



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



October, 2020

Early Edition – Announcing Two Important Upcoming Events

Appreciation Picnic

Saturday, Sept. 12th – 4 p.m.

Four organizations that made large financial donations for our recent building upgrades will be hosted at this event. We are receiving RSVPs from our invitation and expect 30-35 people to be joining us for entertainment and a meal. Weather permitting, everything will be held outside but we'll adjust should things need to be moved inside.

Grange members are asked to bring a large-size casserole, salad or dessert to share. Place settings, beverages and meat will be provided by the Grange.



Juniata County Christian singer Jeremy Goodling (left) will provide a mini-concert before the meal. Jeremy has been traveling and singing at churches and events throughout central PA for 29 years sharing the Good News through a ministry of music. He and his family reside in Juniata

County. Jeremy sings a variety of styles - *Southern Gospel, hymns, light contemporary and praise and worship* – songs full of hope and encouragement. What an appropriate message as we struggle with the “new normal” facing us now!

Grange Meeting/Installation

Tuesday, Oct. 6th – 6:30 p.m.

Unless otherwise announced, regular meetings of Eagle Grange are held on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

Two very important matters will be on the agenda for the October 6th meeting. For the first time in many years, the officers of Eagle Grange will be formally installed. A visiting installation from the Harrisburg area will lead the ceremony and we've invited the Lycoming County Pomona, Canusarago, Allegheny and Eldred Granges to join us at Eagle for a joint installation and evening of fellowship.

Official Notice

Action will be considered at this meeting to accept the request of Delaware Grange #1895 from nearby Dewart, PA to consolidate into Eagle Grange #1. Grange law requires that advance written notice of such action be provided to all members.

We regret the loss of another Grange in a local community but are pleased that Delaware's 11 members have decided to join forces with Eagle. The State Grange Executive Committee has recently approved Delaware's request for the consolidation and to sell their property for \$20,000.

Highlights from Last Meeting

2021-2022 Officers Elected

The following persons were recently elected to offices in Eagle Grange for the next two years:

President David Troutman
Vice President Fred Murray
Program Director Doug Bonsall
Steward Tom Styer
Assistant Steward Bernie Downey
Lady Assistant Steward Daisy Styer
Chaplain Elliott Weiss
Treasurer Karen Williamson
Secretary Jennifer Nauss
Greeter Beth Downey
Ceres Joann Murray
Executive Committee Tom Styer
..... Mike Wallis
..... Elliott Weiss

These officers will be installed on October 6th.

Officers - please wear black slacks/skirts and white shirts/blouses for an official picture.

Hall Usage Agreement – Final acceptance was deferred until a few matters related to requiring *Certificates of Insurance* are verified with an insurance agent.

Calendar of Events – The evening's program time was devoted to a discussion of Grange activities from October 2020 through September 2021. The brainstorming was good and many ideas are currently being checked out.

Property Upgrades – The upgrade of the hall's electrical service and installation of LED lights in the kitchen is completed. Among the new items approved were the installation of a lighted outdoor sign and replacement of the kitchen stove. As time and resources permit, improvements to the stairwell and second floor will be undertaken. A second proposal for installation of HVAC is being sought.

State Grange Delegates – Registration fees of \$95 each will be paid by the Grange for two delegates to the session, October 16-17 in Erie. Due to COVID restrictions, attendance at the convention is limited to state officers and voting delegates and only required business will be handled during the abbreviated session.

Anniversary T-Shirts – A publicity and fund raiser for Eagle's upcoming 150th anniversary; a preliminary design is shown below. We're considering an initial order of 100 shirts in various sizes and are checking if they can be ready by the time of the upcoming State Grange session at Erie in mid-October.



Take-Out Dinners – Encouraged by the response to the first take-out dinner, additional dinners were added to the calendar – Roast turkey & all the trimmings on November 14, 2020, and Pork-Homemade Sauerkraut on March 27, 2021.

Service Projects – We're considering such things as community education classes, a blood donation drive, purchasing five FFA Blue Jackets and sponsoring a 2021 community day,

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Coming Events

September 11 – Eagle hosts Pomona Grange resolutions meeting

September 12 – Thank you picnic @ 4 p.m.

October 6 – Grange meeting @ 6:30 p.m. with installation of officers and vote on consolidation with Delaware Grange #1895

October 16-17 – State Grange abbreviated session in Erie, PA

October 27 – Change of date for November meeting to avoid conflict with General Election

Contact for Use of Eagle Grange Hall

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Ah.....the sweet, sweet taste of success!

Eagle's first fund raising event in quite some time was held Saturday, September 5th and the results exceeded all expectations. With a few final details to be wrapped up, it appears the profits for the day will be approximately \$2,800! As important as the funds raised is, perhaps the greatest result came from the spirit of working together to accomplish something that seemed impossible when first proposed.

Total income for the day was \$3,067 and, interestingly, was almost equally split among:

- one-time sale of large items (tables, chairs, equipment no longer used by the Grange),
- the take-out dinner, and
- proceeds from the yard sale (outside vendor space rental, snack bar food sales and indoor flea market smaller items sold by the Grange).

Expenses were just \$250 thanks to generous in-kind donations of food items from members and friends of the Grange plus a \$250 grant for supplies received from Thrivent Financial.

Candid Shots from Yard Sale/Take-Out Dinner



This young helper greeted guests & distributed information as they arrived.



Lots of homemade goodies (above) and flea market bargains (below) awaited guests inside.





Cashier Karen Williamson (above & below) was surrounded by cookbooks, canned goods, homemade pies and apple dumplings to sell.



Kitchen volunteers had their hands full serving soups, sandwiches, desserts, and beverages as well as the take-out meals.



Station ready for take-out meal pick-ups (above) just around the corner from yard sale vendors (below).

