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From the President's Desk



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About a month ago, I received a letter from CT State Senator Patricia Billie Miller (27th District) on letterhead from the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus (BPRC). In her letter, she expressed the sentiment that our usage of the term “Master” in the heading of my monthly column in the CT Granger was not only insensitive to the feelings of many people of color whose ancestors experienced the horrors of slavery, but outdated and inappropriate in this day and age due to perceived offensiveness. She asked to be removed from our mailing list. I replied to Sen. Miller, both acknowledging her having been offended while further apologizing and stating that we do not wish to offend; furthermore, I made it clear that our use of “Master” and “Overseer” in the Grange does not have any connection to the institution of slavery, but dates back to an earlier English usage. I even provided her an electronic copy of Welcome to the Grange where this is all explained in print. As an aside, I admitted my lack of a direct genealogical connection to the slavery issue and sense of tradition in the organization allowed this to continue; I know some don't like these words, but after all, I reasoned that since I know the history, it could

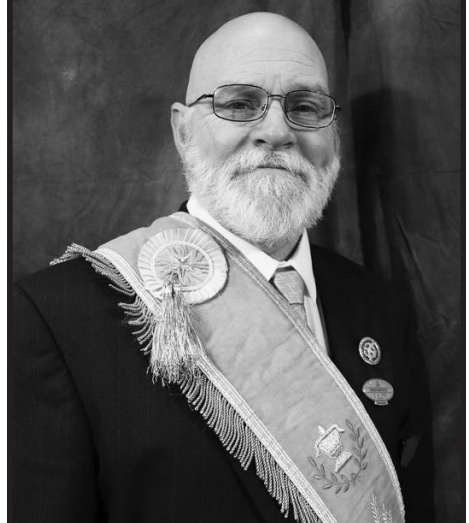
be defended.

Folks, I know the traditionalists among you don't like to give up time honored practices in our Order, especially those you understand and value. However, in our public position as strong lobbyists for our rural and farm interests, I believe in first impressions being of primary importance. We do not live in a vacuum, as both the world and even our greater community are diverse. At some point, respect of others feelings is imperative; “Just get over it” doesn't fly anymore. While we in the Grange are predominantly Caucasian today, we will not survive unless we open the door to all, and the first step is to put a stop to all possible sources of offense insofar as we are able.

From here on, my column will be called “From the President's Desk.” There is an ongoing debate about addressing the two top leaders in our Subordinate Granges within the

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National Representatives



The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to announce High Priest of Demeter Roger Bostwick and his wife Melanie will be the National Representatives to the 140th Annual Session of the State Grange. Brother Bostwick also serves as President of the Kansas State Grange.

Influential Connecticut Grangers:

Senator William M. Curtis

by Todd A. Gelineau, Editor

William M. Curtis was born in Monroe, CT on Sept. 14, 1879. In 1902 he moved to Bridgewater where he worked his 233 acre farm with 150 acres in cultivation. The farm consisted of about 50 head of dairy stock and a flock of 1200 laying hens. A small orchard was operated as a sideline business.

In 1914 he helped organize the Litchfield County Farm Bureau and remained active in the organization for the rest of his life serving as a town director and member of the executive committee.

In the Grange, he belonged to Bridgewater Grange No. 153 serving as its president along with being

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organization across Connecticut and other states too. Some have changed and some have not. In some cases, there is a two tier system of usage of these words within and without the Grange. This is hard to sustain, and I urge you all to revisit this debate and act wisely. How many of you even knew the extent of circulation of out CT Granger? As we do not wish to lose our allies in Hartford, I asked Sen. Miller to hold off on being

removed from our list.

This brings me to another ongoing series; that being National President Chris Hamp's "Speak Like a Champ." This month, it's the "WOW factor." The WOW factor would that thing that really grabs your attention when looking at or listening to something or someone. As you see from the example above, the WOW factor was not so desirable and because of that we took a hit. Lessons learned and we have to move forward to make these WOW Factors positive. Consider this principle each time you and your Grange interact with the public in whatever way you do. We know we are good people trying to do good things for our Order and the communities in which we live to make a world a better place for ALL. From the Grange Heirloom Program for August, consider this: Wherever you go, whatever your calling, aim to do good. Good deeds are ever more fruitful of yet more good.

Cleanup day at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds was held June 30 to get the New England Grange Building in order for the rapidly approaching Big E to be held from Sept. 13-29. Attendance was light due to illness, scheduling conflicts, and other factors. We got some things done, but another session will need to be held. Right now is the time to get handmade articles to Dawn or myself to go to the NEGB. Volunteers are being

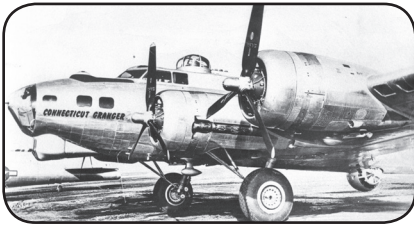
sought to work in the store and host the Connecticut room. Please contact me or Noel if you are interested and able to contribute time.

Our annual State Grange Session is approaching. It will be held October 17, 18, and 19 at Norwich Holiday Inn. Get your resolutions and contest entries in. Remember this year will also be an election of officers year. As the installation will follow, it will be a busy time. I have to say that relearning the sixth degree has not been nearly as hard as the first time through. Get your reservations in as we would like good attendance and all Granges represented. The room rates are good thanks to the work of Secretary Todd Gelineau negotiating the contract with the hotel. The camaraderie among Grangers at State Session is always great, and contributions by our National representative are thought provoking. Register soon!

By the time you read this, the Eastern Connecticut Pomona sponsored Lighthouse Cruise will be history. I want to thank Jaimie Cameron for organizing this social event which I anticipate will be delightful. It would be nice to have more such events in the future. Perhaps an afternoon at a Connecticut winery could be arranged. Maggie and I had a wonderful time at Beacon Valley's 135th Anniversary and Awards Night. With Grange fairs coming up, get out and visit some fellow Grangers' endeavors.

