were told we could make more profit by using cheaper cuts of meat, but we want to serve the best. We've been doing this a while, and having the Grange name means we have a reputation to uphold,” Ricky Oakley said. Wednesday preparations begin at 4:30 a.m. with yet another 45-minute drive; this time to Scranton National Bakery for rolls, fresh out of the oven. They are purchased uncut, and one Grange member slices them all by hand.

By 6 a.m. a group of eight to ten volunteers set up their assembly line. Each sandwich is made to order, using only high quality American cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and onions. Each of the veggie ingredients are bagged individually to ensure crispness and flavor.

By 10:30 a.m., between 325 and 350 sandwiches have been built, bagged, and are ready to go.

Yet, after four hours of sandwich making, their work is not done. At this point, members grab their assigned orders and begin deliveries, so all sandwiches are in the hands of their customers by lunchtime.

Union Grange charges \$7.00 for these hand built and delivered foot-long subs. Several local businesses have standing orders each time they are available.



It's easy to see this is a labor of love for the members of Union Grange, and especially for Ricky Oakley. The proceeds from their sales are reinvested in the community and helps fund participation in events like State Grange Session. Proceeds also help maintain their white clapboard hall, a long-standing point of pride for the Oakley family. The hall where they hold their meetings sits on property that was part of a farm belonging to Ricky's grandmother, Bessie Squier. Squier donated the land to build the Grange hall, and it has been a community gathering place for generations.



# History Committee

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## Don't Miss the 150th Anniversary Celebration Just Around the Corner

If you haven't already registered to attend some or all of the upcoming State Session in Morgantown, there's still time to do so if you hurry. This will be a very special session climaxing the celebration of the Pennsylvania State Grange 150th anniversary. Planning for the celebration began almost three years ago.

Dr. Gary Moore from North Carolina, a nationally known speaker, will give two presentations designed to be both educational and entertaining. He will appear at the October 21 Anniversary Celebration Banquet in costume as the Wizard to help the audience find brain, heart and courage in **Searching for the Wizard of Oz in the Grange**. Join us as we "walk the yellow brick road" in search of the Wizard.



The following morning (Sunday, October 22nd) Dr. Moore will reappear in the role of Grange founder Oliver Hudson Kelley sharing **Why the Grange Was Needed Then; Why the Grange is Needed Now**.

Another feature of this year's session is the conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form. This means for the first time in many years the state officers have committed their charges to memory and we will be treated to see the unique Pennsylvania drills honoring Ceres, Pomona and Flora. A conferral of the Fifth Degree will be held immediately before the Sixth Degree.

Refer to the complete tentative schedule for the session printed on page 32. Registrations and meal reservations are still being accepted but please note the deadline date is September 10th to avoid an additional late registration fee.

## Sponsorships

Additional sponsors received since the issue (as of 7/31/2023):

Rose Quartz Sponsor (State Grange Level - \$2,000-\$2,999)

- Elizabethtown Area #2076, Lancaster County

Emerald Sponsor (Pomona/County Grange level \$1,000-\$1,999)

- Past State Master William A. Steel, Big Knob #2008, Beaver County

Ruby Sponsor (Junior Grange level - \$250-\$499)

- 2022 State Grange Dept. Heads Leadership Conferences
- California #941, Montour County
- Nancy Walker, Perry Valley #1804, Perry County
- Hayfield #800, Crawford County
- Seipstown #1657, Lehigh County
- Trexlertown #1755, Lehigh County

Additional sponsors will be listed in the printed anniversary program.

**Headquarters for the session is the Holiday Inn Morgantown, 6170 Morgantown Rd., Morgantown, PA 19543.** The State Grange convention room rate will be \$129/night; the hotel is now accepting reservations.

**Reminder the cut-off date to book a room is September 18.**

**Some events on Saturday, October 21 will be held in the Twin Valley High School auditorium, 4897 N. Twin Valley Road, Elverson, PA 19520.** The school is just 2.8 miles from the Holiday Inn Morgantown and a map of the route between the two locations will be included in the session notebook.

