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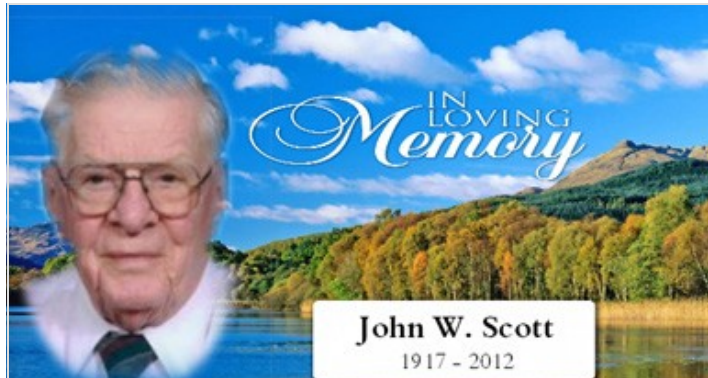
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In loving memory of
Kermit W. Richardson
(1929-2012)



Past National Grange Master, Kermit W. Richardson, passed away on January 7, 2012. His family had been at his bedside.

Born Oct. 20, 1929, in East Orange, he was the son of Harold and Ada (Welch) Richardson. He attended elementary school in East Orange and graduated from Bradford Academy in 1947, as class valedictorian and was an outstanding high school orator.

On Feb. 10, 1951, he married Margaret Grace Goulette in Orange. Most of their married life had been spent at their present home.

In earlier years, he worked at the Vermont State Tax Department. In 1963, he and his wife opened the Richardson Insurance Agency and the Richardson Associates Real Estate office in Bradford and continued that association until the business was sold in 2003. He also maintained insurance agency offices in Barre and Chelsea which are currently owned by his son Mark Richardson.

From 1951 to 1953, he served in the U.S. Army as a medic and had been stationed in Germany.

He was an avid gardener, rose grower, reader and enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting activities.

At the age of 14, he joined the Riverside Grange 455 in West Topsham and had served several terms as Master.

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Past National Grange Master, John W. Scott passed away on February 10, 2012. John was born in Robinson Township, Allegheny County on Dec. 8, 1917, the son of Frank Walker Scott and Nellie DeVassie Scott. He was married to Dorothy Irene McCandless Scott from 1939 until her death in 1994, and to Helen Paden Scott from 2001 until her death in 2010.

John grew up on his grandfather's farm in Allegheny County, where he lived with his parents and sisters, Dorothy Scott Neel and Martha Grace Scott. In 1936, the family moved to their farm in Franklin Township, Butler County, where John lived until 1963, when the Commonwealth acquired the farm through eminent domain to become part of Moraine State Park. When the Scotts arrived in Butler County, their new farm adjoined the farm of B.H. and Phoebe McCandless, whose eldest daughter Dorothy was away at Slippery Rock State Teachers College. The next year Dorothy received her teaching certificate and returned home to be the teacher at the one-room Island Independent School, which was located just north of the Scott farm. That winter, John shoveled the path to the school and fired the pot-bellied stove so the building would be warm when Dorothy arrived. They were married on August 25, 1939, and moved into the house they built on the farm in the spring of 1940.

In addition to operating the family farm with his father, John was a community leader.

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**March 17 St. Patrick's
Day**



April 8



Easter

**April 13 NG Master, Ed Luttrell
coming to Michigan**

**April 27-29 Great Lakes Grange
Lecturer's Conference**

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Happy Easter

SPRING IS COMING. As I am sitting here writing this piece I am looking out the window on 4+ inches of fresh snow. And I have to remind myself that God has a plan for this snow even though it is something I did not want to see.

I also have to remember that we have just started Lent. Some faiths believe in giving up something for Lent. Some believe that you should only eat one meal on Fridays and that it should be fish. No matter what you believe you have to remember that this is the time leading up to the death of Jesus. This is the time that he knew that he was going to be put to death but still continued to heal people. He still prayed with his father and he even took his disciples during the last part of Lent and washed their feet and served them communion.

We need to be like Jesus and continue his good works even though we know that maybe nothing good will come of our good works. Sometimes we never see how our serving God can affect someone. Just a helping hand at a dinner can show people love, or a phone call saying hi. Have you sent a cheerful card to someone that is sick or shut in? These are just a few things that show others God's love and our faith in him.

My prayer for you is that God will bless you this Lenten season and that you will find that even though we have a lot of snow right now the flowers will come up soon and will brighten your days.



Happy Easter and welcome to spring!

Michigan State Grange Cookbooks

Have you ever gotten your first copy of our cookbook?
Are you in need of a second copy...maybe you have worn the first one out.
Do you need a gift for a bridal shower, graduation, birthday or maybe just a special thank you?

WELL!!! We only have three cases left!

They are selling for \$5.00 each and if your Grange would like use them as a fund raiser you can add a few dollars to that and make some money.

The last three cases will be on a first come first serve basis, so if you wish to have any of them, please contact the State Grange Office soon!

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American Values Hometown Roots

This is the new tagline that National Grange has started using. I urge you to start thinking about this tagline; is it not a one liner that really means who we are what we do and where we are from? Also, I ask that if you have an event coming up, since I know we are all planning for the upcoming summer, please contact me so we can discuss how things need to be produced to keep up with the regulations on the trademark side of things. Yes even the Grange emblem itself, when we use it, now needs to have the circled R in the bottom right corner indicating a registered trademark. The new marking needs to be put on everything we produce that has the Grange emblem on it. Your State Grange office can assist you with getting the proper emblem via the internet for your productions.