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Senator William M. Curtis



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elected President of Housatonic Valley Pomona No. 10. He later served on the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee.

Like many of the Grange members featured in this column, William Curtis found the time to serve his community many different ways including serving on the Bridgewater Board of Selectmen for 25 years (many as first selectman), vice president of the town Library Association and executive board member of the Bridgewater Cemetery Association.

In 1950 the Town of Bridgewater was able to pay off its debt with Curtis at the helm as first selectman.

Mr. Curtis served five terms in the General Assembly and one additional term as Senator from the 32nd District. Additionally he was on the Connecticut Marketing Authority, the State Parks and Forest Commission, Motor Vehicle Commission, the Milk Regulation Board and on the Agricultural Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly.

In 1944, the University of Connecticut revived the custom of presenting honorary recognition "to men and women who have made 'noteworthy contributions to agriculture and rural life in Connecticut' was adopted in 1924

and has been continuous except for 1942 and 1943 when Farm and Home Week was abandoned because of (wartime) travel restrictions."

William Curtis and Mrs. Philip H. Jones were selected by the UConn Board of Trustees and the awards were presented by President A.N. Jorgensen of the university.

Along with his already impressive list of responsibilities, Curtis was a member of St. Peter's Lodge of New Milford and of the Scottish Rite of the Masonic Order. He was also secretary of the board of trustees of the Fairfield State Hospital at Newtown and was a member of the Joint Committee of the State Mental Hospitals.

He married Etta May Young from Bridgewater in March of 1905. *The Newtown Bee* on July 14, 1905 said, "The past two or three years had been trying ones and although not strong, she was married March 1, to William M. Curtis. Early in April she went to Saranac Lake (NY)*, but did not derive any benefit from the change and died July 1."

The article continued, "The funeral

was largely attended from her home July 5, Rev. D.D. Gorton officiating. A quartet, Mrs. E.R. Wooster, Mrs. H.W. Treat, C.N. Hatch and H.W. Treat, sang, "Asleep in Jesus," "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Peace, Perfect Peace." There were many floral offerings, among them being a large pillow from husband and mother, a pillow from Bridgewater Grange and flat bouquets of roses from Miss Isabelle Orr and Miss Fannie Pierce, who were bridesmaids at her wedding. The pall bearers were Frank M. Frost, Willis E. Frost, cousins, Albert Evitts and John H. Morehouse of New Milford, friends of Mr. Curtis. Bridgewater Grange met the procession near their hall and marched to the cemetery where each member dropped a bouquet of roses into the grave, which was trimmed with hemlock boughs and roses."

He did later re-marry but records about his second wife are difficult to find. William Curtis passed away on March 7, 1950 at New Milford Hospital after a long illness.

*Saranac Lake, New York was well known for being a place to send patients with "consumption" or what would be later known as Tuberculosis. It was believed being at the lake, breathing the country air could heal illnesses.

Traveling to Sacramento

In November of 1934, the Connecticut State Grange hosted the National Grange in Hartford at the State Armory and Horace Bushnell Memorial Hall. The convention set records for both attendance and numbers of Patrons receiving the Seventh Degree. The following year, a delegation of Connecticut Grangers which included William Curtis, traveled to Sacramento, California for the 1935 Convention.

An article in the Nov. 5, 1935 *Hartford Courant* said, State President Frank H. Peet of Kent and Mrs. Peet are going as the delegates of the Connecticut State Grange. Others in the party, Mrs. Peet said, Monday, will include Mr. & Mrs. Curtis, William Templeton of Kent, member of the State Grange Executive Committee" and five others. "The group will travel with other New England Grange members in special railroad cars to Chicago where a special train will be made up. The route leads through Minneapolis to Seattle and then down the coast. At Seattle there will be a day's stop for a boat trip to Vancouver, B.C. The train will reach Sacramento for the opening of the convention November 12. The convention closes November 20 and the return trip will be through Boulder Dam and Salt Lake City to Chicago. Thanksgiving dinner will be served on the train the day before the party reaches Connecticut November 29. A trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles is scheduled before the return."



Convention Registration

Thursday, October 17 - Saturday, October 19

HOTEL RESERVATIONS DUE: SEPT. 16

SESSION REGISTRATIONS DUE: SEPT. 30

ALL MEMBERS are required to register to attend most sessions/activities (excluding Sixth Degree and Lecturer's Program on Friday evening). All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Lunches are included in the registration fee and the Banquet is a separate ticketed event.

Grange Name _____ No. _____

DELEGATES (Complete this section only if you were selected your Grange's Delegates to Session)

Delegate Name _____
Sessions: ___ Full (\$50) ___ Thurs./Fri. (\$25) ___ Saturday (\$25) \$ _____
Attending lunch on Friday? ___ Yes ___ No Banquet Choice # _____ (\$35) \$ _____
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Delegate Name _____
Sessions: ___ Full (\$50) ___ Thurs./Fri. (\$25) ___ Saturday (\$25) \$ _____
Attending lunch on Friday? ___ Yes ___ No Banquet Choice # _____ (\$35) \$ _____
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NON-DELEGATES

Name _____
Sessions: ___ Full (\$50) ___ Thurs./Fri. (\$25) ___ Saturday (\$25) \$ _____
Attending lunch on Friday? ___ Yes ___ No Banquet Choice # _____ (\$35) \$ _____

Name _____
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Attending lunch on Friday? ___ Yes ___ No Banquet Choice # _____ (\$35) \$ _____

JUNIOR MEMBERS (This section is for Junior Grange and Plus 1 members)


Junior Granger Name _____
Sessions: ___ Full (\$20) ___ Thurs./Fri. (\$10) ___ Saturday (\$10) \$ _____
Attending lunch on Friday? ___ Yes ___ No Banquet Choice # _____ (\$35) \$ _____

Junior Granger Name _____
Sessions: ___ Full (\$20) ___ Thurs./Fri. (\$10) ___ Saturday (\$10) \$ _____
Attending lunch on Friday? ___ Yes ___ No Banquet Choice # _____ (\$35) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

CELEBRATION BANQUET (FRIDAY Evening at 7:00 P.M.)

