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Fellow Grangers, God is with us and he loves us.



I just got back from a Grange conference and met Grangers that I had never met before. It was a wonderful experience for me. But the thing that made me so pleased about this experience was the fact that all of the Grangers that were there cared about each other and even about the Grangers that were not with them. They asked about people and greeted people with hugs and kisses. Everyone played nice and enjoyed each other's company.

Why I am telling you about this because we as fellow Grangers need to start caring about each other and reach out a loving hand to all. To many times we make fun or comments about someone in our Grange and really don't mean it. I am guilty of this also. I mentally roll my eyes and turn the other way so that I don't have to stop and talk with that person. This is not a true Granger attitude for me or anyone else. I know that this weekend I spoke about Love. We need to love ourselves and then share that love with others in our family. We need to realize that Grange is part of our family. We need to love each other and respect each other before, during and after our meetings. We then need to take that Love outside the doors of our Grange and spread it around to people who are not Grangers. We then need to ask them to join our family and show them the love that we are spreading. Yes, we joke and have fun, that should never stop but remember that no matter what a person looks like, speaks like or even smells like they are God's children just like we are and we need to include them in our family called The Grange.

God be with you. I love you all.

FOUNDATION

Various Donations

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It is an unfortunate truth of life that we will all lose friends and loved ones, as we progress through our lives. Although this can give us great sadness at those times, we are also free to reflect on the impact that these people have had upon each of us, and find a sense of solace. As well, we can look to commemorate them in a variety of ways, through periodic remembrance, family photos, and other celebrations of life. As well, such influences on our lives can also be memorialized, as a means of keeping them with us, through the good work of organizations important to them. The Michigan State Grange Foundation can be such an organization, as we carry forward the values important to all Grangers, particularly those related to education, personal health, and charity. Through the years, the Foundation has grown through donations made by individuals and Granges, in remembrance of their Grange friends and family. These donations have both provided for the acknowledgement of the significances of the lives around us and built the capability of the Foundation.

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GLGLC

This past weekend the Michigan State Grange hosted the Great Lakes Grange Leaders Conference in Vicksburg MI. Sister Sharon Popler, Lecturer of the MSG, did a fabulous job of planning. While we hosted Grangers from 5 states I was pleased that Michigan had the largest delegation in attendance with 19 of the nearly 40 present. Great job Sharon! (And Assistants)

Elections

As June is fast approaching, and most Granges do their elections in June; I remind and encourage you and your Granges to follow the rules of elections as they are spelled out in the By-Laws of the Michigan State Grange. If you are unsure of how this works, please feel free to let me know and I will be happy to walk you through the process. The purpose for doing the elections the proper way is so that there are no questions about the legality of the election process.

Fundraisers

We have talked over the last few editions of the MGN about Granges doing fundraisers with the State Officers or other Grangers from around the state helping out and at least a portion of the proceeds going to the General Fund of the State Grange. We have an opportunity to assist Plymouth/Westland Grange with a poker tournament in the next couple months. If you are at all interested in helping and would like to know more information about the event please contact Jackie Bishop, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Resolutions

The easiest way to make changes within our organization is by writing resolutions at your local Grange and sending them into the State Grange. Remember we are a bottoms up grassroots organization. If we want changes to happen at the National and State Grange levels, they have to start at the local Grange level. I would encourage you to see your resolution through from beginning to end, that your Grange send delegates to the State Grange convention to speak in favor of it. Many times over the past years if a Grange sends in resolutions and has no delegates to be able to give the background information on the resolution it is

not going to pass.

Convention

October 15-17 will be the dates of the Michigan State Grange annual Convention. Region 5 will be our hosts this year and are making great strides in planning the convention. We are planning to be back at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds for the session and the hotel will be out on the southwest end of Adrian. We will be sure to pass along more convention information as we have it and are ready to start getting into the convention full swing. As always, look at our State Grange Website for the most current information.

Website

The Webmaster tells me she would like to showcase your Grange Month activities on the website. Be sure to send her pictures of your Grange Month awards/activities/etc. so that she can place them on the website. It would be great to have so many entries that she has to create a separate Grange Month page on the site. She is always looking for new information to place on the home page as well. She's always happy to put things on the site; you just have to send it to her. But you have to do the writing!!! Also, any changes/corrections just let her know! You can send information to her at ckream27@yahoo.com, just put "website" in the subject line.



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Happy Spring! April Showers bring May Flowers! And May is Better Hearing Month! This is a time to present a program on Deaf and Hard of Hearing in some form. I would like to hear about your program and please provide a picture or two on your activity, if possible. Thanks in advance.

