

PROGRAM HELPS AND INFORMATION

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Hi All,

It was great seeing so many of you at State Session. For those who weren't there we honored our Lecturers at the Celebration Banquet on Saturday night. Awards were given out as follows: Essay Contest Winners -- 1st Joanne Cipriano, Beacon Valley Grange #103; 2nd Jeff Barnes, Stonington Grange #168; and, 3rd Barbara C. Kulisch, Old Lyme Grange #162.

Complete Program Awards were given out as follows: 1st Susan Pianka, North Stonington Community Grange #138; 2nd Joanne Cipriane, Beacon Valley #103; and, 3rd D. Emily Alexander, North Haven Grange #35.

Auld Acquaintance awards went to -- Cheshire Grange #23; Glastonbury Grange #26; North Haven Grange #35; Senexet Grange #40; Colchester Grange #78; Putnam Grange #97; Beacon Valley Grange #103; Killingly Grange #112; North Stonington Community Grange #138; Prospect Grange #144; Lyme Grange #147; and, Old Lyme Grange #162.

A Word from Home Certificates year went to: Cheshire Grange #23; Glastonbury Grange #26; North Haven Grange #35; Colchester Grange #78; Ekonk Community Grange #89; Beacon Valley Grange #103; Lyme Grange #147; Enfield Grange #151; Riverton Grange #169; Echo Grange #180; and Hemlock Grange #182.

Lecturer's Appreciation Awards were earned by: Vivian Shaw, Granby #5; Marge Sendewicz, Redding #15; Queria Sullivan, Glastonbury #26; Linea Erickson, Cawasa #34; Debby Perry, Senexet #40; Helena Schwalm, Whigville #48; Joyce Jordan, Tolland #51; Sara Bement, Winchester #74; Bruce Jersey, Harmony #92; Brent Prindle, Taghannuck #100; Helena Schwalm, Litchfield #107; Denise Aubin, Killingly #112; Robert Buck, Bethlehem #121; Diane Barbieri, Watertown #122; Frances Maxwell, Prospect #144; Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton #169; Anne-Marie Knochenhauer, Norwich #172; Nancy McBrien, Hemlock #182; Wanda Kansas, Simsbury #197; and, Pamela Covington, West Suffield #199. The following Granges do not have Lecturers, but others took on the responsibilities and these Granges were recognized for their dedication: Manchester #31; Vernon #52; Ekonk Community #89; and, Oxford #194.

The following Lecturers received both the Lecturer's Appreciation Award and the Honor Lecturer Award: Marge Bernhardt, Cheshire #23; D. Emily Alexander, North Haven #35; P. Joan Toomey, Colchester #78; Helene Forest, Hillstown #87; Joanne Cipriano, Beacon Valley #103; Susan Pianka, North Stonington Community #138; Lois Evankow, Lyme #147; Irene Percoski, Enfield #151; Barbara C. Kulisch, Old Lyme #162; and, Debbie Barnes, Stonington #168.

Enclosed with this newsletter are the contest/projects for next year. Please make special note of the fact that Grange Sunday and Let's Celebrate are being combined into one. This celebration will be held at Cheshire Grange Hall on June 11 & 12. Also, we will now be sending a Best in Show picture to National for Judging. Because of this some of the rules had to change to meet the National requirements. Please be sure and check out the rules before entering.

Also, Complete Programs must now be presented at your own Grange plus another Grange of your choice.

If you have any questions about any of the information, please do not hesitate to contact me.
See you around the State.

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SHARED NUMBERS...

As many of you already know, our new State Master, Jody Cameron is planning to double our membership in Connecticut while he is State Master. Jody was at Cheshire Grange the other night when three new members joined our ranks. He asked me to include this here.

An Introduction to the Ritual of the Grange

LECTURER: As we begin our program to review the ritual of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, let us join in singing together all verses of number 32 in The Grange Songbook, "The Beautiful Lessons We Learn In The Grange".

MASTER: The Grange, like other fraternities, has levels or degrees of membership. This Community Grange is responsible for illustrating the lessons of the first four degrees of our Order. The degrees are based upon the seasons of the year, and contain references to farming, crops, seeds and soil in order to teach us lessons of brotherhood, duty to God, morality, and the importance of hard work. The teachings of our Order enable us to be political without being partisan, religious without being denominational, and though it binds its members with a strong tie of fraternalism, it assures individuality.

