

POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Andrew Kieffer

I am writing this article about a week and a half before the 2019 State Grange Session where one of the tasks of our delegates is to vote on the resolutions presented from Granges around Pennsylvania. This year's batch appears to be an interesting one and is a reflection of our political climate. Traditionally the resolutions are posted on the State webpage for all to view. The State Grange President didn't do that this year because some are hot topics and he was concerned that outside groups might see them and cause problems before we can set them as policy.

I am not writing here on whether I agree with this decision. I am writing about what I find fascinating about the Grange in these argumentative times. While policy of the Grange may sometimes upset some individuals, we have done a good job of mostly remaining a place where all can be heard. We don't tend to put down the views of those that disagree with us and understand that decisions of policy are made by the majority at our Session. In my 15ish years as a delegate, I have seen some issues flip flop several times showing that hot topics are fluid and we are open to some change.

I hope I can again report a pleasant and successful State Session to you at the December meeting and wish you all a fulfilling Thanksgiving.

SPECIAL PROJECT FOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES— DECEMBER POMONA!

A special collection of socks for the Homeless (preferably adult sizes) and collection of mittens, gloves and hats for local schools will take place at the December 14 county meeting. The Family Activities group would appreciate any donations for their special project this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Nettie Kauffman.

POMONA LOTTERY CALENDAR

It was discussed and decided at the June Pomona meeting that we should do another Pomona Lottery Calendar as a fundraiser, since the Pomona Sale profits are down!

We will be selling 500 lottery calendars with 2 numbers on each. It will be done during the months of March and April for 2020. They will cost \$10 and will pay out \$20 Monday thru Friday, \$25 Saturday and Sunday, and \$100 on 3/17 St. Patrick's Day and 4/12, on Easter.

They will be distributed to all the Masters at the pre-quarterly meeting at Ontelaunee. I have asked them to distribute these to their members to sell.

It is not the Master's responsibility to sell them. It is up each and every one of us! They make great gifts for birthdays, Christmas, anniversaries, etc.

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Berks County Junior Grange News

Upcoming Junior Events

- * November 24 at 1:30—**Bowling** at Heisters
- * NO December Pomona Activity
- * Friday February 7-8 **Sleepover** at Fleetwood Grange
- * March 14, 2019—**Applebees Flapjacks Fundraiser** at Wyomissing Applebees 8-10am. Contact a junior or Gail for tickets.\$8 per ticket (all you can eat pancakes and sausage)
- * April 4 - 5:30 pm - **Walk-a-Thon** fundraiser at Ontelaunee. Dinner (pizza) and snacks will be provided. The royalty test will also be taken this evening and a movie or games will follow after

Bowling—November 24

1:30 at Heisters

Those who assisted with the Junior portion of the Pomona Sale or WAT will have a \$2 discount.

Sleepover—February 7-8

More information and registration sheet to be dispersed in January.

Roadside America!

USA road-trip themed camp May 15-17 Save the dates!

Camp Planning date TBD in late December



Samantha and Brayden at the Temple Parade

Help is needed!

For our fundraiser at Applebees on 3/14/19 we need several volunteers to ensure this fundraiser is a success. No experience needed to assist in getting our guests drinks, serving them pancakes, seating guests, or cleaning off tables. All Juniors and Youth are especially encouraged to assist! Please let Gail know if you are able to help. Time 7:30-10:30, help however long you are able.

Pomona Sale

Thank you to all of the juniors and parents that volunteered during the Pomona Sale. Our hard work brought in around \$300.

Next Junior Team Meeting: Our next team meeting is Tuesday, January 6, 7pm at Ontelaunee! All are welcome!

BERKS HEIM NEWS by Doris Evans

Another successful Heim Fest was held on Saturday, September 14, 2019. The staff and residents truly appreciate all the work that the volunteers do on that day. I will have a list of the raffle winners at the December Pomona meeting. One of the lucky winners was Robert Sattazahn who so clearly deserves a prize as he spends many hours helping at our County Home.

Next events are Christmas events. Santa's Corner will be held on December 6. Building A and B parties will be on December 10 and 11 and Essick commons party on December 16. If you want to help at any of these events, please contact me.

The transport schedule is...

November 3, Kutztown Grange

November 17, Bernville Grange

December 1, Marion Grange

December 15, OPEN

December 29, Fleetwood Grange

November 10, Pioneer Grange

November 24, Hamburg Grange

December 8, Ontelaunee Grange

December 22, OPEN



Following the schedule from 2019, the following granges are assigned to January transport...