Meal Choices (indicate the number of each person's choice above):

-  1) 12 oz. Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
- 2) Chicken Piccata with Lemon Caper Sauce
- 3) Grilled Salmon with Bourbon Glaze
- 4) Eggplant Parmesan

Entrees include a Herb Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Garden Salad, White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake.

Please make checks payable to the Connecticut State Grange

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Questions: Please call the State Secretary at (860) 307-1522 or email: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

To reserve hotel rooms, call the Holiday Inn at 860-889-5201 and ask for the CT State Grange block.

Tentative Convention Schedule

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

Ballroom, Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Fourth Degree
Introduction of National Representatives, Roger Bostwick, High Priest of Demeter of the National Grange and Melanie Bostwick
Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees
Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
Roll Call of Granges
Report of Credentials Committee
Session Committee Announcements
Intro. of Business to be referred without debate
- 8:00 P.M. Address of State President Robert Buck
Response of Overseer Theodore Powell III
Report of Treasurer Jody A. Cameron
Report of Secretary Todd A. Gelineau
Report of Executive Committee/Board of Dir.
Report of Lecturer David Roberts
- 9:00 P.M. Closing
- 9:05 P.M. Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Grange Foundation, Inc. including the annual report of the President of the Foundation
(Please remain seated for this brief meeting)
- 9:30 P.M. Time for Committee Meetings (if necessary)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

- 7:30 A.M. FREE Continental Breakfast provided by the Connecticut State Grange (Chelsearose Room)
- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Session
Intro. of Business to be referred without debate
- 9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business: Election of Officers of the Connecticut State Grange
- 9:30 A.M. Report of Legislative Committee
Report of Agriculture Committee
Report of General Deputy
Reports of Pomona Deputies
- 10:45 A.M. BREAK
- 11:30 A.M. Report of *Connecticut Granger*
Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (Nutmeg Ballroom), Hosts: TBD
 - Blessing by State Chaplain
 - Family Activities Awards & Report
 - Membership Awards
 - Public Relations Awards
 - Agriculture Contest Awards
- 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
- 2:15 P.M. Address of National Representative
- 2:45 P.M. Business Session
- 3:15 P.M. BREAK
- 3:30 P.M. Report of New England Grange Building
- 4:30 P.M. Closing
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet (Ballroom)
 - Professional Agriculture Awards
 - Scholarship Awards
 - Lecturer's Program

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

- 7:30 A.M. FREE Continental Breakfast provided by the Connecticut State Grange (Chelsearose Room)

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
Intro. of Business to be referred without debate
- 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
- 9:45 A.M. Break for Preparation of Sixth Degree
- 10:00 A.M. **Conferral of the Sixth Degree, Ballroom (NEW LAST YEAR)** Open to all Sixth Degree members, registration not required to attend.
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Escorting National Representatives
Recognition of Honored Guests and Past Voting Delegates to National Grange
Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form
Recognition of Golden Sheaf Members
- 11:15 A.M. BREAK (or 15 min. break at the conclusion of the degree, if earlier).
Committee Reports (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recognition Luncheon, Hosts: TBD
 - Blessing by State Chaplain
 - Introduction of guests from the CT FFA
 - Presentation by FFA
 - Junior Recognition
 - Youth Recognition
- 1:30 P.M. Budget Approval (tentative)
- 2:00 P.M. Business Session
Community Service Report
Honor Grange Awards
- 3:00 P.M. Closing in Form in the Fourth Degree
- 3:30 P.M. Installation of Officers

Degree candidates must be at the Holiday Inn by 9:30 A.M. with the Fourth and Fifth Degree Words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to be admitted. Applications are \$10 and can be purchased from the State Secretary.

This Schedule is Tentative and subject to change.

How to book your room at the



- 1) Call the Holiday Inn Norwich at 860-889-5201. You may be forwarded to the corporate reservation line.
- 2) Tell them you are reserving a room in the CT State Grange room block in October.
- 3) Rates for our room block are as follows:
Thurs., 10/17 \$109 +tax/fees
Fri., 10/18 & Sat., 10/19. \$129 +tax/fees
- 4) **Make your reservation before Sept. 16, 2024.** If there are rooms left after that date they will be at the standard "rack" rate, not our special group rate. Due to concerts and events at Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun Casinos, rooms may be in short demand, PLEASE RESERVE your room(s) as soon as possible, well in advance of the deadline.

Legislatively Speaking



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July 13 2024 was a scary event at the Trump Rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, where a young white male shot at the former president, and killing a male in the stands protecting his family. Also injured were two other males. The reason is still unknown but the false rumors have exploded as to who is responsible. This proves how divided this country is and that the hate needs to be turned down.

The Republican National Convention has started in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, being praised as a peaceful and unifying event. One of the speakers was Sean O'Brien President of the Teamsters Union. Stating that the Teamsters have not been invited to a Convention for either party in 120 years, He was thankful to be invited by Mr. Trump. I have seen Mr. O'Brien, a truck driver from Boston Mass, speak at Congressional Hearings before. But his speech started with cheers and standing ovations from the crowd, but as he spoke about the ultra-rich taking away union jobs, for their profits, buying union business and breaking them up by selling off the assets for their profits, and freezing wages and benefits to union members to increase their profits, and disrespecting union members for the work that they do to make the profits that the company makes. As he spoke you can see that the audience was shocked, stunned, and the applause and cheering died down. At the end of the speech you could tell the only one cheering were

the blue collar union members who understood what he was saying. Mr. O'Brien also spoke out against big corporations like Amazon, Walmart, and others that do not pay fair wages and benefits and fight employees from voting to unionize its workers, or corporations that will not honor contracts by using outdated laws that were made to break up unions. As a union member for years I applaud Mr, O'Brien for the courage of his "Stick it to the Man" speech. If you are a union worker or family you know exactly what he was talking about and hit the nail right on the head. I hope he gets to the DNC convention to give them the same inspiring speech.