**Meals** - In addition to the planned state session meal functions (shown on the registration form), the Holiday Inn Morgantown also serves breakfast in the Bistro and dinner in the Gasoline Alley Bar & Grille every day. Both have limited capacity, first come-first served. For other dining options outside the hotel, refer to the list of nearby restaurants in the session notebook.

**The \$20/person session registration fee will NOT be charged to those persons attending only the special 150th anniversary activities (degrees, historical pageant, banquet) in Morgantown on Saturday, October 21-Sunday, October 22.** The registration fee is payable, by those attending other parts of the state session.

**The session schedule has been updated since the last issue of the PA Grange News.**

We are very fortunate with the cooperation of the Morgantown Holiday Inn, headquarters hotel for the session, allowing us to offer a hospitality room with light refreshments during the session; please refer to the schedule for the times the hospitality room will be open. This room will **not** be open during normal meal times.

**Fifth Degree applications will be available at convention registration tables; a \$5 per person application fee will be payable at that time.** The application may be completed and certified by an official of the applicant's Subordinate Grange or certified by the State Secretary upon providing proof of Grange membership (annual membership card). A receipt will be provided for the degree recipients to take back to their Pomona Granges certifying receipt of the Fifth Degree.

**Sixth Degree applications will also be available at convention registration tables;** the fee payable at that time is \$10 per person.

**The final two Candle Lighting ceremonies for use in regular meetings to celebrate the PA Grange Sesquicentennial.**

September 2023 – Charity; October 2023 – Celebration/Looking Ahead

**Acts of Service** – As of July, we hit 200 reported Acts of Service...great job!

**Financial support to finance the Sesquicentennial celebration will continue to be gratefully accepted:** donations in amounts from \$1-\$150 to **Light the Cake** and larger amount **Sponsor** contributions in six categories ranging from \$250-\$5,000.

**Recognition of 50 year+ Sixth Degree members** will take place Saturday, October 21 immediately following the 2:30 p.m. conferral of the Sixth Degree. All persons reported to the Anniversary Committee as eligible for this recognition have received a personal invitation to this event and will be given (or sent) a special certificate noting this milestone. Those present in Morgantown will be also receive a fresh red rose in much the same way as at their original initiation into the Sixth Degree and individuals who have reached 70 or more years since taking the degree will be introduced by name.

**Tabletop Displays** – set up in the Expo Center meeting space may occur anytime Wednesday, October 18; details will be at the registration table.

**Pennants & Door Prizes** – please deliver your Grange's donations of both to the registration table Wednesday, October 18 so the pennants can be hung in the meeting room for opening Thursday, October 19 and the prizes can be sorted/organized for distribution throughout the session.

See you soon,  
Doug Bonsall, Chair

# 2023 Anniversary Commemorative Item Still Available

Get your limited-edition handmade Christmas ornament, wall hanging or coaster to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Just 250 pieces have been commissioned to commemorate this occasion. Each piece is numbered, made from wood right here in the Commonwealth. To purchase your historical item, send \$10 for one or \$35 for a set of four to: Karen Mohn, 308 Mill Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567. Please make check or money order payable to: PA State Grange History Committee.

Previous 150th anniversary commemorative items sold out quickly in 2021 and 2022 so don't delay – order and prepay today! Orders will be guaranteed when payment is received and the numbered items will be reserved for each buyer in the order received/paid. Orders will NOT be shipped and must be picked up at State Session at Morgantown in October.

For questions or to place an order today, contact Karen Mohn, 610-589-2473 or [kmohn260@gmail.com](mailto:kmohn260@gmail.com).



## FINAL COMMEMORATIVE ITEM

### Christmas Ornament

Wall Hanging





## ORDER YOURS TODAY!

[kmohn260@gmail.com](mailto:kmohn260@gmail.com) 610-589-2473

### 1 FOR \$10 OR 4 FOR \$35



### Coaster



# REGISTRATION FORM

Pennsylvania State Grange – 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Session  
October 19-22, 2023  
Holiday Inn, Morgantown PA



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please complete a separate form for each person attending. Additional forms are available at [www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org) or by calling the State Grange office (717-737-8855).

