



**THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE
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Greetings,

WOW! Where does the time go? I can't believe it is time to think about Giving Thanks and Family Turkey Dinners.

It was nice to see so many of you at State Session. For those of you who were unable to make the banquet here is a list of the awards given out in the Lecturers' Department that night...

ESSAY CONTEST - There was a super response to this contest. Essays were on "My Favorite Food". This contest will have the same theme this year. Why not get yours done this winter when we can't get out and visit as much as we would like. Watch the CT Granger for these three essays.

1st – Nancy Weissmuller, No. Stonington Grange

2nd – Jeff Barnes, No. Stonington Grange

3rd – Sue Gray, Ekonk Grange

COMPLETE PROGRAM CONTEST

1ST – Susan Pianka, No. Stonington Grange

2nd – Joanne Cipriano, Beacon Valley Grange

OTHER AWARDS BY GRANGE (Please note there were only two Honor Lecturer Awards this year. So many Granges were so close – let's try for more next year)

Redding Grange – Lecturer's Appreciation Award

Cheshire Grange – Should Auld Acquaintance Award, A Word from Home Certificate

Glastonbury Grange - Lecturer's Appreciation Award, Should Auld Acquaintance Award, A Word from Home Certificate

Manchester Grange - Lecturer's Appreciation Award

Cawasa Grange - Lecturer's Appreciation Award

Whigville Grange - Lecturer's Appreciation Award

Vernon Grange - Lecturer's Appreciation Award

Colchester Grange - Lecturer's Appreciation Award, Should Auld Acquaintance Award, A Word from Home Certificate

Hillstown Grange – A Word From Home Certificate

Ekonk Grange - Lecturer's Appreciation Award

Taghhannuck Grange - Lecturer's Appreciation Award

Bethlehem Grange - Lecturer's Appreciation Award

Beacon Valley Grange – Should Auld Acquaintance Award

Killingly Grange – Should Auld Acquaintance Award

No. Stonington Grange – Honor Lecturer Award, Lecturer’s Appreciation Award, Should Auld Acquaintance Award

Prospect Grange - Lecturer’s Appreciation Award

Lyme Grange – Honor Lecturer Award, Lecturer’s Appreciation Award, Should Auld Acquaintance Award, A Word from Home Certificate

Enfield Grange - Lecturer’s Appreciation Award, A Word from Home Certificate

Hemlock Grange - Lecturer’s Appreciation Award

Oxford Grange - Lecturer’s Appreciation Award

A SPECIAL REQUEST... If your Grange has a new Lecturer please let me know. Also if you have printed up a schedule for your Subordinate meetings, please send me a copy. Without Pomona handbooks this year it is difficult to know who is meeting when. At State Session I was invited to visit with several Granges but do not know when they are meeting or what the program is. Thank you for any help you can give me.

See you around the State...

Marge

Shared Numbers...

GRANGE RITUAL TRIVIA QUIZ AND CANDLE CEREMONY with Thanks to Vernon Grange

Who says it ? and when?

1. Worthy Gatekeeper, the Worthy Master directs me to inform you that we are preparing for work. *Steward- opening of the meeting*
2. We return our heartfelt thanks that we are permitted again to meet each other here for work in this glorious cause. *Chaplain- opening of meeting*
3. The first and highest object of our order is to develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood. *Lecturer-First Degree*
4. By command of the Worthy Master I proclaim this Grange opened in ample form. *Overseer- opening of meeting*
5. Whatsoever a man soweth, that he shall also reap. *Master 2nd Degree*
6. Worthy brothers and sisters, agriculture is the first and noblest of all occupations. *Chaplain 1st Degree*
7. I hereby renew and confirm the obligations I have heretofore taken in this order. *Candidates repeat in the 4th Degree*
8. In exhibiting to you these blossoms, let me remind you they are symbols of love and charity. *Flora- 2nd Degree*
9. The harvest of fruits will soon claim our attention. *Pomona- 3rd degree*
10. Take of this corn, but save a portion of the best for seed. *Ceres 1st degree*

Candle Ceremony

LECTURER: *The Grange ritual trivial quotes that we just heard remind us of the significance of ritual of Grange as our organization. Our brotherhood and sisterhood of Grange is not in any way trivial but continues after more than 150 years to espouse the values of our country.*

Tonight we are here to dedicate ourselves to making _____Grange bigger and better than ever before. As we do this, many questions come to mind; our goals, how will we achieve them? How can we make this year, that we as a group devote to Grange, time well worth what we devote to it? What can we bring to Grange?