The National Master is Coming to Michigan



The National Master will be visiting Michigan as part of his cross country tour. This event will be taking place on Friday April 13th a location is yet to be determined. The purpose of this event is to inform the membership of the state of the National Grange, our efforts to help create growth and PR opportunities. This is a chance for any member to meet with the

leadership of the National Grange and ask any question that you may have. The PR tour was presented at the Masters Conference I recently attended and I strongly urge you to bring a car load or two of Grangers from your area to come, meet, and discuss anything with the National Master. Watch your email and the website for further information as to time and location!

Great Lakes Grange Leaders Conference

Great Lakes Grange Leaders conference will be your chance to come and meet the New National Grange Membership/Leadership Director Dr. Michael Martin. Dr. Martin is full of energy and excitement about our organization. Dr. Martin has been a member of the Grange for several years having served as a National Prince. Dr. Martin is willing to help anyone who wants to grow their Grange and he is even willing to help anyone even

though they are may be not wanting to grow their Grange. Registration forms are available by contacting Sharon Ppler, State Grange Lecturer, as well as on the website (on the calendar page and/or the Lecturer's page.)

2014 National Grange Convention

That's right folks....in just a short time we will be co-hosting the National Grange Convention again. Two years is just around the corner. This time it will be near Sandusky Ohio, at the Kalahari Water Park and resort. Michigan is going to be responsible for directing the sixth degree and providing the supplies and people to work in the hospitality room at least one day. The Chairman of the Host Committee will be Edith Walter and Ed Cochran from Ohio. I am looking for some volunteers to help at the convention. Michigan will again be taking care of the Agriculture Breakfast. The host committee will be discussing themes in our meetings to come and then we can plan accordingly. We are also going to be partially financially responsible for the entire event. We are still looking for some ideas on how to get ourselves in the position to be able to make it as least costly as possible.

State Grange Trailer

We have received a donation and other interest in helping to fix the Grange trailer. To those Granges, I want to thank you! Unfortunately we are still falling short of the amount that it would take to cover the cost of replacing the cap on the trailer. I will be talking to the repairman to see if there is a cheaper, alternative fix to the trailer rather than replacing the whole cap. Stay tuned and I'll report back afterwards.

National Website Members Page

At the Masters Conference, Amanda Leigh-Brozana, National Grange Communications Director, guided us thru the new members' page on the National Grange Website. All you need to sign up is the password from 2011 or 2012 and create a username and password. Then start requesting/accepting friends. This is similar to Facebook (without advertising and games) where you can post updates and only Grange members will see. I believe there will also be other information, such as the member benefits, that will only be assessable thru the members' page. If you don't know the passwords, please email me or the State Office and we'll get them to you. Let's take advantage of our membership and maybe get ideas from other Granges in the United States.

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March and April is a time of the year when you start to plan for spring. It is important to plan ahead for programs that promote Grange Month in April and Deaf Awareness month in May. Maybe add a little St. Patrick's Day blarney in March. In April celebrate the true meaning of Easter.

We now have reprints of four of the previous Deaf Awareness Posters. Contact me if you wish to have posters, etc.

American Manual Alphabet: This poster is one that we did not have to reprint. This poster could be used in schools, churches, libraries, Grange Halls or anywhere that people come in contact with deaf or hearing impaired people. For example, our Grange delivered Dictionaries to a third grade classroom, along with Deaf Awareness items (one being the Manual Alphabet poster) and in one of the thank you's we received, one of the students had learned the alphabet. Another third grade teacher had her students do their spelling words in sign language. There are many possibilities with this.

Your Noisy World Could Get Silent: This poster is a chart that shows the potential hearing hazard of the loudness of sounds combined with the length of exposure to sound and how it can create a permanent hearing loss. Preventions are suggested on this poster. It shows the decibels of many electronic devices that we are in contact with everyday.

Pledge of Allegiance: This poster could be placed in schools, Grange Halls, libraries, etc. An idea that can be used is to do parts of it at each of your Grange meetings until everyone can sign it.

Do You See the Signs: (of hearing loss) This poster could be placed in church nurseries, day care centers, pre-schools or wherever adults can view them. It is a poster to make parents aware of what an infant to 12 months should be able to do, from 12 months to 2 years, from 2 years to 4 years and 5 years old.

Grange Deaf Awareness: Awareness – communication is key to quality of life – hearing loss is permanent-early detection and treatment is essential, etc. Education – educate the public with printed material, video programs, classroom instruction, special equipment, information, programs. Prevention- hearing protections used, hearing testing, newborn hearing screening, personal education

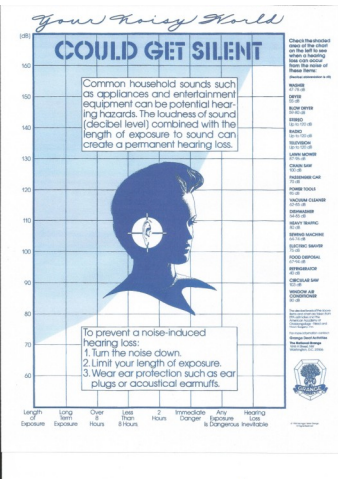
Terms to identify the different types of hearing loss are as follows:

Hearing Impaired is a general term to describe any level of hearing loss. Many people in the deaf community object to this term because its negative connotations.