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY FOR NAME BADGE**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

- State Officer     Past State Officer     Junior     Youth     Guest     Jr. Chaperone
- Pomona Delegate     Subordinate Delegate     Youth Officer     Dept. Director/Committee

Sixth Degree – please check all that apply—

- I am being recognized for 50+ years of Sixth Degree Membership during the conferral of the Sixth Degree.
- I will be taking the Sixth Degree for the first time.

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

**There will be a \$10.00 Late fee assessed after registration deadline.**

Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____
Registration Fee – <i>Saturday Only</i>	Free	_____
Lancaster Agriculture Tour – ( <i>pre-registration is required</i> )	\$50.00	_____
Thursday – Lunch Buffet – open to everyone	\$25.00	_____
Children (11 & under)	\$12.00	_____
Friday – Lunch Buffet – open to everyone	\$25.00	_____
Past Officers Luncheon Meeting	\$25.00	_____
Children (11 & under)	\$12.00	_____
Saturday – Junior/Youth Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.	\$20.00	_____
Children (11 & under)	\$12.00	_____
Junior Jamboree (age 5-14) (Saturday—Sunday)	\$30.00	_____
<i>Includes all activities &amp; meals (Sat. lunch, Sat. dinner, Sun. breakfast)</i>		
Saturday – Anniversary Celebration Banquet – 7:00 p.m.	\$35.00	_____
Children (11 & under)	\$15.00	_____
Sunday – Breakfast with “Oliver Hudson Kelley” – 8:30 a.m.	\$20.00	_____
Children (11 & under)	\$12.00	_____
<b>Total Enclosed</b>		_____

Please check if you will be participating in the following:

- Public Speaking (Sat a.m.)     Sign-a-Song (Sat. (a.m.))     Youth Party (Fri. p.m.)

Send form and payment **by September 10, 2023**

**Make Checks payable to PA State Grange;** In the Memo of your check, please put – 2023 State Session

**Mail to:** Debbie Campbell, 1791 Shull Hill Road., Newport, PA 17074

**Questions can be directed to** Karen Mohn (610) 823-9674, [askmohn@comcast.net](mailto:askmohn@comcast.net)

Debbie Campbell (717) 275-4469, [secretary@pagrange.org](mailto:secretary@pagrange.org)

**NOTICE:** Gluten Free and/or Vegetarian meals are available. Any dietary or allergy concerns must be known prior to State Session.

Please list them here: \_\_\_\_\_



## Rural Minds to Bring Message to PA State Grange Session

### *Personal Tragedy Leads to National Discussion Regarding Mental Health*

There's 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. Though hidden away in the shadow for years, if not generations, this challenge is finally being brought into the light, and has led to public discourse about the unspoken impact of mental health issues.

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. The 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.

#### **Personal Tragedy Initiates Call to Action**

Jeff Winton was raised on his family's dairy farm in rural upstate New York. Growing up, he discovered that many of the families in his small, 500-person town had a relative or friend living with some form of untreated mental illness—depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, schizophrenia. But their struggle was met with silence. There were few or no resources in the community for treating them or conversations about helping them. The stigma attached to mental illness was palpable.

In 2012, the suicide of his beloved 28-year-old nephew was a wake-up call for Jeff. In the eulogy he delivered, Jeff shared his family's continuing struggle with mental illness. After the service, many local families shared their own experiences and thanked Jeff for finally giving them the permission to talk openly and freely. He realized that so much more needed to be done.

Since then, Jeff has focused a majority of his professional career aligning his expertise in the biopharmaceutical industry with his passion for helping rural families. He founded *Rural Minds*, a nonprofit organization to serve as the informed voice for mental health in rural America, and to provide mental health information and resources. Winton believes raising awareness liberates people living in the shadow of stigma to not only seek help, but also to step forward and speak publicly about their stories. Shifting the perception of mental illness, and ultimately ending the stigma surrounding its discussion, is his mission, and the mission of Rural Minds.