CHAPLAIN: The lesson of the first degree is Faith. The symbols used to teach the lesson are springtime, childhood, and the seed. Faith is the guiding light of our lives. We must have faith in the little things before we can do great things. In the spring the farmer prepares his fields and plants the seed having faith in God's promise of seedtime and harvest. Having faith in our fellowmen inspires them to do greater good.

MASTER: The sign and salutation of the first degree illustrates that a good Grange member places faith in God. (Illustrates the salutation of the first degree.) Let us sing together, "Faith of Our Fathers", number 110 in The Grange Songbook.

SECRETARY: In childhood, the spring season of our lives, we begin our acquisition of knowledge, and lay the foundation for our lifetime values. Education is a companion which cannot be removed by misfortune, a friend no enemy can alienate, an ornament in prosperity, and a refuge in adversity. As supporters and promoters of education, we express our faith in a brighter tomorrow.

OVERSEER: The lesson of the Second Degree is Hope, symbolized by the summer season, and life as a youth. Hope is the expectation with confidence of fulfillment. The sprouting seed teaches us to increase in goodness, and the growing trees to aspire after higher and broader knowledge. From the little grain of corn buried in the earth we have first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear, so with the mind when duly nourished with Faith and Hope. Let us sing together, "Whispering Hope", number 108 in The Grange Songbook.

MASTER: It is the hope of better things that causes a person to work for his home, his community, and his country. Wherever you go, whatever you do, aim to do good. The sign and salutation of the second degree illustrates that a good Grange member places faith in God, and nurtures hope. (Illustrates the salutation of the second degree.)

CHAPLAIN: In the third degree the lesson is charity. The symbols are the autumn season, manhood and womanhood in the season of life, and the ripened grain ready for harvest. As we approach the fall season the rustling corn hastens toward ripeness, the fruits of the orchard color in succession and bid busy hands to gather them. In our lives we must reap for the mind as well as for the body, and from the abundance of our harvest, in good deeds and in kind words, dispense charity. God loves the cheerful giver, and no less the cheerful worker, for work is prayer. We should labor with cheerfulness and cultivate the habit of looking for better and brighter days instead of mourning over the past. While we strive to make labor honorable we should exert ourselves to make it pleasant and cheerful for all around us. Let us sing together "Bringing in the Sheaves"

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR STORYBOOK FRIENDS? With Thanks to North Haven Grange

1. Who met the wolf on the way to her Grandmother's house? Ans. Little Red Riding Hood
2. She slept in Baby Bear's bed. Ans. Goldilocks
3. She ate the poisoned apple. Ans. Snow white
4. She lost her glass slipper at the ball. Ans. Cinderella
5. He woke the Sleeping Beauty with a kiss. Ans. Prince Charming
6. She sat in a tower and let down her hair. Ans. Repunzel
7. He spun straw into gold. Ans. Rumpelstiltskin
8. They were lost in a forest and found the witch's house. Ans. Hansel and Gretel
9. She went through the Looking Glass. Ans. Alice
10. He won the Silver Skates. Ans. Hans Brinker
11. He lived in Sherwood Forest with his Merry Men. Ans. Robin Hood
12. He was a horse who had a sad life. Ans. Black Beauty

THE LETTER "O" With Thanks to Ekonk Community Grange

Think of a word that starts with the letter "O" to match each of the following.

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| 1. Jesse James was one...Outlaw | 15. Grain...Oats |
| 2. Reverse...Opposite | 16. Iridescent Gem...Opal |
| 3. Philharmonic...Orchestra | 17. Privy...Outhouse |
| 4. Fat...Obese | 18. Hamlet's Love Interest...Ophelia |
| 5. Grange Pledge...Obligation | 19. Thin, translucent paper...Onion Skin |
| 6. Repugnant...Obnoxious | 20. Academy Award...Oscar |
| 7. Lookout...Observatory | 21. Large Fish Eating bird...Osprey |
| 8. Excess...Overabundant | 22. Large Quantity (Slang)...Oodles |
| 9. Saltwater Mollusk...Oyster | 23. Science of ocean study...Oceanography |
| 10. Just the usual...Ordinary | 24. Variety of Hardwood Tree...Oak |
| 11. The best...Optimum | 25. Breakfast Porridge...Oatmeal |
| 12. Grove of fruit trees...Orchard | 26. Tree in the Bible...Olive |
| 13. Tropical, brilliant flower...Orchid | |
| 14. Nocturnal bird of prey...Owl | |