Unions have built this nation from coal miners to auto workers. During his speech he talked about the essential union workers that kept America going during the Pandemic, how they risk their own

lives to report to work to keep the nation open, yet today we never appreciate the sacrifices they made.

The subject of Project 2025 must be addressed. It is a 900 page guide for policies for the Federal Government by the Heritage Foundation, which has proposed policies for the last 50 years, starting with President Reagan's "Trickle down Economics." Plans are to dismantle the Federal Government, by firing staff and replacing them with loyalists to the President, closing the Education, Environmental Protection, Labor, Health, and other agencies, removing the guard rails that are there to keep us safe. We all need to read up about this plan because if it happens we will be no longer be the land of the free. This is no joke this is real.

Talk about union jobs I read an article that a local Cannabis Shop employee wants to form a union for better wages and benefits. More power to the people.

Family Activities Updates

State Session Update for Family Activities. We have some exciting baskets ready for our raffle at State Session this year. The First basket is "Everything for the Car". There is a great assortment of cleaning products, antibacterial wipes, gloves, some tools, a wash bucket and many more items to surprise you. The Second basket is "Everything Kitchen". It has bakeware, spices, oven mits, utensils and so much more! The third is yet to be completed while I am writing this, so it will be a surprise. I thought I would put this information out there for those who are unable to attend State Session. We can pre-sell tickets. All you need to do is send us your money or give it to a family activities member and we will put in your names on tickets and what basket you are hoping to win. If you know of someone who is attending for their Grange, why not send the money along with them. This is our only fundraiser this year so we are hoping it will do well. The ticket prices will remain the same. 3 for \$10.00. We hope you will enjoy these baskets.

While I am writing this article, I know that the Needlework contest will have been completed at Granby Grange. So, I will post all the winners in the September Article. In the meantime, please stay hydrated. It's been a brutal summer so far.



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Hank's Chilaquiles Casserole

Our version of this enchilada-style chilaquiles casserole is packed with nutritious beans and vegetables. Canned prepared enchilada sauce has great flavor and keeps the prep time quick. It can vary in heat level so find one that suits your taste. If you want to eliminate the heat altogether, try a green enchilada sauce (which is often milder than red) or substitute two 8-ounce cans of plain tomato sauce.

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 medium zucchini, grated
- 1 can (19 oz.) black beans, rinsed
- 1 can (14 oz.) diced tomatoes, drained
- 1-1/2 cups corn, frozen (thawed) or fresh
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 12 corn tortillas, quartered
- 1 can (19 oz.) mild red or green enchilada sauce
- 1 1/4 cups shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese

Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly coat a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook, stirring often, until starting to brown, about 5 minutes. Stir in zucchini, beans, tomatoes, corn, cumin and salt and cook, stirring occasionally, until



the vegetables are heated through, about 3 minutes.

Scatter half the tortilla pieces in the pan. Top with half the vegetable mixture, half the enchilada sauce and half the cheese. Repeat with one more layer of tortillas, vegetables, sauce and cheese. Cover with foil.

Bake the casserole for 15 minutes. Remove the foil and continue baking until the casserole is bubbling around the edges and the cheese is melted, about 10 minutes more.

Tips

Make Ahead Tip: Prepare through Step 3 and refrigerate

for up to 1 day.

By Jessie Price Updated on April 22, 2024. Tested by EatingWell Test Kitchen. Reviewed by Dietitian Sylvia Geiger, M.S., RD

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CANNON GRANGE AGRICULTURAL FAIR
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 ~ 10:00-4:00

- ENTER IN A CONTEST WIN A BLUE RIBBON
- SHOP WITH LOCAL VENDORS
- VISIT & LEARN FROM LOCAL NON-PROFITS
- DINE WITH ONE OF THE FOOD VENDORS
- \$2 Admission Fee pp

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EASTERN CT POMONA #3

Corr: Carol Hnath

Sept. 7: “Pass the Buck” at North Stonington Grange Hall at 7 p.m.

Eastern Connecticut Pomona is hosting a lighthouse cruise on July 21st. The other Pomonas in the state have been invited and we are also hosting the National President and her husband.

Our next meeting is at North Stonington Grange Hall on September 7th – this location is not listed in the Pomona handbook! Resolutions should be prepared and sent to the Pomona Secretary prior to the meeting so that copies may be made for the members to provide for ease of discussion. If resolutions are brought directly to the meeting then a minimum of six copies should be supplied.

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Aug. 4: Awards Night

Aug. 28: Friendship Night

Summer is upon us and we are preparing for the annual Grange Fair to be held on August 6 in conjunction with the buy local community event. We continue to prepare the hall for the use of other groups. At the June meeting we held a ice cream social to celebrate National Ice Cream month. We held our election and added Herb Corttis as Steward and Danielle Duquette as Chaplain. We had a discussion regarding the dues structure. We also welcomed long

time member Norma O’Leary to join us.