Overcoming this silent epidemic, putting an end to the unwarranted stigma that enables it, is my mission. It is the very reason that I began this work.

JEFF WINTON



### **Ending Stigma, Changing Rural Minds**

Thursday, October 19 7:30 PM Holiday Inn Morgantown  
6170 Morgantown Rd.

Free Presentation - Open to the public



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# *Tentative Schedule*

**151<sup>st</sup> Annual PA State Grange Session**  
**Holiday Inn, Morgantown (Headquarters)**  
**6170 Morgantown Road, Morgantown PA 19543**

All events at Headquarters Hotel unless otherwise noted, Grange Office in French Creek Room

## **Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

## **Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Lancaster Agriculture Tour by advance reservation (*Meet in Hotel Lobby*)

1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting (*Maple Grove*)

1:00 p.m. Exhibit Room Set-up by Committees (*Daniel Boone*)

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

7:00 p.m. State Officers Rehearsal (*Expo Center*)

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Exhibit Entries Accepted (*Daniel Boone*)

8:30 p.m. Host Reception – Open to everybody (*Mordecai Lincoln*)

## **Thursday, October 19, 2023**

Committee Meetings at their discretion

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Exhibit Entries Accepted (*Daniel Boone*)

9:00 a.m. OFFICIAL OPENING (*Expo Center*)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Room Open (*Mordecai-Lincoln*)

12:00 p.m. Recess – Lunch buffet by advance reservation (*Atrium*)

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

1:00 p.m. Judging of Exhibits (closed to public) (*Daniel Boone*)

1:45 p.m. Session Reconvenes (*Expo Center*)

- Suggestions for Executive Committee Member
- Two-minute comments for candidates
- Continue work on Resolutions

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open (*Mordecai-Lincoln*)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

5:00 p.m. Dinner Recess

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Exhibit Room Open (*Daniel Boone*)

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Quilts of Valor Presentation (*Expo Center*)

7:30 p.m. Speaker - Jeff Winton, Rural Minds (*Expo Center*)

## **Friday, October 20, 2023**

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

9:00 a.m. SESSION OPENS (*Expo Center*)

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibit Room Open (*Daniel Boone*)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Room Open (*Mordecai Lincoln*)

11:30 a.m. Additional suggestions for Executive Committee member and Election (*Expo Center*)

12:00 p.m. Recess – Lunch buffet by advance reservation (*Atrium*)

Past Officers Luncheon- Meeting by invitation/advance reservation (*Bistro*)

2:00 p.m. Session Reconvenes (*Expo Center*)

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open (*Mordecai Lincoln*)

4:30 p.m. Installation of Officer; Session Closes; Auction for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place baked goods to benefit the Youth Dept. (*Expo Center*)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

5:00 p.m. Dinner Recess

7:00 p.m. State Officers Rehearsal for Sixth Degree (*Twin Valley School*)

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open (*Mordecai Lincoln*)

8:00 p.m. Youth party (*Expo Center*) (Drill practice to follow)





# *Tentative Schedule*

## 151<sup>st</sup> Annual PA State Grange Session

### Holiday Inn, Morgantown (*Headquarters*)

### 6170 Morgantown Road, Morgantown PA 19543

#### Saturday, October 21, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Convention registration ( <i>Hotel Lobby</i> )
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Junior/Youth Breakfast by advance reservation ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Registration for Junior Jamboree ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Exhibit room open ( <i>Daniel Boone</i> )
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Junior Grange Meeting/Degree ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree & Pageant Rehearsals ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
10:30 a.m.	Youth Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contests ( <i>Mordecai Lincoln</i> )
11:00 a.m.	Junior Jamboree begins – depart hotel
11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Convention registration ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
12:30 p.m.	Opening by State Officers & Fifth Degree conferral by Susquehanna Pomona ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
1:30 p.m.	Sixth Degree Conferral with recognition of members who received this degree 50 or more years ago ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Reception ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Historical Pageant – Youth Drill Demonstration ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Exhibit Room open ( <i>Daniel Boone</i> )
6:30 p.m.	Doors open for banquet (assigned seating) ( <i>Expo Lobby</i> )
7:00 p.m.	Anniversary Celebration Banquet by advance reservation; Speaker – Dr. Gary Moore “ <b>Searching for the Wizard of Oz in the Grange</b> ” ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
Evening	Committees tear down displays and get contest entries ready for pick up by Granges ( <i>Daniel Boone</i> )