Hard of Hearing is a term which describes people who have problems hearing and who communicate by listening,

speaking and lip reading. Many hard of hearing people use a hearing aid. Some depend on other devices which help them to understand speech. Today, there is equipment which can be purchased for use in the home, in Grange Halls, auditoriums, churches or other meeting places.

Deaf/Deafness describes profound hearing loss (90 decibels or more). Deaf people communicate with speech, sign language, lip reading, gesture and body English – many use sign language, some do not; some speak, others do not; many use a combination. Some deaf people use hearing aids.



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Your Noisy World

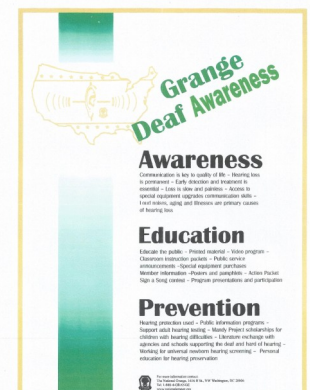
→
The Pledge Of Allegiance



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Do You See The Signs?



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Grange Deaf Awareness



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Two particular issues that are of interest to members of the Michigan State Grange have been in the Washington headlines recently. First, is the volume of commercials on television, mainly the fact that they are so much louder than the volume of regular programming. A resolution to that effect has been part of the MSG Legislative Policy for quite some time. Secondly, an issue that was a hot topic at our most recent convention and also at the National Grange Convention is the issue of child labor on the farm and in agricultural family businesses. Here are a couple of updates on these two important issues.

FCC ADOPTS CALM ACT RULES TO LIMIT TV COMMERCIAL VOLUME

The Federal Communications Commission has taken what it terms as a major step toward eliminating one of the most persistent problems of the television age, that being those overly loud commercials that the public seems to hate.

On December 14, 2011 the Commission adopted a Report and Order that implements the 2010 Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation or CALM Act. That is the statute in which Congress gave the Commission, for the first time, authority to address the problem of excessive commercial loudness.

The rules as adopted require that commercials have the same average volume as the programs they accompany. The rules also establish simple, practical ways for stations and multi-channel video programming distributors to demonstrate their compliance with the new regulations.

The CALM Act rules will become effective one year after the date of their adoption, or December 13, 2012. This gives those broadcasters falling under the regulation until that date to be in full compliance. Equally important, it provides ample time for programmers and networks to provide their distributors with certifications stating the commercials that accompany their programming are fully compliant with these new rules.

While consumer complaints about loud commercials have diminished since 2009, the FCC expects that these new rules will reduce loudness complaints even further. (Media Network, FCC)

CHAIRWOMAN STABENOW APPLAUDS REVERSAL OF FARM LABOR RULE

Senator Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, applauded the U.S. Department of Labor's move to go back to the drawing board on a controversial farm labor rule that would have prevented many young people from working on family farms. After the Department first proposed the new rule, Senator Stabenow encouraged the Department to reconsider and solicit public input before making any new changes to the "parental exemption" of its rule related to child labor in agriculture. Recently the Department agreed with Senator Stabenow, stopping its plans to implement the new rules and agreeing to open a new dialogue with family farmers on the issue.

"I grew up in Clare, was active in 4-H, and know how important family farms are in Michigan," Chairwoman Stabenow said. "I am glad the Department of Labor heard my concerns

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Much to everyone's chagrin, I'm sure, it is tax season again. Although this is not a task that we would like to do everyday, it is a great reminder of the incentives available for those with a charitable approach to the world around them. Given the number of available options for acts of charity, and their benefits to a person's tax burden, we should all be asking ourselves how we can do more this year, not only to help others, but to also improve our bottom line. Among those options is a donation to the Michigan State Grange Foundation. With our charitable and educational mission, the Foundation is incorporated in the correct way to allow for tax deductible donations. Through these donations, you can assist others, particularly in obtaining additional education opportunities. Our student loan program is active, and has been used by several members recently, to help them cover the costs of their educational pursuits. It is always gratifying to see the Foundation's work pay off, as Grange members reach the goals that they've set for themselves.

It's unfortunate that the Michigan State Grange itself does not constitute charity to which we can make tax-deductible donations. However, that is simply a fact of life. This isn't a reason to not donate to the State Grange, but it is true that a donor does not get the same personal benefit from donations to the MSG, as compared to the Foundation. Having said that, the Foundation can be a benefit to the State Grange Departments, in addition to our individual members. So long as a Department, like the Lecturer's Department or the Junior Department, are working on a project that is either educational or charitable, they may make requests to the Foundation for supporting funds. The Foundation Board then reviews the request, and provides funding where they agree that the activity is consistent with the Foundation's charter. Although Department expenses are not a very large portion of the State Grange's annual budget, this type of assistance from the Foundation can provide some financial relief to what would otherwise be a State Grange expense. Considering that this only requires a qualifying Department expense and a request from that Director, this is one of the most straightforward ways that the Foundation can support the broader Grange community in Michigan.

Have a great Spring, and remember to think of the Michigan State Grange Foundation, when planning out those tax-deductible charitable donations, this year.

Fraternally, Eric Bishop

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Hi Everyone,

Spring is on its way, though we really haven't had much of a winter so far. I know what you're thinking, you are delighted our winter has been mild. I'm one of those people that really don't mind the snow perhaps it's because I don't have to get out in it if I don't want to.