Our Neighbors Night meeting was well attended with members from Killingly, Dudley and others from the CSG. We thank them all for their help in our SWOT group discussion- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunity and Threats- in reference to the Grange today. Thanks to Amy for organizing this very important group discussion. Our annual baking contest was judged and we had 4 entries. We also had a show and tell where members discussed their handiwork and travel adventures. It is always great to see members from other Granges. We always welcome visitors.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Penny Harris

We here at Killingly Grange are really feeling the heat. What a hot summer!! But it doesn’t stop us from painting our building, and cleaning up the yard. We have some members that go nonstop especially the members that are farmers that are busy haying. We are looking forward to our annual picnic for our members and their guests on 7/15/24. We will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs. It is potluck so you can only imagine the variety of dishes that we will eating.

We are still on target for our upcoming events: July 26 will be our chicken barbeque along with the meal we will be selling homemade blueberries pies (made by our own members), on August 10 we will have Leon’s famous chowder and clam cakes, our annual fair will be August 16,17; Lasagna dinner on September 21; October 19 a full course turkey dinner; then on November 16 Leon will again be serving his delicious chowder and clam cakes.

Let’s not forget December when Santa comes to visit us. I promise it will be cooler! Maybe a good old fashion white Christmas!!!

NORTH STONINGTON COMM.

GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Aug: Meeting omitted for 4H Fair

Aug. 23: Mexican-American War (1846-1848). Wait! The Alamo happened when? (1836)

Our Election of Officers in June brought Robert miner back to the President’s seat. Most of our officers remain the same with a few exceptions. Our Secretary has retired as she will be moving to Rhode Island in the spring. She will be our Pomona, an office she held when she first joined the Grange in 1970 before she took on the job of Secretary. Our new Gatekeeper is Nick Mullane, who was also reelected to the Executive Committee for three years.

After election we learned some interesting facts about the Barbary Pirates and their place in our history.

Our picnic at the end of June was a cozy affair but the food was varied and delicious, with Mike Riley and Robert Miner at the grill. It was a chilly evening for late June, so games were omitted and all returned home to warm up.

The local Lions held a very successful steak dinner and raffle at our hall to raise money for their many charitable projects.

And if those pesky hurricanes that are already raising their hideous heads down south will just give us a wide berth this summer, next time we will tell you all about joyous July.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Irene Percoski

Aug. 9: Game On! Potluck Picnic (Hot Dogs Provided).

Aug. 18: Farm Day at the Strong Farm - 10-2, Come make crafts.

Sept. 6: Resolution Writing and Reviewing (Bring Pencil & Paper) & Instillation of Officers

Oct. 3: Vernon Grange presents program at Coventry

Oct. 4: A New Grange Year

We learned all about bees at our July meeting. How important they are for agriculture and how they live and have managed to survive throughout history. Cherie passed out Bee Flour balls for all to take home and spread around. It will be interesting how well they work.

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Society today is a wasteful one. We see trash along the roads, our rivers and streams are polluted with all kinds of junk and plastic. Everyone uses disposable one-time use plastic bags. Everyone is urged to bring re-useable bags when shopping. Now Vernon Grange is trying, in a small way, to do more by asking each of us to bring their own plates, cups and utensils to the pot luck picnic. Hot dogs and buns are provided. Members are asked to bring a side dish, preferably home-made. This is a roll-back to previous times when it was the normal thing to do before disposable plates and cups. Who knows? Maybe it will start a trend for other Granges to take up. Nancy will have Grange table set up at Farm Day. Come and try a craft.

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Celebrating Success & Looking Ahead



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A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made the 2024 North East Lecturers Association (NELA) Conference in Norwich, Connecticut, such a success. It was a joy to see Grangers from all seven northeast Grange states come together for this wonderful event. Special thanks to State Grange Chaplain Charles Dimmick, who hosted a memorable service on Sunday morning for all attendees.

As we look forward to upcoming events, mark your calendars for the 2024 Connecticut State Grange Family Festival. This year's festival will be held on Sunday, August 4, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Granby Grange Hall, located at 212 North Granby Road, Granby, Connecticut. Organized in partnership with Dawn Percoski, our Family Activities Director, this event promises to be another fantastic gathering for our community.

Granby Grange, one of our re-

vitalized Granges in northern Connecticut, has undergone many exciting changes. The Hall now features a new handicapped-accessible ramp, porch, and unisex bathroom, ensuring accessibility for all. Visitors can also tour our National Grange award-winning community garden, a testament to the hard work and dedication of our members.

During the festival, the Connecticut State Grange Lecturer's Department will once again sponsor the Photo Contest. All entries must be at Granby Grange NLT 9:00 AM on Sunday, August 4th. Open to all Grangers (Junior, Youth, 1+, and Grange), the contest will be judged at the State Grange Family Festival, with winning photos displayed at the State Grange Convention before being returned to their owners. Cash prizes will be awarded for First, Second, and Third place in each category. Adults will compete in one contest, while Junior, Youth, and 1+ will compete in a separate contest.

The four photo categories are:

- 1) Patriotism/Grange Activities
- 2) Pet
- 3) Landscapes

4) Flowers

Rules: 1) Only prints accepted. 2) Participants may enter all four categories but are limited to one entry in each category. 3) Entries must have been taken by the participant since the last State Grange judging. 4) No glass or frames allowed on photos. 5) Prints may be processed commercially but must have been taken by the entrant. 6) Size of photo/backing (if used): No smaller than 4"x6" or larger than 11"x14". 7) The entrant's name, contest category, Grange/Grange number, and phone number must be placed on the back of each entry.

In addition, please join us for our 11th Lecturers' Roundup, to be held on Saturday, August 10, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Zoom information will be sent out before this gathering. This event is for all Grangers, not just Lecturers. Our special guest speaker, Judy Doyle, Granby Grange President-Elect, will share information on new technology tools to make our tasks easier.

It is an honor to serve as your State Grange Lecturer. I hope to visit your Subordinate and Pomona Granges soon. Together, we can continue to uphold our strong Grange tradition!

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us uncover the mystery of faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing: submissions@ctstateGrange.org.

