



# Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road  
Montgomery, PA 17752



## Next Eagle Grange Meeting Coming Soon

Please join in the fellowship on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall. Feel free to bring a snack to share!

Last month (January 2020) attendance at the Grange meeting was light due to a wintry mix that evening making travel “interesting”. But a small group of faithful members, including our two regular State Grange attendees from Harrisburg, met to continue discussions on all the great things proposed for Eagle Grange. And we may just have started a new trend at that meeting.....starting our time together enjoying refreshments while we talked and planned (*this allowed for an earlier departure on that snowy night!*)

### Items of Note & Further Discussion

#### Property

- Estimates were received from Dohl Construction for three different projects; the costs were higher than expected so additional bids are being sought
- The State Grange is researching several possible sources of grant monies through the Historical & Museum Commission and the Department of Agriculture that might help Eagle fund building renovations.
- Repairs have been made to the water system and we are hopeful the next testing will show the bacteria issue has been eliminated.
- Research has continued on the replacement of kitchen gas stove.

#### Fund Raising

- The consensus of opinion was to put “on hold” any plans to sponsor sandwich sales until the water issues are resolved and a coordinator for the project is found.
- Similarly, any local drive to ask local businesses to become “Friends of Eagle Grange” is pending volunteers willing to “ask”. The “Friends of Eagle Grange” appeal sent to other Granges in the state has resulted in over \$3,000 received in contributions but it is anticipated this will likely be a one-time financial boost rather than an on-going source of funding.

## Community Service

- In cooperative with the Lycoming County Cooperative Extension Service, Eagle Grange will sponsor a **“Safe Food Handlers Course” on Saturday February 22, 2020, from 9 a.m.-12 noon in the Grange Hall** (snow date is 2/29/2020). The Grange will cover the registration fee for the course so we encourage all members to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Details must still be worked out for the Open House meeting on 4/7/2020 when Eagle Grange will honor and make \$500 contributions to each of three local fire companies
- We also should give immediate attention to what additional service projects should be scheduled for 2020.

## Programs

- The State Grange is close to confirming arrangements for a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary kick-off event on **Saturday, April 17, 2021**, in which Eagle Grange will have a prominent part as the very first Grange in Pennsylvania from which our state organization evolved. We plan to include an open house/reception/display at Eagle Grange Hall followed by a luncheon and program at the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg. Eagle Grange members will have a special reserved table and spread the “Grange Light” to the other 24 original Granges in Pennsylvania that went on to organize the State Grange in September, 1873. The day will be promoted as both a Grange celebration event and an outing opportunity to visit the Williamsport-Lewisburg areas.
- We also need to move quickly and give serious consideration to planning a local celebration of Eagle Grange’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year to involve the community.
- Similarly, we have yet to designate a person to plan programs for our regular Grange meetings that will encourage the community to attend. Some really “hot” topics we might explore include the Spotted Lantern Fly issue, Broadband access for rural areas, local hunger/food insecurity concerns and (perhaps) even a “20-20 Preserving Our Vision” presentation! More ideas welcomed!

**WOW.....doesn't all this sound exciting?  
Don't miss out on being part of the renewal of  
Eagle Grange and the improvement of the  
community we serve. That means we need  
to see you at the next meeting on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.**