Before winter leaves us I'd like you to start thinking about next winter. Oh no, you say! The Family Activities Department will be doing a WARM UP PROJECT for our annual luncheon held on Oct. 19th. We are going to donate HATS, SCARVES, MITTENS, and GLOVES to one or two local elementary schools in Lansing. Now is the time to shop for those items, or knit, crochet, or sew them. Fleece makes cute hats, mittens and scarves. I hope you will help us out in this endeavor. Let's show the folks in our capital city that the grangers of Michigan have big hearts.

NATIONAL QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

The 150th Session (2016) and 150th Anniversary (2017) of the National Grange will be observed and celebrated. Our department has been given a contest to honor the occasion. Starting this year at our 2012 convention we are going to have a quilt block contest. This contest will be similar to the photo contest held last year in the Lecturer's Department. The blocks will be judged and one will be given the honor of BEST OF SHOW, that block along with blocks from all over the country will go to Boise this year (2012), to be judged.

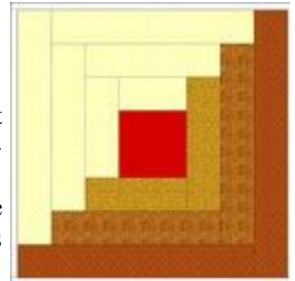
PATTERN----LOG CABIN

SIZE-----10 ½ by 10 ½ finished (10" block with ¼ on each side for piecing together)

COLOR----FALL COLORS

The log cabin design is quite simple to make, perhaps for those of us that aren't quilters we can give it a try. Perhaps your Grange can have some sewing days, to learn how to cut and sew the blocks. I'm planning on doing this at Burns Grange.

The plan is to have 5 quilts on display at the 150th anniversary in 2017. The first four years will be the seasons of the year as the theme with an appropriate pattern and color. The fifth is still a surprise. At this time I don't know what will happen to these quilts after being on display. So ladies, gentlemen, start looking for those appropriate colors of fabric. Let's make the judges job a very hard one.



On the Road Again

I hit the road again recently, went to Mosherville Grange to work at a Swiss steak dinner, and the girls did put me to work. I loved every minute of it. I'm waiting for an invitation from your Grange, where will I go next is the question. Oh, about that winter weather, I have a new car with all wheel drive and it does a beautiful job.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11th, be sure to adjust your clocks ahead by an hour before going to bed on the 10th. This is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms also. Also go over your medical and dental records, see if you need some annual tests done.

Please note that my email address has changed once again. It is now judykaybowers@yahoo.com.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter.

Take care till next time...Judy.

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and the concerns of so many families in Michigan and decided to re-evaluate this rule. I was concerned when I learned about the proposed rules and urged the Department to have more conversations with farm families and listen to their views before making any new rules. Of course there should be safeguards to protect children from dangerous situations, but there needs to be an understanding that many children in rural communities learn about safety by helping their family on the farm."

Chairwoman Stabenow urged the Labor Department, in a letter to Secretary Hilda Solis in October, to take more time listening to comments from families across the country that would be impacted by the proposed rule changes. Sen. Stabenow argued that prohibiting youth from working on family farms could have far-reaching effects on youth education programs like 4-H, family farms, and rural communities. Following Sen. Stabenow's request, and strong opposition from family farmers, the Department of Labor will now seek public comments before re-drafting the rule. According to the Department, a new "parental exemption" rule is expected to be proposed this summer.

According to the Department of Labor, the parental exemption allows children of any age who are employed by their parent, or a person standing in the place of a parent, to perform any job on a farm owned or operated by their parent or such person standing in the place of a parent. Congress created the parental exemption in 1966 when it expanded protections for children employed in agriculture and prohibited their employment in jobs the Department of Labor declared particularly hazardous for children under the age of 16 to perform.

More information can be found on the Department of Labor's website at <http://www.dol.gov>.

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Garden Planning and Manure Turns Into Money

Yes that's right! It is time to be making plans for your Grange's Community Garden for 2012. Now is the time to be getting with your Grange membership to plan what and where you are going to plant your Grange Garden. Your garden have to be really big, of plants. If you only space, plant some pep-in pots and put in front your Grange doesn't plant at your Hall or a Hall, maybe one of members have a little can plant on. I want Granges that plant can keep track and be Door Prize drawing again this year at State Grange Session.



Get the Garden tools ready!

your Grange plot doesn't and full of lots have a little pers or tomatoes of your Hall. If have a place to you don't have your Grange extra land you to hear from the something so I ready for the

On February 6, 2012 there was an article in The South Bend Tribune entitled Manure Turns Into Money. The article took place in Monroe, WA on a dairy farm where they are using an anaerobic digester to turn manure to methane, which in turn, powers a generator that puts electricity on the grid. When properly installed, they provide an overall environmental benefit. The process takes waste and converts it to a resource and in doing so helps protect water quality. It recovers invaluable nutrients from the solids left over and it can be very beneficial to the farm economy. The process of transforming the manure takes place underground, so there's no odor; the leftover solids are nearly 100 percent pathogen-free compost for gardens and liquids for spraying onto the fields. They are building the seventh such digester system in Washington State. The down side of this system is the start up cost which is close to \$1 Million. The one system that was discussed in the article now brings in \$25,000 a month from the energy it creates. This would be a great tool to put into place to help with the production of electricity and also to rid farmers of their manure problems. Just wish it wasn't so costly.