(Granger reads item then lights candle, placing it in center of table)

1. COURTEOUS WORDS- courteous words instead of criticism, retorts and gossip. It would pay us all to listen to what we are saying as if it were said to us. (Light candle)
2. SMILES- Smiles are like the sunshine after a storm. They lighten and erase frowns. There is strength and happiness in a smile that gives us and others courage. (Light candle)
3. ENTHUSIASM- Enthusiasm is the magic that can inspire all who come in contact with it. Enthusiasm is the vibrant thrill in your voice that sways the will of others into harmony with your own. It is a magnet that draws kindred souls with an irresistible force. Let us have enthusiasm for our Grange work. (Light candle)
4. RESPONSE- In today's society, respond. A group of expressionless faces is disheartening. Let us respond, volunteer, and act. (Light candle)
5. UNDERSTANDING- Let us open our minds. Bring understanding to your greetings and dealings. Bring understanding to Grange meetings with an attitude that says we don't always agree with others, but we do seek the same end. Let's put our best efforts toward understanding one another. (Light candle)
6. ATTENTION- Attention to the speaker at our meetings or to the member who has the floor is a matter of courtesy. Let's resolve to give wholehearted attention all the time. (Light candle)
7. PATIENCE- Have patience, not irritation, consideration instead of annoyance. Let us have patience to allow ideas to grow and take form, patience to wait for less than immediate results, and patience to bear and forbear, knowing that others are also doing the same. (Light candle)

8. SINCERITY-For a few days each spring the orchards are full with blossoms. They seem to turn to fruit or float away, useless and wasted on an idle breeze. So it is with our good intentions, our high ideals, our resolve to be loyal. They must be deepened into decision or be dissipated by delay and lost. Let us always be sincere in all our resolves. (Light candle)
9. FACTS- Yes, facts are important. Many troubles and heartaches are caused by thoughtless acts when we are quick to jump to conclusions without knowing all the facts. (Light candle)
10. CREATIVE IDEAS- We don't need to fall back on 'the way we always have done it.' Great ideas come from the spark of a new idea. (Light candle)
11. HELPFULNESS- Helpfulness is the key to true Brotherhood. It takes on worldwide meaning today. Helpfulness is a kind and tender thing that comes from caring for one another. Let us all be quick to be of help whenever and wherever we can. (Light candle)
12. GIVING- Give of your time, your talents, your prayers, your friendship and especially your love. It can be said that it is better to give than receive, but also remember, you will reap what you sow. (Light candle)
13. ACTION- What will you do? Your measure of accomplishment is up to you. It is not what you wish or hope for but what you strive to do. (Light candle)
14. APPRECIATION- Why are we so slow to speak out in appreciation? When someone has put a lot of effort into doing something, show appreciation! (Light candle)

LECTURER: TEAMWORK- the full beauty of these candles aglow is not at its brightest, its radiant best, until all the candles are lit. Who makes the difference? You do. Courteous words, smiles, enthusiasm, response, understanding, attention, patience, sincerity, facts, creative ideas, helpfulness, giving, action, appreciation and teamwork for the blending together of hearts and minds and spirits to create a mighty symphony of fellowship. *You make the difference!*

Let us all rise and give our attention to our Worthy Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN: God, give us the courage to forget our yesterdays and welcome the challenge of today. Give us the gallantry to discard needless and useless fear and remorse and childish caution and pettiness. Give us wings to brave new and far horizons which lie beyond our common existence. So God, take our hearts and strengthen them for whatever may lie ahead. Amen.

WORDS WITH "CAT" IN THEM with Thanks to No. Stonington Grange

1. To renounce one's throne. Ans. Abdicate
2. Cartoon drawing, usually with an exaggeration. Ans. Caricature
3. A large-scale and violent natural event in the world. Ans. Cataclysm
4. To share or exchange information. Ans. Communicate
5. To link things together in series. Ans. Concatenate
6. Metal frame at the front end of a locomotive. Ans. Cowcatcher
7. To give intellectual, moral, and social instruction to someone. Ans. Educate
8. To officially exclude from the sacraments. Ans. Excommunicate
9. To invent or make something, especially in manufacturing. Ans. Fabricate
10. The means to prove your identity. Ans. Identification
11. Very complicated or detailed. Ans. Intricate
12. A particular place or position. Ans. Location
13. A substance used for medical treatment, usually a drug. Ans. Medication
14. Try to make someone less angry. Ans. Placate
15. A consequence of an action or event. Ans. Ramification
16. To throw in random directions. Ans. Scatter
17. To cause to die from lack of air; difficulty in breathing. Ans. Suffocate
18. Extended period of rest or recreation, especially away from home. Ans. Vacation

REFERENCES TO CHRISTMAS IN THE BIBLE

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Luke 1:35

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

Luke 2:9-12

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Christmas Quiz...

