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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nettie A. Kauffman

Are you ready for spring? I'm sure some of you will say an emphatic, "YES," to this question. Others will still be wondering where the snow is! As I prepare this article for the newsletter, the forecast indicates possible snow for Sunday into Monday – maybe 3-6 inches, or if it comes from another direction, up to 9 inches! So, who do we trust in this matter? I'd say trust your own prediction and go with the flow!

In going "with the flow" we sometimes can create good ideas and some not so good ideas. We can look at this in our own Grange situations.

At our last county meeting, the membership reviewed policies that were created from 1982 to 2021. Several policies were struck, since they were outdated; some were changed to be more up-to-date, while still others were reworded to a more suitable understanding. Since these policies affect our membership, you should know about them. These policies appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

It's a new year and the year 2022 will see the election of officers within the Pomona Grange and the Subordinate Granges. Encouragement is made for our members to volunteer and fill positions on both the Pomona and Subordinate levels for the upcoming two-year term. Berks County Pomona will have suggestion of officers at their March 5, 2022 meeting which will be hosted by Geigertown Grange at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 1136 Geigertown Road, Birdsboro, PA (note the address says Birdsboro, but the church is in the Geigertown area).

The Berks County Pomona By-Laws for suggestion and election of officers is: Article VI, Section 1.6.3 reads: *The officers, except for the Executive Committee, shall be chosen by paper ballot every second year in the even-numbered years for a two-year term, at a regular meeting. With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer, no officeholder's name shall be printed on the ballot for an office if that official shall have held the same office continuously for four years immediately preceding.* Article VI, Section 1.6.4 reads: *One member of the executive Committee shall be elected each year to a term of three years. Their duties shall be the same as in the Subordinate Grange.* Article VI, Section 1.6.5 reads: *There shall be a Finance Committee, one member of which shall be elected each year to a term of three years, whose duty it*

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Berks County Junior Grange News

2021 Junior Attendance Contest Winners

In order to win a prize for the Junior Attendance contest juniors had to participate in the following: at least one junior contest on the State level and 2 or events...

Congrats to:

- Savannah Beamon
- Kayleigh Covey
- Lillian Dusko
- Justin Dusko
- Ava Jenkins
- Sarah Riegel
- Travis Riegel
- Ellie Schroeder
- Cadence Tempel
- Grace Tempel

2022 Junior Attendance Contest

In order to qualify, a junior member must participate in at least 4 junior events (i.e. sleepover, camp, swim party, bowling), the WAT fundraiser, and 1 contest on the State level.

Upcoming activities:

- ◇ Sleepover (February 4-5, Fleetwood)
- ◇ WAT (April 9 at 5:45, Ontelaunee)
- ◇ County Camp (May 13-15, Camp Swatara)
- ◇ June Pomona (Virginville)
- ◇ Knoebels (Tentative June 16)
- ◇ State Camp (June 26-July 2, Camp Sylvan Hills)
- ◇ Swim Party (July 9, 6-9pm, Schoey Pool)
- ◇ September Pomona (Fleetwood)
- ◇ Fall Activity Mini Golf TBD (September 24, 6pm)
- ◇ Bowling (November 27, time tentative 1:30)

Junior Volunteers over 18:
Clearances must be submitted to the state in order to support at junior events including camp!

Thank you for your support at our Westy Fundraiser. The juniors received just under \$214 with your participation! We will do this again in September.



