



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



October 2022



Distinguished Grange Award

Word has just been received from the National Grange that Eagle has earned Distinguished Grange recognition for the second consecutive year. In receiving this national recognition for 2021-2022, Eagle joins an elite group of 24 community Granges across the country which have achieved especially high standards for their activities.

Eagle Grange submitted for national review a recap of activities from July 2021 through June 2022 that was judged to qualify for the Distinguished Grange recognition. It is expected that Philip Vonada, Eagle Grange vice president, will receive the award in person at a special reception during the 156th annual National Grange Convention in Sparks, NV, in November.

Secretary Jennifer Nauss (above), who was largely responsible for submission of the extensive application and documentation, said *"Eagle Grange is so proud to receive this honor again. We don't do the work for the accolades, but this means so much to our members who worked so hard on behalf of our community. We learned what works in this community and tried new things."*

Next Grange Meeting – Oct. 4th

Installation of Officers and Sign Dedication

A big night is planned at Eagle Grange on **Tuesday, October 4, 2022**. Beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. and outside at the front entrance of the Grange Hall (weather permitting), we will assemble for a brief ceremony to dedicate the new exterior signs that have been professionally made to identify the home of Pennsylvania's first Grange.



Families of the late Robert "Bob" Hively (left) and Elizabeth Anstadt (right) requested that memorials be directed to Eagle Grange



and those funds were used to purchase the signage.

In the event of rain, the dedication will take place inside with refreshments following immediately after.

Irvin & Janet Reynolds are hosts for the evening; please bring a dessert or snack food to share as we expect many guests to be with us.

The installation of officers will begin at or about 7:15 p.m. and will be led once again by Sister Anna May Nauss and her team from York County. You may recall the impressive ceremony conducted by this team two years ago. Officers from the Pomona, Allegheny, California and Canusarago Granges have been invited to participate in a joint installation.

Eagle Grange officers are reminded to wear black slacks/skirts and white shirts/blouses. A group photo will be taken after the installation is completed.

Sept. 6th Visit to Taber Museum

Last year Eagle Grange formally transferred ownership of its antique corner cupboard to the Lycoming Co. Historical Society in Williamsport where it had been on loan for 48 years. The museum invited the Grange for a free tour.



Scott Sagar (center) of the museum staff led a wonderful tour.



Joann Murray, Eagle's longest continuous member, poses with the donated cupboard which she recalls being in the second floor anteroom of the Grange Hall.



Our group enjoyed refreshments after the tour at nearby Nichols Court Apartments hosted by Karen Williamson.

Glenn Pauling Ended Up in Jail!



Grange Incorporation Completed

The process took longer and was more complicated than expected but Eagle Grange is now officially incorporated as **Eagle Grange #1 Pennsylvania, Inc.** A new deed has transferred ownership of the property to the corporation from the previously unincorporated organization. This action was taken to provide protection to the individual members of the Grange from liability issues that might arise from activities of the Grange or on its property.

Elliott Weiss began the incorporation process last year with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Once that was finished, the PA State Grange had to give its legal permission for the property transfer which required payment of a transfer tax to Lycoming County. Barbara Weiss donated her services to notarize Executive Committee signatures required on the deed transaction. The transfer tax amount, plus legal services provided by the State Grange legal counsel, totaled about \$3,500.

If you know of a deserving individual, couple or organization in the community that should be recognized for outstanding volunteer service, please complete and submit this form so Eagle Grange's first "Community Citizen Award" can be presented during our annual Holiday Dinner on Tuesday, December 6, 2023.

Nomination for 2022 Eagle Grange

COMMUNITY CITIZEN AWARD

Here's your chance to help the Grange recognize outstanding volunteer service that makes the community a better place.

The Grange Community Citizen Award is a nationwide project to recognize the outstanding community service of non-Grange individuals, couples and organizations. Eagle Grange will give a 2022 award at the annual Holiday Dinner meeting/program on Tuesday, December 6th. The award recipient(s), their family and friends will be the guests of our Grange for the evening to receive well deserved recognition.