1. What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
Claustrophobic.
2. Why does Santa have 3 gardens?
So he can ho-ho-ho.
3. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite.
4. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
Snowflakes.
5. What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wraper?
Ribbon hood.

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR STORYBOOK FRIENDS?

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. Rapunzel
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

SOME THANKSGIVING CUT-APARTS

The Wampanoag Indians were the people who taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate the land.

The Pilgrim leader, Governor William Bradford, had organized the first Thanksgiving feast in 1621. He invited the neighboring Wampanoag Indians to the feast.

The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted three days.

Mashed potatoes, pumpkin pies, popcorn, milk, corn on the cob, and cranberries were not foods present on the first Thanksgiving's feast table.

Lobster, rabbit, chicken, fish, squashes, beans, chestnuts, hickory nuts, onions, leeks, dried fruits, maple syrup and honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs, and goat cheese are thought to have made up the first Thanksgiving feast.

The pilgrims didn't use forks; they ate with spoons, knives, and their fingers.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States.

Sarah Josepha Hale, an American magazine editor, persuaded Abraham Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday. She is also the author of the popular nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

Abraham Lincoln issued a 'Thanksgiving Proclamation' on third October 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving.

The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade tradition began in the 1920's.

In 1939, President Roosevelt proclaimed that Thanksgiving would take place on November 23rd, not November 30th, as a way to spur economic growth and extend the Christmas shopping season.

Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The President does not eat the live turkey. He "pardons" it and allows it to live out its days on a historical farm.

TURKEY QUIZ

1. What part of a turkey is a story? Ans. Tail (tale)
2. What part of a turkey is used in a band? Ans. Drum Sticks.
3. Why is a man who eats too fast like a turkey? Ans. Both are gobblers.
4. What part of a turkey might you find in a woman's purse? Ans. Comb
5. What part of a turkey is a measure? Ans. Foot
6. What part of a turkey is apt to come in the mail? Ans. A Bill
7. In what country is the turkey when he is cooked? Ans. Greece (grease)

LOVE THOSE CONNECTICUT WIVES

Three men married wives from different parts of the country. The first man married a woman from the Ozarks. He told her that she was to do the dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day, he came home to see a clean house and dishes washed and put away.

The second man married a woman from the back woods of Maine. He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done and there was a huge dinner on the table.

The third man married a girl from Connecticut. He ordered her to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything but by the third day, some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, and his arm was healed enough that he could fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher.

MUSICAL QUIZ – GOOD FOR THOSE WITHOUT A PIANIST

You give the first word or two and members give the rest of the Title

OVER.....There	BATTLE.....Hymn of the Republic
ANCHORS.....Away	OFF WE GO....Into The Wild Blue Yonder
AMERICA.....The Beautiful	THE MEN.....Behind The Gun
YANKEE.....Doodle	SEMPERFidelis
WHEN JOHNNY...comes marching home	I'LL BESeeing You
STARS.....and Stripes Forever	THE BUGLE.....Boy of Company B
MY COUNTRY.....tis of Thee	DON'T SIT UNDER.....The Apple Tree with Anyone Else But Me
WHEN CAISSONS.....Go Rolling along	I'LL SEE.....You In My Dreams
STAR.....Spangled Banner	HAPPY DAYS.....Are Here Again
THIS LAND.....Is My Land	
YELLOW.....Rose of Texas	

To all Grangers...

This holiday season, Enjoy the Grange – Enjoy your life – But remember:

If you see a fat man, Who's jolly and cute
Wearing a beard and a red flannel suit
And if he is chuckling and laughing away
While flying around in a miniature sleigh
With eight tiny reindeer to pull him along
Then let's face it, Your egnog's too strong.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2018 to all.