January 5, Pioneer Grange

January 19, Fleetwood Grange

January 12, Hamburg Grange

January 26, OPEN

As you can see there are a few OPEN Sundays. Why don't you remember our elderly folks and visit BH. Transporting begins at 2 p.m. Service starts at 2:30 p.m. and lasts approximately 45 minutes. Time to return residents to their units takes about 15-30 minutes. Remember to sign-in your name and list Pomona Grange on the Volunteer sheet on the podium just inside the entrance.

VIRGINVILLE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fall is finally upon us and that means that it's time for our annual Fall Benefit Bingo! We invite you to come out for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on Sunday, November 10, 2019. The bingo will be benefiting Nancy Dietrich who is battling cancer for the 2nd time. We will also be having a special canned food game benefiting the "Keystone Military Families" in Shoemakersville. Packages are \$20 each with upgrades and special games available. Come early for lunch as doors open at 11 a.m. Games will begin at 1 p.m. Prizes include Thirty-One bags and cash. Contact Denise Clare at 610-562-3876 to reserve your seat today.

We are always looking for the names of individuals or groups that could benefit from help. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your suggestions of individuals or groups needing help.

TOUR COMMITTEE REPORT

Those who went on the 2019 tour to the New England area enjoyed their excursions. It is now time to think about a 2020 and the committee is seeking input from our membership. Since there are several members who have asked, "Where is the tour going in 2020?"

To be truthful, we don't know! Plans have not started and this is where you need to contact us to let us know what area you would be interested in traveling to see the sights.

The committee needs to start planning very soon, so give anyone of us a call with your suggestions and we will see what we can plan as an enjoyable and relaxing time for all interested travelers.

Please contact anyone of the following:

Richard & Marie Schaeffer, 484-256-0496 or
484-2256-2499

Irvin & Nettie Kauffman, 610-926-5389

Doris Evans, 610-488-6360

If we don't hear from our members, then we will consider a trip is not necessary!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT by Nettie A. Kauffman

We are into a new Grange year with our programs and contests. Some of the contest categories in the Family Activities area have changed the subject area. I am providing these changes so during the long up-coming winter season you could work on completing a project for the Family Activities Department.

The first change comes with the **Quilt Block**. For 2020, the title of the block is Saunder's Gavel. The design and drawing has not been released, but I'm sure after the State Session there will be copies available. (I will retrieve some copies at the State Session.)

The **2020 Baking/Cooking Contest** is changed. In Class 10, you will need to make a 9" single layer Red Velvet Cake and frosting of the cake will be your choice or none.

Class 11 is the **Cookie Contest**. The cookies to be baked for 2020 is the Sugar Cookie—rolled. You need to place 6 cookies on a paper plate and they can be plain or decorated.



Class 12 is the **Candy Area**. The 2020 contest is to be Cereal Candy—your choice of cereal. Six pieces of candy will need to be placed on a paper plate.

All baking/cooking entries must be made from scratch recipes. NO store mixes or store purchase can be used. All baking/cooking contest entries must have the recipe attached to the entry label. Entries will be judged on texture and taste.

The other contests in the **Needlework** area remain the same as the previous year. This information can be found on the PA State Grange website under Documents—[2020-2021 Guide to Contest & Programs](#).

Awards of ribbons and monetary prizes are provided at the State level: 1st, blue ribbon and \$20; 2nd, red ribbon and \$15; 3rd, white ribbon and \$10. There are also monetary prizes given on the county level of judging: 1st, \$15; 2nd, \$12, and 3rd, \$10.

If anyone is interested in knowing the Needlework categories and sizes, please do not hesitate to contact your Subordinate Family Activities Director, Jane Reppert or me.

With all the above information, it is hoped that we will have more entries in the Family Activities Department contests for 2020.

DID YOU KNOW...

- ♦ The grange website is: berkscountygrange.org
- ♦ We have a new Family Activities Director. Please say "thanks" to Jane Reppert for taking on this position.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Kenneth Schlegel

Toxic Politics

Every once and a while someone asks why I do legislative things? It's always been kind of interesting, in a strange way, to me! First of all, I'm a democrat all my life. Sometimes I'm not proud of it, but I'm not a person who flip-flops! I've learned to take the good with the bad and I don't think I've ever voted a straight ticket, but not totally sure! Two things that bother me in the political world are the labels and party line voting! Why can't an individual vote his or her feelings!