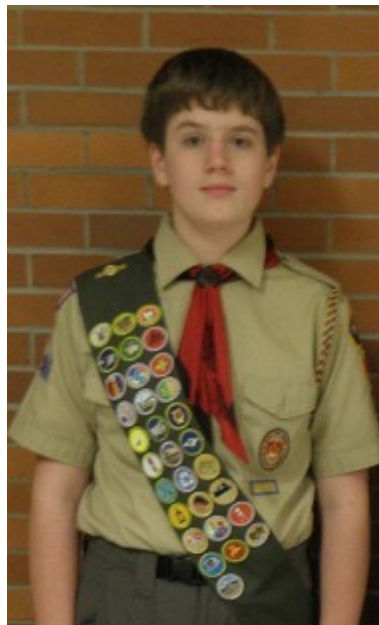
**National Master, Ed Luttrell
will be in Michigan on Friday, April
13th.**

**Please put this on your calendar and
keep the evening free to attend a
meeting.**

**Location and exact time are yet to be
determined.**

**Watch your email or mail for further
information from State Master,**

Eagle Scout Nicholas Eidsmoe



Nicholas Eidsmoe, age 14 & a freshman at Bullock Creek High School, Midland, recently earned the rank of Eagle, the highest achievement in Boy Scouts, during a ceremony conducted by Troop 767 at First United Methodist Church in Midland.

His Eagle Project was removing buckthorn, an invasive species, from an area of the Chippewa Nature Center. As a member of Troop 767, Nicholas has held a variety of leadership positions including instructor, den chief and patrol leader.

Nicholas is the son of Eric & Tricia Eidsmoe, brother of Christopher Eidsmoe and grandson of Ted & Helen Mudd, all are members of Studley Grange #1174.

CONGRAUTLATIONS to Nicholas!

Community Grange Members Honored



Community Grange #1675 members received membership awards recently at their annual Christmas Dinner/meeting.

Members and friends of the Grange gathered for a very nice dinner and fellowship. Following the dinner a short meeting was held where Suzanna Lee received her 50 year certificate and pin, Marjorie Lee received her 60 year seal, Eleanor Moore received her 50 year certificate and pin, and Kevin Young received his 25 year certificate and pin. A total of 185 year of service to the Grange!

CONGRATULATIONS to all recipients!

FRIENDSHIP THOUGHTS

Friendship is the sunshine
That turns the sky to gold
Friendship is the fragrance
A thousand blessings hold.
Friendship is the pathway that
Leads to dreams come true
For Friendship is the blessing
Of knowing someone like You!

Below are 17 dishes, each one a favorite of some nationality. Some of them may seem to fit more than 1 nationality, but that's because they have become fairly common in several countries.

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|------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Potato _____ | A. Danish |
| 2. Roast Beef _____ | B. Bulgarian |
| 3. Pastry _____ | C. Japanese |
| 4. Borscht _____ | D. Mexican |
| 5. Cultured Milk _____ | E. Jewish |
| 6. Tea _____ | F. Scotch |
| 7. Fish _____ | G. Irish |
| 8. Raw Meat _____ | H. Italian |
| 9. Frankfurters _____ | I. French |
| 10. Scone _____ | J. German |
| 11. Crumpet _____ | K. Hungarian |
| 12. Tamale _____ | L. Eskimo |
| 13. Corned Beef _____ | M. English |
| 14. Goulash _____ | N. Chinese |
| 15. Shishka _____ | O. Russian |
| 16. Filled Fish _____ | P. American |
| 17. Meatballs _____ | Q. Armenian |

These are the words to use for the program to the right. ENJOY!

Matrons	Fruit	Feast
Harvesters	Old	Agate
Manhood	Husbandry	Spring
Season	Laborers	Harrow
Childhood	Season	Cultivators
Farm	Farm	Summer →
Seed	Blossoms	Plant
Fidelity →	Youth	Early
Faith	Farm →	Spade
Hoe	Fruit	Age →
Grain	Knife	Winter
Winter	Summer	Ax
Shepherdesses	Farm	Springtime
Maids	Gleaners	Plow
Hope	Flowers	Pruning
Harvest	Sickle	Charity
Ripened	Autumn	

NATIONAL GRANGE MONTH

APRIL 2012

Below is a program that you could use for one of your Grange events for Grange Month. Have FUN and ENJOY your

GRANGE !

FIRST DEGREE

Candidates L _____ & M _____

The Lesson F _____

Symbols S _____ C _____ & the S _____

Emblems A _____, P _____ H _____ & S _____

Scene A F _____ in the S _____

SECOND DEGREE

Candidates C _____ & S _____

The lesson H _____

Symbols S _____ Y _____ F _____ B _____ the P _____

Emblems H _____ & P _____ K _____

Scene A F _____ in the E _____ S _____

THIRD DEGREE

Candidates H _____ & G _____

The lesson C _____

Symbols A _____ M _____ F _____ the F _____

The R _____ G _____

Emblems The S _____

Scene A F _____ in the H _____ S _____

FOURTH DEGREE

Candidates H _____ & M _____

The lesson F _____

Symbols W _____ O _____ A _____ the F _____

Emblems The A _____

Scene A F _____ in the W _____ S _____

JUNIORS

"Valentine's Night Out"

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Do you recall in my last article about doing a community service project for the kids? Well, at Burns Grange, we just completed an overnight pajama/slumber party, called "Valentine's Date Night." It gave parents an opportunity to go out for dinner or a quiet night while we had crafts, snacks, games, activities and a movie for the kids. As with first attempts, there are a number of changes that if we decide to do this again we would make adjustments too. But in all, I do believe it was a success. The kids enjoyed themselves, the Grange members attending seemed to enjoy themselves and we even had some non-Grange related kids. That meaning we had three kids that are not Junior Grangers (YET – but we will work on that) or were they related to a Grange member. If you and your Grange is interested in doing a similar project, feel free to contact me and I'll give you all the forms we used as well as give you a few ideas of what worked and what didn't, and well, what we would change for next time.