This Month



ANSWERS: We heard from Dawn Anstett regarding the July 2024 photo of the Fair Queens. "1985 Fair Queen Contestants - the one on the back left corner won, after finding out she was entered in competition by Cousin Mark Prelli, President's of Mountain County 4#. So she showed up at all events, whether talking to fair goers about the Grange, handing out ribbons at the ox pulls, selling raffle tickets, or working the dunking booth learning she had loud barker voice that rivaled Frank Warner. All this after showing up at 5am to help Marion Beacher in the Mountain County food booth... my days were long. Evelyn I think is the name of the 1984 Fair Queen, standing in the middle and her sister expected to win... as I said I went and had fun with my weekend and won."

We heard from Jane Miller. "The third girl from the left in back is Evelyn Howard one of the six CT Ag. Fair Queens that year representing the then New Haven County Pomona."

Then, we heard from Fred Camp. Fred is a Past President's of Washington Grange, and now belongs to Bethlehem Grange. Fred believes that one of the girls in the photo belonged to Washington Grange, but he does not know who any of the other girls in the photo are.

We also heard from Rob Buck, who said that the girl on the right with the dark hair in the back row is Faith Korpalski from Bethlehem Grange.

Then we heard from Faith herself, who is now in Florida. She identified the photo as Fair Queens at the Connecticut Agricultural Fair in 1985. She said that pictured are (Left to Right) Dawn Anstett, Debbie Ahlers, Evelyn Ahlers Howard, Faith Korpalski, Suzanne Brown and Jennifer Mann.



Last Month

We did not receive any answers to the June Window Picture. Let us know even if you have a guess.

Roving Clover Book Bus



MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Aug. 24: Regular Meeting @ Bethlehem Grange (Bethlehem Memorial Hall), 2 PM

We hope your summer is going well. It's hard to believe we are looking towards fall with the August meeting of Mt. Laurel on August 24 at the meeting location of Bethlehem Grange, Memorial Hall in Bethlehem. The meeting will begin at 2 PM. We hope to see you there.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Aug. 6: Fair Set-Up

Aug. 10: Grange Fair & Community Tag Sale, 9-3

Aug. 27: Awards Night, Picnic (Supplied by the Grange)

The next meeting of Winchester Grange is devoted to getting the Grange Hall ready for the Fair & Community Tag Sale on Aug. 10. If you are interested in entering exhibits for the fair, please visit our website or contact us via email at info@winchestergrange.org or a premium flyer. The Fair has received a lot of contacts regarding the tag sale, so we are expecting a full green of vendors this year. As always, there will be a book and bake sale, drawings, food from Café 74, kids games and so much more. Join us!

On August 27, Winchester Grange will have its annual awards night, honoring members for their years of dedicated service to the Grange. The picnic meal will be provided by the Grange. All you need to bring is your appetite and a friend! Dinner is at 6 and the meeting will begin at



(Left photo) Barbara Prindle poses at Taghannuck Grange Hall with children's book donations collected from Mountain Laurel Pomona members. (Right photo) Barbara on the Roving Clover Book Bus which received the donations which will be distributed at events around the northwest corner this summer.



7. We'd love to see you there.

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

Aug. 3: Grange Dance 7-9PM by the Dance Committee Ref: All

Aug. 8: Travels by John Brett Ref: Janet Nickson

Aug. 17: Potluck Lunch for all Granges and Grange members.

Sept. 12: Baseball by Dennis Jasmine Ref: Dennis Jasmine

Oct. 10: Halloween Party by Debbie Hanlon Ref: Debbie Hanlon

Please note: Refreshments & Social time at 7PM. Meeting at 7:30PM unless otherwise noted.

At our July meeting we Obligated Charles Katzenstein and welcomed him as a member of our Grange. As always this led to many informational discussions as we went through the agenda for the night, with members explaining the background of things we now take for granted. i.e. Community Service, resolutions, Annual Session, etc.

The rest of the meeting involved plans for our many summer/autumn activities including our August 3rd

dance. Again, this year we will have a booth at the Cornwall Agricultural Fair on Sept. 14th. Members were asked to bring things to the August meeting for our raffle baskets. This is a free raffle where fair visitors can fill out a contact form to drop in one of the baskets that are located at the back of the tent. We have a short conversation with each visitor about what our Grange does during the year.

We have finished the restoration of our Grange Hall from when the tree fell on it. Yes, it took a while but now is greatly improved. We are having a potluck on Saturday, August 17th for all Granges and Grangers so you can see for yourself what your generous donations have allowed us to accomplish. It is a Potluck Lunch at 7 Dunbar Road, Sharon CT 06069 (our Grange Hall) on Sat August 17th at 12:00 Noon – rain or shine. Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. RSVP by August 1st (so we can make sure we have seating) to Debbie Hanlon – (845) 418-9755 or email her at dhanlon370@gmail.com

The books collected by Mountain

Laurel Pomona #15 were delivered to the Roving Clover Book Bus. The bus goes to events and other places where children up to junior high are given free books over the summer months. This helps them retain their reading level when school starts in the fall.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Dorothy Fairchild

Bethlehem Grange made a correct call to cancel our June meeting because of an approaching rainstorm. It turned out to be a horrific storm.

We met in July for a busy session, which included electing officers and planning for next year's programs. August's meeting date is scheduled for the 11th and a picnic is planned.

The first prize cookie contest winner was Carol W. The lecturer's program was a bingo game entitled "Dogs" This was conducted by Barbara Robert.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Dave Roberts

The charming village of Riverton, Connecticut, came alive with holiday cheer the second full weekend of July as residents, businesses, and visitors celebrated "Christmas in July," a first-of-its-kind event co-hosted by the Riverton Grange. The festive celebration was a resounding success, drawing crowds from near and far.