All Grange members are invited to submit nominations for this year's award. You may submit any number of nominations, but all must be submitted in writing. A committee will evaluate all nominations and select the most deserving to receive the award. Since the review committee may never have met the person(s) you are nominating and may know nothing of their community involvement, please be very specific as you describe why your nominee is deserving of this award.

Name of Nominee _____

Address of Nominee _____

City _____

State _____ **ZIP Code** _____ **Telephone** _____

List the nominee's community involvement(s)

(attach additional sheets as necessary to give details)

State why you believe this nominee should receive the Grange Community Citizen Award

References - List individuals who can be contacted for more information about the nominee

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

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Nomination made by (name of Grange member) _____

All nominations must be returned by November 1, 2022 to:
Doug Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018
or douglas.b@verizon.net

Take a Look at the Chicken Breast Dinner

About 130 take-out meals were served on Sept. 24th. Here's a step-by-step pictorial tour of the process.



(Above) Joann Murray, Doug Bonsall and Jenn Nauss started early to get the meat ready for the oven. (Below) Jenn demonstrates the technique for stuffing the breasts.



(Above) Meanwhile, Libby Green & Hilda Sampsell filled individual bags with rolls and butter in the morning and later were joined (below) by Janet Reynolds & Barbara Weiss to portion out the coleslaw.



Jackie Murray dishes out the apple crisp dessert.



By noon on dinner days all six burners on the gas stove are filled with pots. Here Doug Bonsall is making sure that delicious home frozen corn does not scorch!



Janet Reynolds switched tasks to be the greeter, offering a warm welcome as guests arrived to pick up meals.



Guests start arriving as early as 1:30 p.m. so the kitchen servers – Jackie Murray, Libby Green, Joann Murray, Nancy Eck, David Troutman & Hilda Sampsell - take their places to fill the take-out containers with hot food.



(Seated above) Karen Williamson and Fred Murray checked the meal reservations list and received meal donations from guests. Then Phil Vonada (below right) was ready to fill each order with a smile.

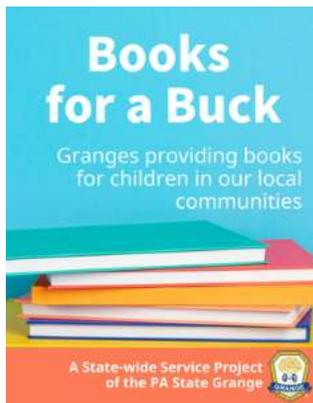


Elliott Weiss staffed the sale table offering Grange cookbooks, baked goods and canned items.



Eagle is supporting a statewide Grange service project to purchase books for local schools.

A donation of \$225 has already been sent to the Montgomery Area PTO to purchase 225 books to provide one book for each student in an elementary classroom, a different classroom in Montgomery Elementary to be selected each month of the 2022-23 school year. We are working on a program for next year about the "State of Public Education" with a speaker from the local district.



Disappointing News

NO GRANT - Word was received in late September that funding is not available for our application submitted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant. Had this grant for about \$37,000 been received, it would have underwritten 85% of the estimated cost to pave our lot and build a picnic pavilion. *It was worth a shot!*

CANCELLED - Due to lack of a sufficient number of advance registrations, the Paint Party scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd has been cancelled. The benefit was intended to raise funds for the Community Theatre League programs serving special needs children and adults. *Oh well....we tried.*

Property Update

Thanks to on-going fund raising projects and some generous donations, the Grange can proceed with paving of approximately 5,000 square feet of the parking lot. This is the maximum square footage that can be paved without requiring an expensive engineering plan for water management. Green Valley Paving, Hughesville, expects to do the work yet this fall. We delayed the start of this project from last summer until the results of the grant application was known and understood the delay could result in a cost increase. So now we are waiting on an update to the original \$18,200 cost. **Additional donations for this major project are always welcomed.**

The cost of the used console piano and its tuning has been underwritten by our resident musician Doug Bonsall. The first use of the piano will be used for the installation of officers on October 4th.