I was told that I upset an individual with my articles. I've learned a long time ago that sometimes the truth hurts. Our current president is a go getter. I have much difficulty handling his ego. He thinks too much of himself! But on the other hand, he opened many cans of worms that past presidents just talked about! I was very critical of the last administration for using Executive Privilege way too much. Well, this president is doing the same thing. It seems Congress is more concerned about power then the job they should be doing.

I recently read an article on toxic politics!. Some college ran a poll on toxic politics and found out that 48% of our elected hates the opposition so much it's beginning to destroy our country! I hope this is not the case, but think about it!!

POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The September 7, 2019, meeting was held at Trinity UCC, Rehrersburg, with Marion Grange hosting the session.
- ◆ Marion Grange hall was sold. They are now meeting at the Marion Township Building, 420 Water Street, Womelsdorf
- ◆ 100 Pomona T-shirts were sold. If you want to purchase a shirt, contact Jennifer Beamon. If enough interest, we can place another order.
- ◆ Attendance: 20 Brothers, 30 Sisters, 2 Juniors, 2 Mini-Juniors. Total: 54
- ◆ Henry Seidel is researching an insurance company for Pomona.
- ◆ Family Activities donated to: Berks Heim, Wernersville, Geisler Tree Farm (for their Christmas donations), Safe Berks and will do a special project on behalf of the Family Activities group (see article, page 1)
- ◆ Salvation Army Angel Tree tags were distributed. Unwrapped gifts need to be at Ontelaunee by 9:30 a.m., December 14.
- ◆ Next year's State Junior Grange Camp theme will be "Outdoor Adventure"
- ◆ The Juniors will again hold a pancake fundraiser at Applebee's on March 14, 2020, 8 a.m. till 10 a.m. Mark your 2020 calendar with that date!
- ◆ The Juniors will again do a Walk-A-thon in April of 2020.
- ◆ ECHO contest winner was Denise Clare.
- ◆ David Yeager donated the propane gas at the Consignment Sale. He will be invited to the Appreciation Banquet.
- ◆ If you are interested in representing Pomona at the BARN meetings, please contact Andrew Kieffer.
- ◆ Michael Adams reported on the 2021 State Session. Subordinate Granges are requested to have the 2021 Session funds forwarded to Henry Seidel by the December Pomona meeting.
- ◆ Pomona will again be selling Lottery Calendars.
- ◆ Nettie Kauffman reported that the Reading Fair was more of an Ag Event this year. Next year?!
- ◆ County membership: 1,049
- ◆ Received a thank you note from Ashley Mohn for the Zumba Down Farm event donation
- ◆ Donated to the National Grange GROW Club appeal—\$50
- ◆ Donated to the National FFA Convention U& Expo appeal—\$50
- ◆ Pomona will purchase a \$10 business card ad for the Virginville Grange anniversary booklet
- ◆ Steve Mohn bid on behalf of Pomona Grange at the 4-H Round-Up and purchased a steer along with two other groups.
- ◆ Michael Adams, Executive Committee, and Anna Heffner, Finance Committee, were installed
- ◆ Erica Berger was elected to the position of Pomona Flora. She will be installed at the December meeting.
- ◆ Transgender Males Are Making A Travesty of Women's Sports resolution was approved.
- ◆ The day's program was presented by the PA State Grange History Committee, Doug Bonsall, Chair. They discussed the resolution regarding hosting 2023 State Session (150th Anniversary) in Reading, PA. This resolution was presented at State Session this year. They then played Trivial Pursuit with Grange Trivia.
- ◆ Door prizes were distributed.

2020 Farm Family Appreciation Celebration!

Sponsored in part by various religious, social, financial and other organizations

What: Catered hot buffet meal, square dance and line dancing to show appreciation for farm families in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties, and the surrounding areas. Build community among Farm Families and citizens.

When: **Saturday, March 21, 2020**
Doors open at 6:15 PM, but no earlier
Dinner buffet – 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Tables will be held for families that work late.)
Hoedown and Country music by “The Outlaws”, with line dance music
between sets – 8:00 to 11:00 PM

Where: Hamburg Field House, Hamburg, PA - Exit #30 off I-78

Who: Everyone is invited—farm families and farm family supporters!! Children are welcome!!

Note: No political or other solicitations. No alcoholic beverages permitted.



