



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



Momentum is Growing at Eagle!

So many exciting things are starting to happen that we are sending this monthly news update for March 2020 a bit earlier than usual to keep everyone informed of recent decisions and avoid anyone missing things coming up!

Food Safety Training – Feb. 22, 2020

There's still time to register for this coming Saturday's "Cooking for Crowds" short course at the Grange Hall – 9 a.m.-12 noon being taught by Penn State Cooperative Extension. Coffee and goodies will be available starting about 8:30 a.m. The Grange has paid the registration fee for any members that participate and we are hopeful that other local service organization will also attend. If you have not already registered, please call president Dave Troutman at 570-220-1685 so we have an accurate count.

Property Improvements

At the February meeting, the members voted to:

- award a contract for \$11,593 to Miles Reynolds General Construction of Muncy to replace the restrooms in the Grange Hall. The existing restrooms and coat room area will be reconfigured to provide one larger handicapped accessible unit plus another smaller updated unit. Funding will come from several sources – "Friends of Eagle Grange", the Eagle custodial account held by the State Grange from sale of former Grange properties and (possibly) from a grant we are seeking.
- install stone on parking areas surrounding the Grange Hall
- seek a bid for painting of the first floor dining room and possibly also the kitchen
- continue investigating the replacement of the kitchen gas range (the current "antique" model is listed for sale)

Another particularly welcome bit of news - the water problems have been corrected and the most recent testing gave a clean bill of health! ***We can drink the water again!***

Upcoming Programs

- **Tuesday, April 7, 2020** – Three local fire companies (Clinton Township, Washington Township, and Montgomery) will be honored for their service to the community and each will receive a \$500 donation from Eagle Grange. Local municipal officials will also be invited to attend and offer their congratulations to local fire fighters. We are awaiting confirmation that the State Fire Commissioner will be the evening's speaker.
- **Plans for 150th Anniversary Next Year**
 - Eagle will host an open house for Grangers from across Pennsylvania on **Saturday, April 17, 2021**, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. A kick-off luncheon for the State Grange's anniversary will follow at Country Cupboard, Lewisburg, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and Eagle Grange will have a prominent part in that program. We are starting to pull together a short slide (PowerPoint) presentation about Grange #1 that started the whole movement in Pennsylvania.
 - Some preliminary brainstorming about a community based celebration took place at the last meeting. While nothing is definite at this point, we dreamed about hosting a big outdoor community picnic with musical entertainment and fun activities for everyone sometime during the summer of 2021. Citations from local, state and national officials could be part of the celebration. This will be a wonderful chance to share Eagle Grange's story with our neighbors.

Have you noticed more activities taking place at the Grange Hall?

The second floor is being used regularly by a local dance group and we are pleased to have several other first floor rentals coming up in February and March before the restroom construction gets underway. This service to groups needing a place to meet also provides a modest source of income. When the planned improvements to the restrooms, parking area, dining room and kitchen are completed, our facility will be an even more attractive, comfortable and sought after venue.

Next Grange Meeting – Tuesday, March 3, 2020
6:30 p.m. at Grange Hall

With so many things being planned, there are lots of ideas to discuss and details to be worked out. We need every member to get involved and help to renew Eagle Grange. Come to the meeting and bring along a friend or neighbor to introduce them to the Grange.