As luck would have it, the contractor volunteering services to install the exhaust system was available to start the work on Sept. 24th but the take-out dinner on the same day prevented that from happening. We now wait for another opening in his work schedule.

Harry Frey, plumber, expects to install the new sinks and faucets in the kitchen during the second or third week in October. This will be a most welcome improvement!

Coming Events

October 2 — Benefit Paint Party **CANCELLED**

October 4 – Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m. Dedication of new exterior signage (outdoors weather permitting) and installation of officers for Granges of Pomona #28

- Host – Irvin & Janet Reynolds

October 14-16 – State Grange session in York, PA; Jenn Nauss & Philip Vonada are Eagle’s voting delegates

November 1 – Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m.

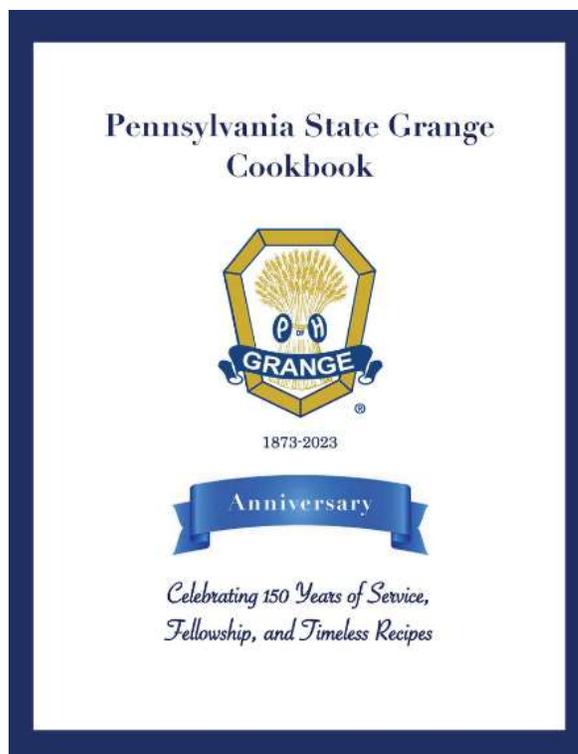
Due date for “Community Citizen” Nominations

Program – **Getting Better Acquainted with the Grange** - a pictorial summary of the past year’s activities

- Host – Fred & Joann Murray

November 11 – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

November 12 – Turkey & Trimmings Take-Out Dinner; see poster on Page 7. Help needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch



We have just eight (8) copies of the State Grange 150th anniversary cookbook published in 2021 still available for purchase. The cost is \$25 each.

The 2010 State Grange cookbook is on sale for \$15 each – a savings of 25% from the original price. Both books made wonderful presents for Christmas, showers, birthdays, etc.

Volunteers will be needed for preparation on Fri., Nov. 11th (10 a.m.-??) and Sat., Nov. 12th (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) Donations of home baked goods and candy are always popular items for our sales table. Sign up at our meetings on 10/6 or 11/1.

Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022

Turkey & All the Trimmings

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Cranberry Relish, Pickles, Roll & Butter, Homemade Pumpkin Pie

Suggested Donation - \$13



Advance reservations suggested*

Contact Joann Murray @ 570-547-1340

**Limited # of meals available without reservations*

Pick-up 2-4 p.m. @ Eagle Grange Hall

Rt. 15 & East Blind Rd., Montgomery, PA

Next Take-Out Dinner – February 11, 2023

Free “Share the Love” Meal

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October 2022 Newsletter

Eagle Grange on Display at the Bloomsburg Fair



Best overall Grange display + Highest point total for theme "Working Together to Keep the Tradition Alive"