Since we are nearing the end of February; (and who can complain about the winter weather so far? I know I can't!) we are looking in the spring season. And you know that means starting to get the gardens and crops prepared for planting. How are you doing with preparing to plant the seeds for your Juniors? I would love to hear from you and I'd be more than happy to try to come to any events you might be having or just to come talk to your Grange (yes...I did say "talk"...if you know me, I've always made Chris do the talking.)

We'll be working on planning the summer camp pretty soon. I'm hoping you're making plans to get all your Junior members there. However, in June, there is the Midwest Regional Youth Conference. That is also to include the Junior Grangers as well. It is scheduled for the last weekend in June and will be hosted by Wisconsin. Keep watch for more information.

Remember to be working on the craft projects and stories for state session. A six inch clay pot decorated any way you want! Check out the program book for more information.

JUNIOR CAMP — Plans are in the works for Junior Camp July 13-15th. Please set those dates aside and watch for further information!!

Valentine's Night Out



The boys and girls made 10 tied pillows to give to the residents at Serenity House, a local foster care home. Two of the older boys presented them to the residents.

The boys and girls were asked to make a paper airplane and decorate it. Later they were moved to the upper hall where they had airplane races.



In Memory Of...



Vernice Wiegand — Home #129

Gary Kellogg — Fredonia #1713
Lillian Sebring — Fredonia #1713

Ilah May Yeutter — Rome #293

Alverne Eady — Oceana Center #1047

Mary Harris — White Pigeon #1345

Rosie Milliman — Burr Oak #1350

Lena Sherman — Burns #160

Ray Love — Burns #160

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Can you Identify these Present or Past Officers of the Michigan State Grange?



#1



#3



#2

Let the State Grange Office know who you think #1, #2, & #3 are. Never know there might be a prize.

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Ya' Gotta Wanna: What Are Your Grange BHAG(s)?

For those of you who might not have read my column or our Master's column in the January/February issue, a BHAG is a 'big, hairy, audacious goal'. My goal from that column was to have each Grange set at least one BHAG with regard to membership for the 2011/2012 year and to report it to me by the end of February. As I am writing this at the beginning of February, no Grange has yet reported any BHAG to me. In talking with Grangers from quite a few different Granges at the State Grange session, I know that Granges 'wanna. Now, let's take the desire to the next step of acting. It is not too late for your Grange to declare a BHAG, and let me know what it is. My address, phone number, and e-mail address are all at the top of this column. I look forward to learning about your Grange's BHAG(s)!

One thing that I have learned in the past year is that all of our 35 Granges in Michigan are special and unique. Each one has its own set of special characteristics, as well as challenges. Although we can share ideas regarding approaches to activities and our BHAGs, each Grange must shape their Grange's activities to their community and their membership. Consider these questions for your Grange, both as you set your BHAGs, and as you determine possible approaches to meeting the BHAG: How is your Grange going to share with your community the value of membership in your Grange? What do you have to offer new members? What do people in your community want the Grange to be/do? What need does your Grange meet in your community? What could you do differently or new that could result in a gain of membership? What could you do differently or new to result in more visibility to your community?

As you recall, after you establish your BHAG(s), you need to plan actions and determine steps to take to meet the BHAG. What better time to take action than in April – Grange month? There used to be just one week declared Grange Week, but now you have the entire month to plan and execute an activity that is designed to promote the Grange and bring non-Grange members to our halls for special events. I believe that there are still a couple Rural-Urban events taking place, I know that one Grange is planning a display at the local library about the Grange, and the list goes on. What plans does your Grange have, and how does this help you move towards your BHAG?

One of your steps or actions towards reaching your BHAGs will likely include asking people to join the Grange. This seems to be a difficult task for many. In the "Four Steps to Successful Recruitment of New Members" brochure published by the National Grange, you should first 1) Set the Stage, 2) Listen, and 3) Fill their Need before asking them to join. Remember that, on the average, 76% of the people you ask to join the Grange will say "no". That's ok. We're looking for the other 24%! Another interesting statistic is that 10% of the people, on the average, are waiting for you to ask them to join! Make sure you have a Grange application ready to give the person you are asking to join. If you get interest, but not the completed appli-

cation with dues, make sure that you follow up with a phone call or visit.

In order to meet Master/President Chris Johnston's BHAGs for the Michigan State Grange, I am recruiting persons especially in southeastern Michigan and north central Michigan to assist in organizing/reorganizing two Granges this year. Training and planning sessions will be scheduled to get these efforts moving.

Send me your BHAGs today! I look forward to your successes!

Plan for Success! Be Positive! Promote the Grange! Celebrate Members! (I'm assuming ya' wanna!)