Our 2020 theme is “trucks”.
Feel free to support your favorite brand of truck!

Registration forms due by March 6, 2020 (Limited to 900)

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) of Attendee(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone _____

Mail to: Farm Family Appreciation
c/o Penn State Extension-Berks County
1238 County Road, Suite 110
Leesport, PA 19533

Farm family (NO CHARGE) - FREE WILL DONATION AT THE DOOR

_____ Adults
_____ Children (ages 3-10)
_____ Children (2 and under), Booster seats are not available.

Farm family supporter (Make check payable to: NEPS, ELCA)

_____ Adults - \$18.00 per person \$ _____
_____ Children (ages 3-10) - \$10.00 per person \$ _____
_____ Children (2 and under) - No charge. Booster seats are not available.
Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Tickets and directions will be mailed out by March 13, 2020.

Questions? Call 610-378-1327 and ask for Lisa or go to www.nepasynod.org

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2019—FEBRUARY 2020

Nov. 10 Virginville Benefit Bingo (see article for details)
 Nov. 11 Basket Bingo @Kutztown Grange (see article for details)
 Nov. 16 Spaghetti Dinner @Pioneer Grange (see article for details)
 Nov. 24 Junior Bowling Heister's Lanes, 1:30 p.m.
 Nov. 25 Pre-Quarterly Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 26 Potato filling & bacon dressing sale @Kutztown (see article for details) Deadline to order is Nov. 20!!
 Nov. 27 PA Dutch Potato Filling Sale @Pioneer Grange (see article for details) Orders due by Nov. 18!!
 Nov. 28 THANKSGIVING DAY
 Dec. 1 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Dec. 6 Santa's Corner at Berks Heim
 Dec. 7 Hamburg Grange "All You Can Eat Pot Pie Supper" (see article for details)
 Dec. 9 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.
 Dec. 10 & 11 Building A & B Berks Heim Christmas Parties
 Dec. 14 County Meeting @Ontelaunee, 9:30 a.m.
 Dec. 16 Essick Commons party at Berks Heim
 Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
 Dec. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
 Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Jan. 4 Hamburg Grange bus trip to PA Farm Show (see article for further details)
 Jan. 5 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.
 Jan. 6 Berks County Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.
 Jan. 17 ECHO news deadline
 Jan. 18 Recognition/Appreciation Banquet (see article for details)
 Jan. 26 Basket Bingo @Kutztown Grange (see article for details)
 Jan. 29 Legislative/Agriculture Meeting @Ag Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 2 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.
 Feb. 3 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee, 3:15 p.m. (Virginville assists)
 Feb. 7-8 Junior Grange Sleepover at Fleetwood Grange

COMMUNITY SERVICE by Carlene Kleckner (new phone number 484-697-9134)

At the December Pomona meeting, please bring your **unwrapped** Angel Tree gift, if you are participating. If you cannot make it to Pomona (at Ontelaunee) on December 14, please make sure you give it to someone to bring. You could also bring it to the Pre-Pomona meeting, November 25, 7 p.m., Ontelaunee Grange. The Salvation Army will be at the Pomona meeting to receive the gifts, so they must be there by 9:30 a.m.

In addition, please remember to bring diapers to support the on-going project for the Berks County Diaper Bank.

KUTZTOWN GRANGE NEWS

Kutztown Grange will be holding the following events:

November 26—Potato filling and Bacon Dressing sale. Filling 1 1/2 pounds for \$4; 2 1/2 pounds for \$6. Bacon dressing: pint, \$4; quart, \$6. Orders must be placed by November 20 for pick up on November 26 between 2 and 6 p.m. Call 610-683-7975 to place your orders.

November 11—Basket Bingo is at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.. Tickets \$20 for 25 games, hot dog and soda, and door prize. Please call 610-683-7975 or 610-395-3889 for tickets.

January 26—Basket Bingo is at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at Noon. Tickets \$20 for 25 games, hot dog and soda, and door prize. Please call 610-683-7975 or 610-395-3889 for tickets.

HAMBURG GRANGE NEWS

The "All You Can Eat" Chicken Pot Pie Dinner will be held December 7th from 4—7 p.m. at the Hamburg Area High School, Windsor Street, Hamburg. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, ages 3-8; and free for children 2 and under. The dinner includes chicken pot pie, corn, applesauce, lettuce with bacon dressing and a drink. There will be a bake sale and takeout is available at a cost of \$9. A quart of pot-pie, \$9, will also be available for purchase. If you have any questions or wish to purchase tickets, contact Michael Adams, 610-562-5933.