IT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW YOU LOOK AT THINGS with Thanks to Irene Percoski

(Not sure if this is true or not, but it makes a good short story)

Judy Wallman, a professional genealogy researcher in southern California, was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that Senator Harry Reid's great-great uncle, Remus Reid, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. Both Judy and Harry Reid share this common ancestor. The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows in Montana territory. On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is

this inscription: ` Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana territorial Prison 1881, escaped in 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.'

So, Judy recently e-mailed Senator Harry Reid for information about their great-great uncle. The Senator's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research. "Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

COPPER WIRE with Thanks to Richard Chapman

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion, that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, A story in the LA Times read: "California archaeologists, after finding 200 year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers"

One week later. A local newspaper in Ohio reported the following: "After digging as deep as 30 feet in his pasture near Findlay, OH, Bubba, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Bubba has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Ohio had already gone wireless".

BABY BOOMER QUIZ with Thanks To Senexet Grange

1. What magazine introduced the regular features Conservation, Shooting, Fishing, and Boating?
Ans. Field and Stream
2. Who sang the theme to Rawhide? Ans. Frankie Laine
3. Who was Oliver Queen's colorful alter ego in the comics? Ans. The Green Arrow
4. What Bobby Lewis hit topped all others in 1961? Ans. Tossin' and Turnin'
5. Which side of the Berlin wall did Erich Honecker come to power? Ans. East
6. What song by Niel Young opened with the line, "Tin soldiers and Nixon coming"? Ans. Ohio
7. Where did Laverne and Shirley originally live before moving to California? Ans. Milwaukee
8. What started at Hitsville, USA in Detroit in 1958? Ans. Motown Records
9. Who played Latka Gravas on Taxi? Ans. Andy Kaufman
10. What did Little Jack Horner say when he pulled out his thumb? Ans. What a good boy am I!
11. What Buddy Holly hit did he almost call Cindy Lou? Ans. Peggy Sue
12. Who immortalized the phrase, "And away we go"? Ans. Jackie Gleason
13. What was the name of Josie's backup band in Archie comics? Ans. The Pussycats
14. What Jimmy Buffett tune offered up booze in the blender? Ans. Margaritaville
15. What Caribbean island was Jose Feliciano born? Ans. Puerto Rico
16. What trio started out together in Detroit as the Primettes in 1959? Ans. The Supremes
17. Who were America's favorite couple? Ans. Ozzie and Harriet
18. What lake bordered the Ponderosa to the west? Ans. Lake Tahoe
19. How many Comets did Bill Haley fly with? Ans. Three

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LAMENT with Thanks to Beacon Valley

Though I let my doctor check me, cause I didn't feel just right,
All those aches and pains annoyed me, and couldn't sleep at night.
He couldn't find no real disorder, but he wouldn't let it rest.
What with Medicate and Blue Cross, it wouldn't hurt to do some tests.
To the hospital he sends me, though I didn't feel that bad.
He arranged for them to give me every test that could be had.
I was fluoroscoped and cystoscoped, my aging frame displayed.
Stripped upon an ice-cold table, while my gizzards were x-rayed.
I was checked for worms and parasites, for fungus and crud.
While they pierced me with a long needle, taking samples of my blood.
Doctors came to check me over, they probed and pushed and poked around and made sure I was
living and they wired me for sound.
They finally concluded (their results must have filled a book) what I have will someday kill me.
My affliction is: OLD AGE

A PERFECT DAY with Thanks to Whigville

By Carrie Jacobs-Bond

When you come to the end of a perfect day,
And you sit alone with your thought,
While the chimes ring out with a carol gay,
For the joy that the day has brought,
Do you think what the end of a perfect day
Can mean to a tired heart,
When the sun goes down with a flaming ray
And the dear friends have to part?

Well, this is the end of a perfect day,
Near the end of a journey, too,
But it leaves a thought that is big and strong,
With a wish that is kind and true,
For mem'ry has painted this perfect day
With colors that never fade,
And we find at the end of a perfect day,
The soul of a friend we've made.