The "Christmas in July" event transformed Riverton into a winter wonderland, complete with holiday decorations, tractor-pulled wagon rides, snow cones, music by the Beale Street East band, and activities for all ages. Attendees enjoyed a variety of attractions, including a holiday market featuring local artisans in the Riverton Grange hall that generated almost \$2,000 in profit, festive food and drink vendors, and live entertainment that kept the atmosphere lively throughout the day. In addition, a 25+ authors barn event at the Riverton Fairgrounds was chaired by Judy Doyle.

One of the highlights of the event was the special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus, who delighted children with early holiday greetings and photo opportunities. Over \$1,000 in donated gifts and school supplies

were distributed to local children. Families also enjoyed holiday-themed games and crafts, adding to the joyous and festive spirit of the day. The Riverton General Store served peppermint ice cream cones, the Orchard Hill Baking Company served Christmas cookies, the Royal Coachman Tavern had holiday fare, and the White Pines Campground offered complimentary s'mores.

The Riverton Grange played a pivotal role in the event's success, contributing their organizational expertise and community spirit. The Grange, a longstanding community organization dedicated to fostering fellowship and supporting local initiatives, helped ensure that the event ran smoothly and was enjoyable for all who attended.

"We are thrilled with the turnout and the positive feedback from the community," said President Dave Roberts from the Riverton Grange. "It's wonderful to see everyone come together to celebrate and create lasting memories. Events like this showcase the strong sense of community and tradition that

Riverton is known for."

In addition to the festive activities, the event also featured a charity drive, encouraging attendees to donate non-perishable food items and toys for local families in need. The generosity of the community was evident, with numerous donations collected throughout the day for the Pleasant Valley Community Food Pantry.

As the sun set on a perfect summer day, attendees left with smiles on their faces and a renewed sense of community spirit. The success of "Christmas in July" has set a high bar for future events, with many already looking forward to next year's celebration.

The Riverton Partnership, which organized the event, is grateful for the support and participation of everyone involved.

For more information about upcoming events and community initiatives, please contact Riverton Grange President Dave Roberts at 860-469-5067, or visit www.RivertonCT.com.

Riverton Christmas in July



Judy Doyle poses outside Riverton Grange Hall during Christmas in July.



NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, September 22 at Beacon Valley Grange Hall at 2 PM. Lecturer Robert Charbonneau will present the program entitled "Fall." Beacon Valley Grange will serve refreshments.

The new program books will be distributed at this meeting. Please make arrangements to pick yours up.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

Aug. 7: Country Fairs

Aug. 21: Fair Work Week

Our big trust this month is our 139th Annual Cheshire Grange Fair, August 24th and 25th. You have heard me say this on occasion, that those of us involved with our fair over the years, feel like we have worked on all 139 of them. This is our biggest event for the Cheshire community. We have been able to keep this as a two day fair as compared to many local fairs that have gone to one day. We offer all the ingredients to make this a well rounded local fair. Our Sunday roast beef dinner has always been a huge attraction. The \$18.00 per person charge is a great deal. We have two seatings at 12:15 and 1:30 pm with take outs at 3:30pm. Our fair as a whole, involves a lot of work which our members always come through and answer the bell. Lastly, our July picnic also served as our program and refreshment scheduling for the new year.



Wallingford Grange hosted a Butter Making Workshop for kids at the hall on July 13.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Stephen Fengler

Wallingford Grange is gearing up for our upcoming annual Grange Fair! We will be having it at the Grange hall on Saturday, September 14, between 12pm-5pm. We will be having many activities that will occur including a "Backyard Shenanigans" kid's zone, Chicken coop bingo (at 2pm and 4pm during the fair), an awareness booth about abused donkeys, a touch the tractor event, furbearer display/match the animal, pet a donkey, a match the veggie activity, and some live music. We will also have several demos focused on sewing, crocheting, and operating a ham radio. There will also be several craft vendors and non-profits present. In addition, we will be selling hot sandwiches at the event like we did last year.

One can also exhibit in several categories including vegetables, baking, needlework, canning, floral arranging, and photography to name a few. Entries to exhibit different items are due on Friday, September 6. More information about specific exhibit categories can be found through our exhibitor fair book on

the Wallingford Grange's website.

This past June, Wallingford Grange hosted the Golden Fox Theatre Company who did a wonderful, hilarious show at our stage called "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" by Don Zolidis! It was a great success and amazing show, and we look forward to their next production at the Grange Hall in December!

We also had a beautiful day for the Dutch oven demonstration led by Mike Kennedy and Jeanne Lewis where we had dessert for lunch, and learned how to properly care for cast iron, how to regulate temperature, and choose the appropriate size Dutch oven for the crowd being fed. A big thank you goes out to Mike Kennedy and Jeanne Lewis, for hosting this!

Finally, we hosted a butter making workshop for kids on July 13. Several kids came and were able to learn more about where butter comes from, and how to make delicious, fresh butter.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

We met last evening for our annual Officers' Planning Night.

Prior to the meeting we had a ziti and meatball supper thanks to Chef Pat Fischer. Salad and ice cream cones complimented the meal. Everyone came with ideas for the new year. Our new theme is "Old MacDonald's Farm- Animals."

As we have been chasing rainbows watching to find the pot of gold at the end with no positive results, we have been look to find new fundraisers to pay our loan for our new roof. On Saturday, Sept. 21 we are having a Chili Cook-Off. We are looking for chili makers. Call Joanne at 203-754-5863 or Pat at 203-927-5383. Tickets are on sale so come and just enjoy the evening. The day starts off with our tag sale from 9 to 3- followed by Open Mic from 2 to 5 and supper from 5 to 6.

Election of Officers found few changes- Joanne is still President and Marilyn Secretary. Our new Steward is Donald Tyler.

Our next meeting is our picnic on August 9th. Potluck supper at 6:00. Come and enjoy some good Grange food.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Aug. 9: Welcome Back to Grange

Aug. 23: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled.