#### Sunday, October 22, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Pick up contest entries from exhibit room ( <i>Daniel Boone</i> )
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast by advance reservation ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
9:30 a.m.	Leadership workshop by Dr. Gary Moore (banquet speaker) impersonating Oliver Hudson Kelley “ <b>Why the Grange was Needed Then, Why it is Needed Now</b> ” ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
10:00 a.m.	Juniors return from Junior Jamboree ( <i>this time is only an estimate</i> )
10:30 a.m.	Church Service ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
11:30 a.m.	Closing Friendship Circle ( <i>Expo Center</i> )



# Granges in Action....

## TREXLERTOWN #1755



**PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER**  
Friday, September 29, 2023  
@ TREXLERTOWN GRANGE  
1183 Grange Rd., Wescosville  
Serving: 4:30-6:30 PM  
Eat-In or Take-Out  
PRICE: \$13

**MENU**  
Pork  
Sauerkraut  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Salad Bar  
Applesauce  
Bread/Butter  
Dessert  
Beverage

Come join us for a good PA Dutch meal and enjoy the fellowship of friends and neighbors.  
A portion of the proceeds will benefit a community service project

Follow us on Facebook @ Trelxertown Grange #1755

## CRAWFORD COUNTY POMONA

Chester Tau presented the annual Pomona Public Service Award to John Hasenkopf, H&H Supermarket, Saegertown for his willingness to provide a venue for community groups to hold fund raising projects, and his support of community organizations in their fundraising endeavors.



## LONG BRANCH COMMUNITY #2072



Mr. Cahal Dunne, one of Ireland's greatest entertainers will be performing at Long Branch Community Grange on September 16. Cahal was born in Cork, Ireland and

is noted for his piano playing and his singing. He is also known as the Man of Many Jackets. Cahal is very proud to be an American citizen and has traveled around the world entertaining. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a catered dinner followed by Cahal Dunne's show. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased from any of the Grange members or by calling 724-938-2529 or 724-469-2736. The Grange is located at 210 Chestnut Street, Coal Center, PA. 15423.

## ONTELAUNEE #1617



Ontelaunee's monthly breakfast starts back up again on Sunday, October 1, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Breakfasts will be held the first Sunday of the month until May 2024. You may dine in or order take out platters. Come out for breakfast and fellowship with other Grangers.

## BEAVER COUNTY JR GRANGE



In June, 32 Junior Grangers attended Beaver County Camp. This year's theme was "Land that I love - America the Beautiful." At the coronation, new royalty members were announced. Junior Ambassadors are Savina Ford and Colt Mahon, both of Fairview Jr. Grange. Princess is Delaney Short, Hookstown Jr. Grange. Prince is Jax Mahon, Fairview Jr. Grange.

## HAYFIELD #800

Chester Tau, Lecturer introduced Delores Hale, Deputy Mayor of Cambridge Springs who talked about the Veterans banner project. There are 217 banners, representing Veterans from all wars, which are hung at all entrances of Cambridge Springs as well as on the side streets. The banners are taken down in the winter and stored. The banners have been up for two years and when they are taken down later this year, those who have sponsored a banner will receive the banner to keep. Lecturer Tau presented Delores with the 2023 Community Citizen Award as well as a citation from State Rep. Kathy Rapp.



## GOUGLERSVILLE #1743

Gouglersville's annual tractor engine show will be held on September 23-24. This community event marks the beginning of harvest. Tractors, small engines, unique pieces of farm equipment, and a variety of cars and trucks will grace the Grange's lawn from Saturday morning to Sunday evening. This community event provides an assortment of games, special events, a tractor parade and games for children.