Dictionary Projects Benefits Local Students

East Jordan third grade students received a special gift from Peninsula Grange at a presentation last Thursday, February 16th. As a service-oriented group, Peninsula Grange, in cooperation with the Michigan State Grange and The Dictionary Project, presented dictionaries to all third grade students at East Jordan Elementary School through its Words for Thirds program.

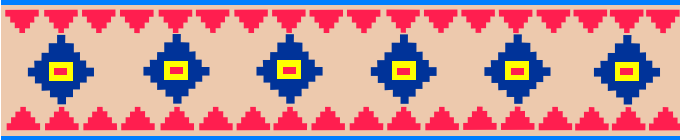
Peninsula Grange President, Walter Murphy explained, "We know how important it is to learn to read in third grade and we believe a personal dictionary will be a great help. Bringing the book home will enable the student to learn more quickly because their education won't be confined to the classroom."

While students are in this very important development state, Grange members hope parents will encourage their children to "look it up" in the dictionary when they need to know how to spell, how to pronounce, or what a word means. With a dictionary at home, parents can spend time with their children making a game of looking up things in the book.

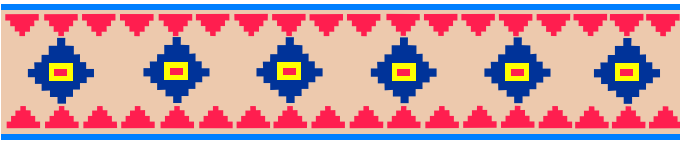
Through the tireless efforts of the Grange's network of more than 300,000 volunteers nationwide, America's oldest rural and agriculture organization has presented third grade students across the nation with more than 100,000 dictionaries. With the assistance and support of the Michigan State Grange, Peninsula Grange was proud to be able to participate in the project this year.

Established in 1895, Peninsula Grange was formed to unite citizens in improving the economic and social position of American farmers. While the Grange is proud of its agricultural heritage, they are now involved in a variety of community service projects. The historic hall is located at the corner of Looze and Advance Roads, north of East Jordan. For more information, visit www.peninsulagrangearg.org.

Welcome to Our Grange Family



Keith Flanders — Home #129
 Cindy & Bruce Bossard — Fredonia #1713
 Doyle Combs — Fredonia #1713
 Rebecca Devenney — Fredonia #1713
 Wendy Deyce — Fredonia #1713
 Jeff & Lyndie Edwards — Fredonia #1713
 Linda & William Hayes — Fredonia #1713
 Hope Horton — Fredonia #1713
 Dave Rau — Fredonia #1713
 Alan Seifke — Fredonia #1713
 Brad Schrontz — Fredonia #1713
 Darlyne Sizemore — Fredonia #1713
 Lynette Dennis (R) — Fredonia #1713
 John Hammer (R) — Fredonia #1713 (R) — Reinstated
 Katie Raynard — Pickford #1775
 Susan Covalt — Summit City #672
 Jim & Linda Patrick — Banner #1829
 Jessica Swainston — Kinney #754
 Brian Rowe — Burr Oak #1350
 Eleanor Schwartz — Burr Oak #1350
 David Leis — Sturgis #1490
 Tony Hartman — Sturgis #1490
 Michael, Terry, Aubrey Sheffer — Burns #160
 Destiny Bowers — Burns #160
 Patrick, Andrea, Leslie & Mather Haggood — Pittsfield Union #882



YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

Camp Dates

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Greetings to the Youth and Young Adults,

I hope everyone has been healthy so far this new year. We are very blessed to have hard working people in our Grange, so I trust that everyone has been keeping busy with school, work and family. With remind all of you ing dates for the ference and to for Michigan camps to be held location is yet to anyone has suggestions for an outing they would be interested in, please contact Jeff/Nancy at jeff@jnsphoto.biz. Thanks, and we hope to see all of you this summer.



Jeff and Nancy Swainston

ANSWERS FOR THE FOOD FOR THOUGHT GAME

1. G - Irish
2. I - French
3. A - Danish
4. O - Russian
5. B - Bulgarian
6. N - Chinese
7. C - Japanese
8. L - Eskimo
9. J - German

10. F - Scotch
11. M - English
12. D - Mexican
13. P - American
14. K - Hungarian
15. Q - Armenian
16. E - Jewish
17. H - Italian

LECTURERS ANSWER SHEET FOR GRANGE MONTH

FIRST DEGREE

Laborers & M aids
 Faith
 Spring Childhood the Seed
 Ax Plow Harrow & Spade
 A Farm in the Springtime

SECOND DEGREE

Cultivators & Shepherdesses
 Hope
 Summer Youth Fruit Blossom
 the Plant
 Hoe & Prune Knife
 A Farm in the Early Summer

THIRD DEGREE

Harvesters & Gleaners
 Charity
 Autumn Manhood Flowers
 the Fruit
 The Ripened Grain
 The sickle
 A Farm in the Harvest
 Season

FOURTH DEGREE

Husbandman & Matrons
 Fidelity
 Winter Old Age The Feast
 The Agate
 A Farm in the Winter Season

REMINDER!!! REMINDER!!!