Your Grange should be receiving a Deaf Awareness Fund plea letter. Please consider contributing to this Fund. From this Fund we will be presenting a \$500.00 Scholarship to a graduating senior to help further their education, which we have presented for years. Graduation is Thursday, June 4 at 1:00 at the Michigan School for the Deaf in the Belsey Gymnasium located at 1235 W. Court Street in Flint.

With this Fund we also hope to help support the Alexander Graham Bell's summer camp programs. This money is usually used for equipment for the campers. It is well needed.

With your help we will be able to help support these programs and maybe others. Individual contributions are also accepted and appreciated.

There are many happenings in the months of May and June. There will be many graduations from high school and college. Here's wishing them a successful future in starting college or successful career in whatever they endeavor after college.

Mothers Day is May 10th. Do something special for your mom. If she is not with you remember the good times you had with her.

Memorial day is a day to remember those who have died trying to keep our country's freedom and support those who now are in the Military services and keep them safe. This year it is recognized on May 25th.

Flag Day is June 14th and it is a day when we should proudly display our flags not only the 14th but every day possible.

Father's Day is on the 14th of June. Do something special for Dad! If he is not with you reminisce about the past when he was with you.

The First Day of Summer is June 14th also. Warm weather should have arrived so you can enjoy your summer doing things with family, vacationing, etc. It also means yard work, sprucing up

the house, camping and etc.

I hope you have looked through the Program Booklet under the Deaf Awareness department too see what programs you can get involved in. Please consider the programs. Thanks!

Again, have a **Better Hearing Month !!!**

May is Better Hearing Month

GRANGE HAPPENINGS

Studley Grange Distributes Dictionaries

Studley Grange #1174 of Midland presented 152 dictionaries to the third graders at Pine River and Floyd Elementary Schools last fall. Pictures are the students from both schools receiving their dictionaries.

The Grange members feel that this is a very worthwhile project. The teachers are very appreciative of receiving these dictionaries and the students are excited about them and read them as books.

This is the 12th year Studley Grange has donated dictionaries to third graders in the Bullock Creek School District. We have given away over 1,700 dictionaries during this time.



Floyd School

Pine River School



Milk Proteins Show Promise Against Cancer

A team of Australian researchers found that milk proteins are potential candidates for the development of anticancer agents. These anticancer agents can be generated by enzymatic action in digestion or food processing.

The institute of Food Technologist said these proteins may destroy cancer cells without harming healthy cells thus have fewer side effects. Fewer side effect better quality of life.

Cancer is the leading cause of human death. While more research need to be done this look promising for a new type of medication for cancer.

Changes in Antibiotic Rules will Change Livestock and Dairy Industry

New rules take effect end of March. The new rules will band commonly uses antibiotics in feed and water on livestock farms. FDA alarmed over antibiotic resistant bugs want to cut use of antibiotics in animals while not looking at human and environmental factors.

Pound for pound humans and pets use 10 times more than the livestock industry. We need to look at all sides of this issue. Center for Disease Control says this is one of the world's largest health issues. Federal agencies are focused in livestock use—but that will not solve the issue.

We need to cut down the over use of antibiotics. Fewer and fewer drugs are being developed to fight infectious diseases. It is expensive and takes to long for the approval process. The process needs to be streamlined and develop new drugs. The bugs will survive.

Questions to Ask Before Hiring a Health Aide

1. Do a background check. Do a drug screening.
2. Is your health aid CPR certified and do they have any health-related training.
3. What is expected lifting, transfers, and personal care skills.
4. Assess what the aid is capable of doing.
5. What happens if they aid can't come one day—Have a plan B.
6. Are you using an agency or finding someone yourself.

I live in a small community. We found someone in the nursing program at the community college. They could use both the experience and the money.

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For those reasons, we are extremely grateful to the Grange spirit and the fidelity of its members.

As well as memorial donations, the Foundation encourages living memorials, in recognition of the fantastic people around us and their significant achievements. In addition to simply recognizing an outstanding person, we can also celebrate significant events in their lives. Whether it is a wedding, a graduation, or a retirement, there are many points in life, where we can truly appreciate how far each of us has come, and celebrate the accomplishments of our friends and family. For example, as many of you will know, the Michigan State Grange Community Service Department holds an annual contest for a Dedicated Worker Award and a Very Important Patron Award, for which each Grange in the state can submit entries. As you think about the great work done by people within your Grange and in your community, you are likely to

identify a myriad of reasons to acknowledge your nominees' accomplishments. These reflections should motivate you to advocate for them in the Community Service Department's contests, but might also provide great thought for potential living memorials through donation to the MSG Foundation. We certainly would appreciate that consideration, and would strongly advocate for each Grange's participation in these contests, in any case.