We will be collecting baked good supplies for the Northern Berks Food Pantry. Items that have been requested are cake and cookie mixes, baking pans, icing, sprinkles, and other decorations.

PIONEER GRANGE NEWS

Nov. 16—Pioneer Grange Spaghetti Dinner, 4—7 p.m. Cost \$9, children (5-10), \$5, 5 and under, FREE. Dinner includes spaghetti w/side, salad, drink, and dessert. Take out is available.

Nov. 27—Pioneer Grange PA Dutch Potato Filling Sale. 1.5 lbs—\$4; 2.5 lbs—\$6. Orders due by Nov. 18th. Pick-up at the grange hall from 2—6 p.m. To order call Tammy at 610-463-7213.

ONTELAUNEE GRANGE NEWS

- ◆ Our sewage project has the Grange in operational mode
- ◆ The October breakfast was a busy one—served 528
- ◆ November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2 breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.

PROGRAM COORDINATORS CORNER by Nettie A Kauffman

As the saying goes, "Out with the old, in with the new!" A saying a number of us who might use this when we are cleaning our homes; be it the garage, basement, outdoor shed, or in the immediate house.

My purpose of using this saying is to give you a heads up on some of the items that have been changed for the 2020 Lecturer's contests. Yes, some of the contests will remain as in this past year, but other categories have taken over other contests. Also new will be prize monies for the various contests.

The **PEN IN HAND** contest will include the classes of : 1) Poetry, 2) Short story, 3) Book/Film Review. There are word limits in each class. They are: Poetry—300 words maximum. Short Story—1,500 words maximum. Book/Film Review—50 words maximum. The title and the author's identification information are not included in the word count. Entries must be the original work of the person submitting the writing. The writing must be typed, double spaced, and on 8 1/2 x 11 paper. Ribbons will be awarded to the top four entries in each class. First place entries in each class will receive \$10.00.

The **ART** contest is for Subordinate members (14+) and NO PROFESSIONALS may enter (if you get paid for your art, you are considered a professional). Entries must be the work of the member. No computer enhanced artwork is permitted. Charcoal/pencil entries must have been treated for permanency to prevent smudging. Entries must be completed after September 30, 2019, for judging in 2020. Size for all classes is a maximum of 24" x 36". Frames or backing are required. Plexiglas covers are permitted, but glass covers will not be permitted. Entries are judged according to the medium used. Sculptures are not accepted due to display needs. All entries must come ready to hang (wire, string, hook, etc.) ribbons will be awarded to the top four entries in each class. First place entries in each class will receive \$10.00. A Best of Show ribbon and \$20 will be awarded to the top entry across all classes. The Classes for 2020 in ART are: 1) Nature, 2) Animals, 3) Abstract, 4) People, and 5) Street art/Graffiti.

In the **PHOTOGRAPHY** contest this is for Subordinate members (14+) and NO PROFESSIONALS may enter (if you get paid for your photography, you are considered a professional). In this contest, there must be a Subordinate level of judging. All first place winners in the Subordinate and Junior Granges advance to the State Session for judging. There is no Pomona judging. This is a National Grange Contest The Best of Show winner will advance to the National Grange Session for judging. A frame or stiff backing is required for all photos. No glass coverings are permitted for safety reasons. Plexiglas is acceptable. Entries must come ready to hang (wire, string, hook, etc.). Prints only will be accepted—no slides. Entries must be a minimum of 5" x 5" and maximum of 11" x 14" including the frame or backing. Photos must have been taken after September 30, 2019, for judging in 2020. Participants may enter all classes, using different photographs and only one entry per class. No computer enhanced photographs are permitted. Ribbons will be awarded to the top four entries in each class. First place entries in each class will receive \$10. A Best of Show ribbon and \$20 will be awarded to the top entry across all classes. The classes for 2020 are 1) Pennsylvania—My Home, 2) Sunrise/Sunset, 3) Pets/Animals, 4) Landscape, and 5) Churches.

If you need further clarification on this information and rules, go to the PA State Grange website and click on Documents. Scroll down till you see [2020-2021 Guide to Contest & Programs](#). You can retrieve all the detailed information in the Lecturer's Department as well as the other departments.

At this time, I have given our members something to think about as we write, create and photograph for the new year ahead.

