



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



In-Person Grange Meetings to Resume

With Lycoming County now in the “yellow phase” of COVID-19 restrictions, Eagle Grange will hold its regular meeting at the Grange Hall. Of course, appropriate social distancing will be observed so please wear a mask.

Next Grange Meeting – Tuesday, June 2, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

This is also the rescheduled Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania so please remember to vote before coming to the Grange meeting.

What Is All The Activity Going on at the Grange Hall?

By the time of the meeting, we expect the majority of the work by contractor Miles Reynolds to be completed:

- ***Two brand-new restrooms***
- ***Installation of required interior and exterior emergency lighting***
- ***Construction of a ramp at the main entrance that meets current code requirements***
- ***Appropriately engineered and signed handicap parking spaces near the entrance***

Much of the work being done by volunteers is nearing completion, too. Grange President David Troutman has done a truly outstanding job coordinating the renovations and has spent many hours purchasing supplies, painting, etc.. State Grange advisors Doug Bonsall and Jennifer Nauss have also spent one or two days each week for the past month painting at the hall.

All this means on your next visit to the Grange Hall you will see a dramatic transformation of the first floor dining/meeting hall, restrooms and kitchen. The crowning touch will be the installation of new wood laminate flooring on Saturday, June 6th when a group of volunteers from Valley Grange #1360 in York County and the State Grange President come to work.

Grange volunteers spent a recent Saturday cleaning out the kitchen cabinets in preparation for the painting and starting to organize some Grange materials. We need to schedule another work day to put things back into the cabinets, wash windows and hang new curtains.

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Important Discussion Items

With the completion of physical renovations to our property, Eagle Grange must give immediate attention to increasing the level of activities so the community becomes more aware of our purpose. Here are some ideas that have been discussed preliminarily but need more definite planning:

Service Projects

- *Sponsorship of blood mobile*
- *Scheduling a document shredding day*
- *Honoring three local fire companies with presentation of \$500 to each*

Fund Raising

- *Yard sale – rent spaces to vendors, sell excess Grange items, food stand*
- *Take out chicken barbeque*
- *Sandwich sale*

Special Events

- *Planning lunch for volunteers laying floor on June 6th*
- *Re-Opening Party/Picnic/Dinner – celebrating completion of hall renovations and lifting of COVID-19 restrictions*
- *Planning for 150th anniversary coming up next year*

Rental Agreement - The State Grange is strongly recommending that all Granges that rent their properties have a written document that spells out specifications, rules, etc. The recent COVID-19 situation should also be specifically addressed to limit liability for the Grange. We will discuss and review a draft of such a document for Eagle now that our renovated facility is likely to attract many more rentals and we want to adequately protect ourselves.

Look for the Grange in the Local Newspaper

The word is starting to spread! Carol Shetler from the local *Luminary* newspaper recently learned from a Grange friend that Eagle is renewing itself and looking toward its 150th anniversary. She stopped by the Grange Hall one day after seeing several vehicles there and met Doug Bonsall who was painting. This newspaper is very interested in helping to tell the Grange story by sharing articles on upcoming activities. She plans to stop by again on June 6th during the flooring installation to take some pictures that will accompany an article about our renovation project.

Eagle Grange needs more active members to help implement all the plans we have dreamed about! Even if you haven't been to a Grange meeting in a very long time, please resolve to change that right now by joining us on June 2nd.