## BURGETTSTOWN #1502



Burgettstown Grange #1502 participated in honoring Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department's 100th birthday celebration at the town's Community Day, by helping to feed the crowd. Pictured are: front, Dawn Kramer, Miles Carlini. Back: Sarah D'Urzo, Stacy Rutter, Rebecca Carlini, Jim Shoup, Adam Carlini and Kay Snatchko.

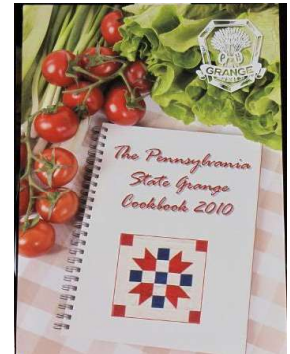


# MARKETPLACE

## Cookbooks

[www.pagrang.org/grange-store](http://www.pagrang.org/grange-store)

We have less than 3000  
copies of the  
150th Anniversary edition.



## Apple Butter



The Pennsylvania State Grange has been able to purchase one batch of Apple Butter to sell for this year. The 91 cases of Apple Butter have been distributed throughout the State for your convenience in picking it up. Please contact one of the following people to arrange picking up Apple Butter if your Grange would like to sell it.

**WE ARE HAVING A CLEARANCE SALE!!!**

**Cases of 12 jars are \$27.**

**Granges are encouraged to sell the jars for a minimum of \$6.50.**

**Progress Grange, Centre Co. Tammy Jurkowski 814.404.2460**

**Crawford Pomona, Crawford Co. Sherman Allen 814.671.9947**

**Fairview Grange, Beaver Co. Chuck Campbell 727.601.3184**

**Pennsylvania State Grange office 717.737.8855**

**Developing a relationship with road side produce markets and country stores has proved successful for several Granges in marketing the product.**

You're invited to attend the  
*Conferral of the Fifth Degree*  
hosted by Centre County Pomona #13

**When:** October 3, 2023 at 7:15pm

**Where:** Logan Grange, 122 N Main St, Pleasant Gap, PA

Please RSVP to [philip.vonada@gmail.com](mailto:philip.vonada@gmail.com)

if you are receiving your Fifth Degree, a \$5 application fee will apply



## Grange Cookbook Classics

### Blueberry Lemon Loaf

#### Loaf

1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries  
1 2/3 cup and 1 Tbsp flour  
1/2 cup softened butter  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 tsp baking powder

1/4 tsp salt  
1/2 cup milk  
1 Tbsp grated lemon peel

#### Glaze

1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 cup lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Toss blueberries and 1 tablespoon flour in a bag; set aside. Cream butter, sugar, and eggs well. Combine 1 2/3 flour, baking powder and salt. Add alternately with milk to the creamed ingredients. Fold in berries and lemon peel. Pour into a greased and floured 9x5x3 inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 60-65 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Cool loaf about 10-15 minutes longer.

For the glaze mix sugar and lemon juice. Bring to a boil in a small saucepan, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cool glaze a bit so it will not run off the bread loaf. Brush glaze on top and sides of cooled loaf.

Ginny Mangel, Unionville Grange #1791



*This recipe can be found in the 150th Anniversary edition of the  
Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbook.*



# Welcome New Members

## **Middletown #684**

Sue Geisler Foster  
Merrill Pierce  
Webb Stone  
Daniel Gallup

## **Spruce Hill #772**

Nora Houser

## **Girard #788**

Randall Watson  
Dennis Harmon  
Jill Harmon

## **Fairdale #1157**

Marilyn Burton

## **Harmony #1201**

Heather Clark  
Melanie Rorabaugh  
Roger Rorabaugh  
Nathan Witenski  
Emily Coy  
Erik Witenski  
**Hickory #1285**  
Erin Heath  
Clifford Dixon

## **Fairview #1351**

Micaela Redmond  
Elyse Knoerdel  
Tyler Parrish  
Julianna Kelly  
Andrew Petrella  
Peter West