Sept. 13: Omitted

Sept. 27: Installation of Officers
Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

Family Festival

Friday, August 2
Saturday, August 3
Sunday, August 4

Granby Grange Hall
212 North Granby Rd., (Route 189)
Granby, CT

Family Activities Department:
NE Region Needlework Contest
Family Activities Contests
Baking • Crafts • Junior Contests
Tea Cup Contest
Decorate a Birdhouse Contest
"Let's Make a Snowman"
and more!

Lecturer's Department:
Photo Contests
Lecturer's Program

Friday:
Entry Drop Off
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday:
Entry Drop Off before 10:30 AM
Judging Begins 11:00 AM

Sunday:
• Entries on Display •
• Pancake Breakfast •
hosted by Granby Grange
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
• Tea Cup Auction •

For More Information:
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CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

11TH

LECTURERS'

★ **ROUND-UP** ★

SATURDAY
AUGUST 10, 2024
★ **7:00 PM** ★

Let's gather again VIRTUALLY on ZOOM to discuss the latest news, programs and contests from the Lecturer's Department.

For More Information and ZOOM Credentials:
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The Benefits of Communicating

by Terri Fassio, Co-Director

Communication affects nearly every aspect of our lives - from our home to our work, to shopping and eating out - and even to our Grange. It's how we collaborate and share, how we maintain relationships, and how we achieve our goals.

There are eight main benefits of communicating effectively.

1.) Effective communication builds trust.

A trusting environment excels when colleagues communicate openly and practice active listening.

2.) Effective communication promotes loyalty.

Thoughtful communication rather than overseeing from a distance, makes people feel appreciated and valued. This results in higher levels of satisfaction, better performances, and ultimately, increased loyalty.

3.) Effective communication enhances engagement.

Having open lines of clear and concise communication, upward, downward and laterally, makes an impact on engagement and satisfaction.

4.) Effective communication improves teamwork.

Good communication models and promotes a culture of team building and strong cross-functional bonds. This should include both verbal and nonverbal communication, like written communication and body language.

5.) Effective communication boosts productivity.

Effective communication ensures that instructions, expectations, and goals are clearly communicated. When people understand what is expected of them, they can prioritize tasks, allocate resources efficiently, and focus their efforts on achieving desired outcomes.

6.) Effective communication fuels innovation.

When people can freely share information and ideas with others, innovation flourishes. Effective communication fosters collaboration, creativity, team building, and problem-solving.

7.) Effective communication resolves issues.

Turning potential issues and arguments into constructive and productive conversations benefits success and thus helps people to stay connected.

8.) Effective communication creates better relationships.

Good communication can translate to successful interactions with others. People appreciate open and transparent communication, which helps to build trust and foster better relationships.

Now that we know the benefits of effective communication, how do you actually attain them within our Grange?

Be clear and concise: Make sure your message is clear and to the point.

Employ active listening: Effective communication is a two-

way process.

Communicate respectfully: Always communicate in a way that is respectful to others, regardless of their position.

Use nonverbal communication: Nonverbal communication, such as body language and tone of voice, can convey a lot of information. Pay attention to your nonverbal cues and make sure they align with your message.

Choose the right channel: Different channels of communication, such as email, phone, or face-to-face, support different goals. Choose the right medium for the message you want to convey.

Be timely: It's important to communicate in a timely manner. Respond promptly to messages and communicate any updates or changes as soon as possible.

Practice empathy: Put yourself in the shoes of the other person and try to understand their perspective. This can help you communicate more effectively and avoid misunderstandings.

Provide constructive feedback: Feedback is an important part of effective communication. When providing feedback, be constructive and specific, and focus on ways to improve rather than criticize.

Now more than ever, it is clear that communication is essential in our lives. Through effective communications we are able to make a connection with others, and share our thoughts and experiences too. Through building relationships, we build memories. All of this paves the way for Grange growth, loyalty, positive productivity and ultimately Grange success.

Source: "Benefits of Effective Communication", Grammarly, April 29, 2024.

Wisdom



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Wisdom calls from the highest places in the town,

“You that are simple, turn in here!”

*To those without sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.*

Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”
Proverbs 9

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. James 3:13

One should not confuse knowledge with wisdom. The difference was succinctly pointed out by Miles Klington, who once said: *“Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.”* In the long run, one should first seek wisdom, and then let your wisdom aid you in seeking useful knowledge. But look for Godly wisdom, not human wisdom.

Remember also that, as St. Paul says: *“The wisdom of this world is foolishness to God, for it is written: ‘He catches the wise in their craftiness.’* “ And, in another place



he says *“God’s wisdom is foolishness to man.”* How is this so? God tells us to do things that we would never do on our own, using worldly wisdom. For example: *“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”*

In the Letter of James, after telling us to show our wisdom in good works and meekness, he goes on to distinguish between worldly wisdom and Godly wisdom, telling us that *“[Worldly] wisdom does not come down from heaven; it belongs to the world, it is unspiritual and demonic. Where there is jealousy and selfishness, there is also disorder and every kind of evil.”* In contrast, Godly wisdom, or the wisdom from above *“is pure first of all; it is also peaceful, gentle, and friendly; it is full of compassion and produces a harvest of good deeds; it is free from prejudice and hypocrisy. And godness is the harvest that*

is produced from the seeds the peacemakers plant in peace.”

This should remind us, as Grangers, of the Grange President’s closing charge where we are told: *“Let us be quiet, peaceful citizens, feeding the hungry, helping the fatherless and the widow, and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world.”* This is the kind of Godly wisdom James was talking about.

In Memoriam

Arline Tolette, G.S.
Cheshire Grange #23

Douglas Bradley
Cheshire Grange #23

Priscilla Cushman
Vernon Grange #52

“Well done, good and faithful servants.”