As always, we are truly fortunate to be familiar with the people of the Michigan State Grange, and look forward to continuing our mission to provide a charitable, tax-deductible option for those looking to both support service in the areas of education and healthcare and remember the people that have had truly significant impact within their life.

Written by: Eric Bishop

THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Commissioned by President William H. Taft (who was then, Chief Justice of the United States) dedicated the Memorial on May 30, 1922. It was presented to President Warren G Harding, who accepted it on behalf of the American People. Lincoln's only surviving son, 78 year old Robert Todd Lincoln, was in attendance. The structure measures 189.7 by 118.5 feet and is 99 feet tall. It is surrounded by 36 fluted Doric columns, one for each of the states in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death. The north and south sides of the chamber contain carved inscriptions of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and his second inaugural address. The girders are panels of Alabama marble, saturated with paraffin to increase their translucency. Needing more light Congress appropriated funds to pay for this expensive system. In 1929 the statue was properly lighted. Only one major alteration has taken place in the Memorial's design. The addition of an elevator within the structure to aid handicapped visitors, was installed in the mid-1970's.

The statue was carved by the Piccirilli Brothers under the supervision of sculptor, Daniel Chester French and took 4 years to complete. The extreme width and height of the statue are the same. Some have claimed that the face of General Robert E. Lee was carved onto the back of Lincoln's head. Another popular legend is that Lincoln is shown using sign language to represent his initials. With his left hand shaped to form an "A" and his right hand to form an "L" the President's initials. Both legends have been denied. BUT, the French sculptor was familiar with American Sign Language, and he would have had a reason to do so, to pay tribute to Lincoln for having signed the federal legislation giving Gallaudet University, a university for the deaf, the authority to grant college degrees. French also had a son who was deaf.

The Memorial has become a symbolically sacred venue especially for the Civil Rights movement. August 28, 1963, the memorial grounds were the site of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. It is estimated that approximately

250,000 people came to the event, where they heard Martin Luther King, Jr. deliver his historic speech, "I Have A Dream"

From 1959 to 2008, the Lincoln Memorial was shown on the reverse of the United States one cent coin, which bears Lincoln's portrait bust on the front. The statue of Lincoln can be seen in the monument. This was done to mark the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The memorial also appears on the back of the U.S. five dollar bill, the front of which bears Lincoln's portrait.

The Lincoln Memorial has appeared in many movies. Mr. Smith goes to Washington with Jimmy Stewart.

1951: The Day the Earth Stood Still

1976: science fiction Logan's Run.

1993: In the Line of Fire with Clint Eastwood

1994: Forrest Gump starring Tom Hanks

1995: Nixon, President Nixon played by Anthony Hopkins.

Also 1996, 2001, 2004, 2009 2011 and 2013

VANDALISM:

In 1962, vandals painted the words "n- - - - lover" in foot-high pink letters on the rear wall. In 2013 the memorial was shut down after the base and leg were splashed with green paint. It reopened later that day.



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We hope everyone is having a nice spring. And with that, working on projects in your Grange.

We are using this issue of the Grange News as a reminder to Community Service Chairman, both new and old, on how to organize the notebook.

- ◆ Simplify the Notebook!
 Select the photos that best represent the project
 If 30 pictures are taken of a project, does not mean all 30 need to be used!
 - ◆ Organize the Notebook
 You want your notebook to read like a book
 Keep projects grouped together
 Keep supporting evidence, such as thank you letters and newspaper articles, with the photo and text of the project
 - ◆ Examples of Organizing
 Organize the book in 2 separate sections:
 New Projects & Continuing Projects
 Organize each section in chronological order from beginning of Grange year to the end
 OR – Organize each section in order from largest project in terms of hours involved to smallest project
 Keep the pages clean & concise
 List all projects at the beginning of the book
 Try to keep 2 pages of a project as a 2 page spread, so the judge can see they go together
 May have to go to 3 or 4 pages, depending on the project
 Do not use tabs with paper inserts – they fall out!
 If a donation was made to a project, make sure it is listed somewhere
- Just a reminder that the Community Service program period is September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015. Notebooks/reports will be due September 10. More information to come in the next Grange News. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Wishing you a beautiful spring, Happy Mother's Day & Happy Father's Day! *Tricia & Helen*

Activities

April showers bring May flowers...but what do May flowers bring?? If you don't know, I bet your Juniors do!! If not, then you can tell them that Mayflower brings pilgrims!! (Ha Ha) Juniors love jokes and doing skits. I've already had requests for them at camp! Get with your Lecturer and have your Juniors do several skits for your Grange Meeting. Maybe have a talent show for them. I'm sure the members would love the show!