## **Valley #1360**

Jessica Blosser  
Joshua Blosser  
Julie Bowers  
Tom Bowers  
Steven Singleton  
Cathy Smith-Singleton  
Jodi Snyder  
Hayden Wamsley  
Olivia White

## **Plumsteadville #1738**

Elizabeth Wertz

## **Gouglersville #1743**

Donald O'Connor

## **Red Lion #1781**

Judith Englert  
Andy Flinchbaugh  
Katie Flichbaugh  
Leah Flinchbaugh

## **Perry Valley #1804**

Frank Campbell  
Jay Bratton

Nathan Lesh  
Kathryn Magill

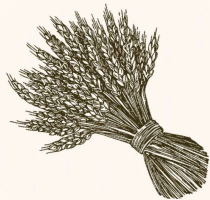
Philip Beaver

## **Hookstown #1980**

Mercede Johnson  
Eden Schrier  
Paxton Short

## **Big Knob #2008**

Bryan Yeck  
Maggie Cornie  
Wyatt Cornie  
Stephanie Duez  
Jared Hutman  
Mitchell Goehring  
Landon Palka  
Ryland Philips



## In Memoriam

“Well Done Good and Faithful Servant...”

## **Canusarago #27**

Reba Fry

## **Union #152**

Wayne Oakley  
Elwood Phelps

## **Victor #159**

Nancy Poust

## **Dawson #419**

James Griffin

## **Spruce Hill #772**

Sandra Deen

## **Fairdale #1157**

Howard Colwell Jr.

## **Fairview #1351**

Bill Slusarczyk

## **Big Creek #1559**

George White Jr.

## **Stony Point #1694**

Robert Weygant

Marilyn Parker

## **Perry Valley #1804**

Carol Gantt

Olga Brookhart

Robert Yohn

## **Bernville #1887**

Clair Miller

Richard Hoffman Sr.

## **Sewickley #1897**

Pearle Malone

## **Hookstown #1980**

James Shutt

## **Big Knob #2008**

Roxie Costanza

Richard Beglin

If your Grange wants any cookbooks or apple butter and would like to pick them up at State Session, please reserve your cases **BEFORE October 11!**

We will not be bringing extra cases with us.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023-2024

### SEPTEMBER

- 4: Labor Day
- 10: State Session Registration Due
- 15: Resolutions Deadline

### OCTOBER

- 18-22: 151st Annual State Session;  
Morgantown, Berks County
- 31: 3rd Quarter Dues Report Due

### NOVEMBER

- 5: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11: Veterans Day
- 14-18: National Grange Session;  
Niagara Falls, NY
- 23: Happy Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

- 25: Merry Christmas

### JANUARY

- 1: Happy New Year
- 6-13: Pennsylvania Farm Show
- 31: 4th Quarter Dues Report Due

### FEBRUARY

- 19: President's Day

### MARCH

- 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 31: Easter

### APRIL

- 22: Earth Day
- 30: 1st Quarter Dues Report Due  
(Assessment & Junior Dues)

### MAY

- 5: Cinco de Mayo
- 27: Memorial Day

# Pennsylvania State Grange

Pennsylvania Grange News

26 CJEMS Lane

Mifflintown, PA 17059

## What can the Grange do for you?

### **National Grange Benefits**

- Wyndham Hotel: Members save up to 20%
- Hertz/Avis/Budget Rental Car
- CVS Caremark: Savings up to 50% with CVS RxSavings Plus Card
- National Grange Travel Center
- Office Depot/Office Max/Shop.com
- TSYS Merchant Solutions

### **Pennsylvania State Grange Benefits**

- American Income Life: All members receive a \$3000 Accidental Death Benefit
- Avis Car Rental: Discounted Member Rates
- BJ's Wholesale Club: Save \$15 on Basic, or \$30 on Rewards Membership, plus 1 free month
- Tickets at Work: Offers discounts on movie tickets, concerts, travel, theme parks, and shopping.



Contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office with any questions about becoming a member...and start enjoying the many benefits of being a Grange Member... immediately!!!

**Pennsylvania State Grange**  
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