2012 GREAT LAKES GRANGE LEADERS CONFERENCE

April 27—29th

Camp Abe Lincoln, 1624 W. Front Street, Blue Grass, IA 52726

If you plan on attending the conference, your papers and money need to be sent by the end of March to: *Maria Edelen, Lecturer, 129 Cherry Hill Road, NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405.*

They are asking for items that will go into a shoe box for children that are in the hospital. Small games, cards, crayons, books, bubbles, small cars or small dolls, markers, color pencils and coloring books, things that a child might like to use.

I know Michigan has had a really Great Group of people go before and I hope we can all attend this year, maybe with a few more coming along too!! The price is \$90.00, like last year and don't forget your sheets, blankets, pillows, flashlights and anything else you might need for a GREAT couple of days camping!! If you do plan on coming, snacks are needed for the weekend. I'll be getting the Michigan made item to pass out. The white elephant sale will take place again this year. So bring your bags with something special in them!! Remember to bid high and bid often.

Hope to see you there, we'll have a great time.

Sharon Popler, Lecturer

Michigan State Grange

Remember this is not just for Lecturer's but all members.

Kermit Richardson continued...

He had been a member for 69 years. He was Master of the Vermont State Grange from 1970 to 1974, and is was current Chairman of its Executive Committee. As a member of the National Grange, he had served as Chaplain, Lecturer, Overseer and served eight years as National Grange Master.

Other memberships included the Orange Alliance Church and the Bradford Masonic Temple.

Kermit was a devoted citizen of the town of Orange, having served as Town Moderator, school board member, Justice of the Peace, town Representative and was a past President of the Orange East Supervisory School District.

His business affiliations included the Orange and Grafton area Board of Realtors, the National Bank of Newbury, the Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Co. of Syracuse, NY, the Connecticut Valley Development Corp. and the Independent Mutual Agents of New England.

Margaret and Kermit had been co-chairmen of the Orange Bicentennial Celebration Committee and Heritage Festival for several years.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Sue Perrault, of Orange, and Beth Farnham and her husband, David, of Chelsea, and two sons, Kim Richardson and his wife, Joan, of Newport, and Mark Richardson and his wife, Sherri, also of Chelsea, as well as nine grandchildren: Tina Bearce; Keith, Justin, Andrew and Alex Richardson; Jaime Perrault, Heather Comstock and Melinda and Brian Farnham, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by twin sisters, Helen Largin and Herma Clement.

Kermit will always be remembered for his devotion to his wife, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, his community and his friends.

His funeral was held Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, at 1 p.m. in the Orange Alliance Church.

Later interment will be made in the Brookhaven Cemetery in Orange.

John Scott Continued...

He was a member of the Butler Fair Board, the Butler County Health Board and the Agricultural Extension. He was a long-time deacon of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Isle and hauled all the stone and concrete products used to build the addition to the original church in the 1950's. John was a founding member of the Slippery Rock Area Joint School Board and served as President of the Board when the remaining one-room schools in the District were closed and the current high school building was built in 1959. In 1960, John was named the "Butler County Man of the Year." In 1937, John joined the Grange, also known as the Patrons of Husbandry, as a member of Unionville Grange, No. 1971. The Grange would become the focus of much of his adult life. He held every office in the local and Pomona (county) Grange and served on the State Executive Committee. When the farm was acquired by the State, John was elected Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, and the family relocated to Mechanicsburg.

During John's tenure as State Master the Grange was instrumental in a major reform of the state's eminent domain law. The "Eminent Domain Code of 1964" greatly expanded the protection of landowner rights, insuring for the first time that property owners would receive 80 percent payment within 60 days of the condemnation, without prejudice to their right to seek fair compensation thereafter in court. John was also directly involved in the adoption of the Susquehanna River Compact which led to the creation of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

In 1968, John was elected Master of the National Grange, headquartered in Washington, D.C. For the next 12 years he led the Grange at the national level, crisscrossing the country with Dorothy to build membership and programs, traveling abroad as an ambassador for American Agriculture, and providing counsel to Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter. While John was the National Master a commemorative postage stamp honoring the Grange was issued, and the Grange satisfied the mortgage on its national headquarters building at 1616 H Street, N.W., the only privately owned structure in the "Federal Square" sector of Washington D.C.

In 1980, John returned to his home in Mechanicsburg. Shortly thereafter he was employed by the Pa. Dept. of Agriculture as the Chief of the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Division. He retired from the state in 1990. After his retirement, John volunteered at the Harrisburg Hospital, accumulating over 10,000 hours of volunteer service. Although John had to leave high school as a teenager because of family farm responsibilities, education was always important to him. He earned his high school diploma from Cumberland Valley High School in 1986, as a member of its adult degree program in time to attend the 50th reunion of his original high school class.

John is survived by three sons and three daughters-in-law: James Walker and Carolyn Balko Scott; Thomas W. and Jane E. Scott; and David M. and Patty Scott. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Ann Scott Rowland, John Andrew, Matthew Walker, Eric Thomas, Rebecca Lynn, and Julie Christina. Additionally, he is survived by ten great-grandchildren: Isabella Faith, Sophia Jane, Gavin Walker, Efren James, Alexander Dagohoy, Ripley Kenneth, and Maddox Thomas Scott, as well as Sean Walker, Kelan Martin, and Brady Andrew Rowland. He is also survived by his niece, Jean Scott Neel of Butler, and two step-children, Sylvia Shoup and Jeff Paden.

Services to celebrate John's life were held Tuesday, Feb. 14 at St. Paul's U.C.C. Church, Mechanicsburg, officiated by Pastor John Ward-Diorio.

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