*Junior Royalty –
Lillian Dusko, Nolan
Fayewicz, Tyler Davis,
and Cadence Tempel
at the King Frost
Parade*

Join us for our next Junior
Team Meeting: April 4 at 7pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February—May 2022



Feb. 12 Ontelaunee Junior Grange Spaghetti Dinner (see article below for details)
 Feb. 21 Pre-Quarterly Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.
 Feb. 23 Ag & Legislative Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7:30 p.m.
 Mar. 5 County Meeting, 9:30 a.m. @St. Paul's Methodist Church, 1136 Geigertown Road, Birdsboro PA 19508
 Mar. 6 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Mar. 7 Pioneer Grange Italian Hoagie Sale (see details below)
 Mar. 13 Virginville Grange Benefit Bingo (see their article for further details)
 May 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
 Mar. 14 Basket Bingo @Kutztown Grange, 6:45 p.m.; 25 games for \$20; call 610-683-7975 for tickets
 Apr. 3 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Apr. 4 Pioneer Grange Sandwich Sale (see details below)
 Apr. 4 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee/Virtual, 7 p.m.
 Apr. 9 Junior Walk-A-Thon @Ontelaunee Grange, 5:30 p.m.
 Apr. 9 Hoagie & Ham Sandwich Sale @Kutztown Grange (see details below)
 Apr. 15 ECHO Deadline
 Apr. 15 Kutztown Grange Potato Filling & Bacon Dressing sale (see details below)
 Apr. 15 Pioneer Grange PA Dutch Potato Filling Sale (see details below)
 Apr. 17 EASTER
 Apr. 22 Legislative Banquet, 6:45 p.m., Location TBD
 Apr. 23 Kutztown Grange AYCE Pot Pie Dinner (see details below)
 May 1 Ontelaunee Grange Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 May 2 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee, 3:15 p.m. (Virginville Grange assists)
 May 2 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo, 6:45 p.m. 25 games for \$20 Call 610-683-7975 for tickets
 May 9 County Officers & Departmental Chair Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.
 May 17 Primary Election Day



March 7 Pioneer Grange: \$5.00 Order deadline is Feb. 27 Pickup at the Grange hall from 3—5 p.m. Call Tammy to order, 610-463-7213

April 2 Kutztown Grange: Pick up 3—6 p.m. Must order by March 24 Call Darlene, 610-683-7975 to order

April 4 Pioneer Grange: Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale, \$3.50 Deadline to order is March 27. Pickup at the hall from 3—5 p.m. Call Tammy to order at 610-463-7213

April 9 Kutztown Grange: Order by April 1. Call 610-683-7975

April 15 Pioneer Grange: 1.5 lbs for \$4; 2.5 lbs for \$6. Pickup at the Grange hall, 2—4 p.m. Deadline to order is April 7. Call Tammy to order, 610-463-7213

April 15 Kutztown Grange: Pick up 3-6 p.m. Call to order by April 6 (no late orders), 61-683-7975. Filling 1 1/2 lb. \$4.50; 2 1/2 lb. \$6.50 Dressing: Quart \$6.50; Pint, \$4.50

April 23 Kutztown Grange: 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$11.00; Children \$5.50

Remember—check the website if you are unsure if a particular event will be happening—or call the appropriate grange/leader for final verification

ONTELAUNEE JUNIOR GRANGE SPAGHETTI DINNER

Ontelaunee Junior Grange is holding their 11th annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 12 from 4-8 pm. The cost is \$10 for 13 years and older, \$6 for age 3-12 and free for 2 and under. This includes all you can eat spaghetti, salad bar and dessert.

There will also be raffle baskets. 100% of the proceeds will go to Bailey Unterkofler for her medical expenses. Bailey is a Junior at Schuylkill Valley High School and was just diagnosed with Lymphoma.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile event.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

shall be to audit the records of the Secretary, Treasurer, and all committees who have control of Pomona Grange monies, on an annual basis, and submit a signed report to the Grange.

For the ensuing years of September 2022 to September 2024, the following current officers can still hold their position: President – Nettie Kauffman, Vice-President – Robert Kleckner, Steward – Denise Clare, Lady Assistant Steward – Linda Stewart and Flora – Erica Berger. IT IS NOTED, other names may be suggested for these positions as well.

The following offices will need replacements: Program Coordinator, Assistant Steward, Greeter, Ceres, Pomona and an Executive Committee member. The following officers can serve till their term(s) expire: Finance Committee: Anna Heffner (2025), Henry Seidel (2026) and Ann Riegel (2027). Executive Committee: Andrew Kieffer (2026), Steve Mohn (2027). The following officers can serve unlimited terms in office: Secretary, Jennifer Beamon and Treasurer, Jacob Mengel.