HAMBURG GRANGE BUS TRIP TO FARM SHOW



Hamburg Grange is sponsoring a bus to the 2020 PA Farm show on Saturday, January 4. Leave at 8:15 a.m. from the west lot of Hamburg Area High School, drop off and pick up at main entrance of Farm Show Complex, return 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 and must be paid in advance. Please contact Anna Heffner at 610-207-9755 to reserve a seat or to answer any other questions.



CONSIGNMENT SALE REPORT

The 51st Berks County Pomona Consignment Sale was held Saturday, August 24, 2019. Here are some of the statistics from the sale

- ◆ 148 consignors
- ◆ 592 buyer numbers given out
- ◆ Lawn & Garden—52 lots
- ◆ Household—87 lots (2 of them nursery)
- ◆ Farm Equipment—23 lots
- ◆ Titled vehicles: 7 trailers—sold 4; 2 cars—none sold; sold a titled 4 wheeler
- ◆ Raised \$229 for Pomona through the 50/50 raffle sale. Four individuals won \$57: Barry Stauffer, Vince Smale, Kelly Seidel, Edna Blatt
- ◆ Volunteers: June work session, 10; Thursday for check in items, 31; Friday, for check in items, 53; Saturday, day of sale, 120; Monday, clean up, 5; Monday evening work night, 18; Tuesday work night, 15. Grand total: 252
- ◆ Family Activities profit—around \$2174. Juniors profit—around \$274. Pomona profit—around \$4,800
- ◆ Had 10 auctioneers

Your input is needed as to whether we should continue having the Consignment Sale or find some other way to raise funds. This will be discussed at the December Pomona meeting.

2021 STATE SESSION

We are planning to hold the next meeting for the 2021 State Session at the Valley Forge Convention Center in Valley Forge, PA in April. Terry Murray will be setting up a date so anyone that is interested in touring the facility will have the opportunity and then we will have a meeting. I'm hoping that there is a representative from every Grange in Berks County Grange to attend the meeting.

If your Grange hasn't sent your \$250 to Henry Seidel to support the session, please let him know when you might. We are trying to see where our Berks Pomona stands financially for our contribution. Once we see what each Grange will provide, we will be looking for suggestions to do fundraisers as a Pomona Grange, if needed.

Also, we are encouraging members, businesses, or other organizations to donate to help make our 2021 session a success!

If you have any questions, suggestions, or want more info, please contact Michael Adams at 610-562-5933 or mjadams141@gmail.com.

2020 APPRECIATION BANQUET

The Berks County Pomona Grange Appreciation Banquet will be held on January 18th at Fleetwood Grange. The doors will open at 6:15 PM and the hot buffet will start at 6:45 PM. The menu will be Fruit Cup, Dinner Rolls, Tossed Salad, Broasted Chicken, Beef Tips w/onions and peppers, Baked Stuffed Potatoes, Green Beans w/Almonds, Candied Carrots, Ice Cream, Clover Farms Drinks, Coffee/Tea.

As in prior years, if you volunteered at the Pomona Sale (and signed in) or if you are a first place winner at a state level Grange contest, you will receive a complimentary ticket. Additional tickets can be purchased from your Subordinate President or Junior Leader at a cost of \$16 per adult (11+) and \$8 per child (3-10). Children under 3 will be free of charge, but please include them when you RSVP to your President or Junior Leader so we can make sure we have adequate food for everyone to enjoy.

If you find that you are missed on the list, please contact Derek Schroeder at 610-698-3999 or via email at chairs2014@hotmail.com. Please note, the Schroeders will be on vacation during the Appreciation Banquet. Any questions or concerns on the day of the banquet should be directed to Michael Adams at 610-562-5933.

CONTEST CORNER

Please bring your completed contest form to the December Pomona meeting. You must be present to win!

NAME _____ GRANGE _____

CHRISTMAS WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below—all associated with Christmas

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. YANCECADN _____ | 6. OSRYFT _____ |
| 2. ODULHRP _____ | 7. SOLTEIMTE _____ |
| 3. EGLISH _____ | 8. EUJSS _____ |
| 4. ESRNESPT _____ | 9. RNOMTAEN _____ |
| 5. HERAWT _____ | 10. ATNSAUSACL _____ |

Answers from last issue: 1) Foot in the door; 2) Go on a double date; 3) Green with envy; 4) Sign on the dotted line; 5) Period in history; and 6) Look you in the eyes. Congratulations to winner: Denise Clare, Hamburg Grange.

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