Spring is finally arrived and I'm sure your Juniors are ready for outdoor activities. Have your meeting at a park and maybe do some community service while you are there by picking up garbage or sticks. Go for a nature hike. Don't forget to get out in the gardens and do some agricultural lessons there. Who doesn't like to be able to watch plants grow and bloom or bear fruit/veggies. Why not do a garden and grow the ingredients for a special dinner come harvest time?

Without the snow, now is also the time to hunt up those rocks to make pets out of for the State contest. As well as items for your fairy garden! Those are just two of the many contests Juniors can enter in October. For the Pet Rock, the rules are: Rock no larger than 6 inches, Must have distinct eyes and mouth, Any type of design (be creative), Decorated in any medium (ribbons, ruffles, paint, decoupage, etc.). For the Fairy Garden, the rules are: Container no bigger than 12 x 12 inches, no smaller than 5 x 5 inches, Can use real or artificial plants/flowers, Can use any kinds of trinkets or decorations. And if you need ideas or inspirations, just search those items on Pinterest! That is where I'm headed for my Juniors.

Summer Camp

We are creeping up onto Summer Camp! Make your plans now to attend, you won't regret it. Camp will be held at Oceana Center Grange in Hart, Michigan on July 31- Aug 2. I know one little girl that attended her first camp last year and is very anxious to attend this year. I'll be researching the area for fun things to do so be sure to watch the next MGN for our plans. If you are from the area, feel free to contact me and give me ideas!!

I also want to mention that Juniors don't have drivers licenses and rely on you to get them to camp. Don't let them miss out; grab their friends and take a car load!!



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April Showers bring May Flowers? I sure hope it brings something warmer than what they are saying April is ending with temperatures. But Spring is here finally as all the baby animals are being born or have been born. I took delivery of my niece and nephews' pigs and goats for their fair projects. Hard to believe it is already that time to start raising and working animals. 4 pigs and 3 market goats will live here at my mini farm until mid August now.

Something new for my family is the raising of chickens! I am not sure I am ready for this as the chicken coop will be in my backyard. With that in the backyard, that means I will be having chores to do in the middle of winter. I am not looking forward to that but will be happy when the hens lay the eggs. We haven't gotten any chickens yet but will be in a few weeks once the coop (8'x8' shed) is erected.

Another sign of Spring is the farmers out getting their equipment and fields ready for planting season. Please remember to share the roads with them as the equipment they use are usually over-sized and do not fit in just one side of the road. I know we get upset they are holding up traffic or we have to pull off to the side of the road to let them by, but keep in mind they are raising products to help feed us. If you see farm equipment in the distance remember they do not travel as fast as our cars and trucks so slow down before you get to them. It could save an accident from happening.

It is still too early for us to be out planting in our gardens unless they are hardy items and can handle cold and frost. We have yet to see the last frost of the season as we can get frost at times after Mother's day weekend. I usually wait until Memorial Day Weekend to plant our vegetable garden to insure the safety of no frost.

Well my fellow Patrons, that is all I have for now. Best of luck with planting your gardens (or fields if you are farmers). Until the next MGN, Happy Spring!!!



**Michigan State Grange
Executive Committee Request**

Creative FUNDRAISING

Find a date in the next year to have an additional fundraising event at your Grange

Utilize Michigan State Grange officers to help man your event

Notify the Michigan State Grange office when the event will be and how many people are needed

Delegate tasks to the Michigan State Grange helpers

Run the event in the way you normally do

Advertise your event in the normal ways

Invoke lots of people to your event

Sell to or **S**erve those that attend your event

Include your processes for success that are used in your other local Grange fundraisers

New concept to replace Michigan State Grange raffles

Give the profit to the Michigan State Grange

This is a new approach developed by the Michigan State Grange Executive Committee to be utilized in 2014/2015. Please help our Michigan State Grange have the funds to provide continued support to the Subordinate Granges so that they may serve local communities.

MEMBERSHIP

Which are You?

Position open

- Some members keep their organization strong
- Some others join just to belong.
- Some dig right in—some serve with pride
- Some go along just for the ride.
- Some do their share
- Some sit back and just don't care.
- On meeting days some always show,
- While there are those who never go.
- Some always pay their dues ahead
- Some get behind for months instead.
- Some do their best—some make things grow.
- Some lag behind - some let things go.
- Some drag—some put —some don't — some do.

Consider — which one of those are you?

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