



Pennsylvania State Grange Lecturer's Committee

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this letter finds you well and staying warm during these cold winter months.

One of my primary goals when I was elected Lecturer of the Pennsylvania State Grange was to rejuvenate the regional meeting concept to bring meaningful leadership development to Grangers across the state. I am excited to announce that these “Regional Leadership Conferences” are scheduled for this spring and I strongly encourage all Grange members and leaders to attend.

The Grange, like so many other organizations, faces many challenges in an ever-changing world, including finding new members, encouraging current members to be more active, and finding ways to connect to younger people – both in and out of the Grange. Tackling these challenges can sometimes seem overwhelming and certainly cannot be done overnight. The Regional Leadership Conferences aim to provide training and opportunities for discussion about these topics and more.

The Lecturer's Department will be joined by several other State Grange Departments, including the Youth/Young Adult Department, the Junior Department, the Deaf and Community Service Department, the Membership director, and the History Committee. We are also hoping to welcome representatives from the FFA to lead a workshop on Parliamentary Procedure and why it is important in both the Grange and FFA, as well as to discuss a new program and relationship between the Grange and FFA. Together, we have planned a full day of workshops, trainings, and discussions to help equip Grange leaders and members with skills to take back to their local Granges.

There are three conferences scheduled for this spring – one in Central PA, one in Western PA, and one in Eastern PA:

- Saturday, March 7th, at Logan Grange, 122 N. Main St., Pleasant Gap, PA 16823 (Register by February 15)
- Saturday, March 28th, at Big Knob Grange, 336 Grange Rd., Rochester, PA 15074 (Register by February 7)
- Saturday, May 2nd, at Kutztown Grange, Kemp & James Alley, Kutztown, PA 19530 (Register by April 11)

The Conferences will begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 4:30 pm to allow for one-day travel for participants. There is a \$10 registration fee that includes lunch, which will be provided that day.

In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity—Grange Motto

The Deaf and Community Service Department is sponsoring collections of items for local charities at each regional conference. Registrants will receive an email with the donation lists a few weeks prior to their regional conference.

Enclosed please find a tentative schedule (with workshop descriptions) for the Regional Leadership Conferences and a Registration Form.

Please mark your calendars and register to attend one of the conferences this spring! Please contact me with any questions.

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Regional Leadership Conferences
Tentative Schedule

10:00 – 10:15	Gather/Welcome by the Pennsylvania State Grange
10:15 – 11:00	“Ritual 101” <i>Have you ever wondered why we open and close the Grange as it is written in the manual? Learn <u>how</u> and <u>why</u> the Grange uses ritual in regular meetings.</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration/Explanation <i>Learn about an exciting new connection between the Grange and the FFA and learn why Parliamentary Procedure (how business is run) is important.</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch with Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters/Presidents • Secretaries • Lecturers • Youth/Young Adults • Juniors • Deaf and Community Service • Family Activities
12:30 – 1:00	Brief Review of Contests/Programs (Whole Group) <i>Hear from the Pennsylvania State Grange Department Chairs and State Officers about roles and responsibilities and exciting new contests and programs for 2020.</i>
1:00 – 1:40	Community Service Project <i>The Deaf and Community Service Department will sponsor a hands-on service project, creating treat bags for police officers. Have fun and give back!</i>
1:45 – 2:15	“If You Give a Grange a Junior” <i>Have you ever read the book, “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” by Laura Numeroff? In this workshop, learn what can happen “If You Give a Grange a Junior” by Lurae Benzio, Junior Director. Handouts and a cookie for all who participate!</i>
2:20 – 2:50	Legislative Review <i>What are the Grange’s legislative priorities? How does an idea become Grange policy? How do we encourage our members to take more interest in this process?</i>
2:55 – 3:30	Hospitality <i>As we hopefully gain new members, both young and young-at-heart, are our Granges <u>ready</u> to welcome them? Engage in a discussion about how we can make our Granges more hospitable. We don’t get a second chance to make a first impression!</i>
3:35 – 4:10	“I don’t know how to answer that!” <i>As you have talked with others about the Grange, have you ever been asked a real zinger that you weren’t sure how to answer? Learn how to handle those tricky questions and share what the Grange is all about.</i>
4:15 – 4:30	Wrap-Up/Evaluation/Questions <i>This is your opportunity to share your feedback about this conference and let us know what you would like to see at future regional conferences.</i>

2020 Grange Regional Conference Registration

The Pennsylvania State Grange is offering a series of Regional Conferences across Pennsylvania in the spring of 2020. These conferences will aim to provide meaningful leadership training to ALL Grange leaders and members and improve information-sharing between the State Grange and Subordinate and Pomona Granges. There will be 3 conferences, scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, **March 7, 2020** at **Logan Grange**, Centre County (CENTRAL)
- Saturday, **March 28, 2020** at **Big Knob Grange**, Beaver County (WEST)
- Saturday, **May 2, 2020** at **Kutztown Grange**, Berks County (EAST)

The conferences will begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Registration fee is \$10.00.

Please see the tentative schedule also included in this mailing for a list of the workshops and activities planned for the conferences.

Registration:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Grange: _____ County: _____

I am registering to attend the Regional Conference on:

- Saturday, March 7, 2020 – Logan Grange, Centre County
- Saturday, March 28, 2020 – Big Knob Grange, Beaver County
- Saturday, May 2, 2020 – Kutztown Grange, Berks County

Please return registration form and \$10.00 registration fee to:

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*Make checks payable to the Pennsylvania State Grange

Logan Grange (3/7/2020) – Register by **February 15, 2020**
Big Knob Grange (3/28/2020) – Register by **March 7, 2020**
Kutztown Grange (5/2/2020) – Register by **April 11, 2020**

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