If anyone wants more information on the officer positions, please do not hesitate to contact me (610-926-5389) for further information. Also, if you are willing to place your name for an officer position and know you can't make the March meeting, please give me a call and your name will be placed on the suggested listing.

During this meeting in March, the Junior Department will be providing the program portion of our meeting. Please attend and see what our Juniors have in store for us during the Literary Program.

The up-coming quarter will also bring some Open House/Community Night programs by several Granges. If all goes well and nothing takes a turn for the worse with the virus situation, you might want to attend some of these programs. You can find more information on dates and times in the "Calendar of Events" section of the newsletter.

For the remainder of this "winter season" (Spring is March 20!) stay warm and if you do like the winter snow and cold, enjoy it! Me, I'd rather stay indoors with the warmth!

VIRGINVILLE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE

After 2 long years we were finally able to hold a benefit bingo again! The recipients of the bingo were 2 local community members that are battling cancer. We had 91 people attend this event and everyone enjoyed food, fellowship, laughter, and fun! Additionally, 291 canned goods were collected and donated to Keystone Military Families in Shoemakersville.

We are always amazed at the generosity of our Grange family and friends when it comes to helping and supporting the local community. Thank you to everyone who came out to play, helped with set up or clean up, or donated baked goods for our kitchen. Without your help, this event would not be possible.

We have the following event scheduled:

Benefit Bingo benefiting 2 more local families in need.

When - March 13th, 2022 (snow date March 20th)

Time - Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and games begin at 1:00 p.m.

Where - Virginville Grange Hall (456 Main Street, Virginville, PA 19564)

COMMUNITY NIGHT PROGRAMS 2022

Mar. 15—Ontelaunee Grange, 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 21—Pioneer Grange, 7:30 p.m.

May 4—Virginville Grange, 7:30 p.m.

(please check ahead of time to make sure activity will be held)

YOUTH REPORT by Erica Berger

The Youth are going to a Reading Royals Game on February 12th @7pm. We are looking forward to a night out together as a group!

LOTTERY CALENDARS AND CHICKEN BBQ by Michael Adams

At this time, I don't know when we will be doing a Pomona Lottery Calendar for 2022. We are waiting for the permit numbers to come from the Berks County Treasurer's Office.

I have an update on the 2021 Chicken BBQ profit, it actually was \$3,130.87. The 2022 Chicken BBQ will be held Sunday, September 4 from 11am-2pm at the Leesport Farmer's Market and we will be using Two Guys Chicken. We did 550 dinners in 2020, let's see if we can do a 10% increase, for a total of 610. The incentive of selling 15 tickets for a free ticket will be used.

Princess Cadence Tempel

My name is Cadence Tempel. I am 14 years old and I go to Halifax Area Middle School. I participate in softball and basketball. I belong to Pioneer Jr. Grange in Top-
ton, PA. I am so excited and honored to be crowned the new Berks County Jr.
Grange Princess. I hope I meet a lot of new people and answer as many questions as
I can. Being Princess was very important to me this year because it was my last year
that I could run for the title.



Mini Princess Lillian Dusko

My name is Lillian Dusko and I am the new Berks County Jr. Grange Mini Princess. I am 8 years old and belong to Virginville Jr. Grange. I am in the 2nd grade at Perry Elementary in the Hamburg Area School District. My parents are Jason and Nancy Dusko and I have one brother named Justin. We live on a farm in Shoemakersville. I have 4 cats and 1 dog. My hobbies include gymnastics and softball. I feel honored to represent the Grange as Mini Princess. I am looking forward to the opportunity to hand out ribbons at the fairs and to visit other Granges.

JUNIOR GRANGE ROYALTY 2021-2022

Prince Tyler Davis

Hi, my name is Tyler Davis. I am honored to be chosen as this year's Berks County Junior Grange Prince. I belong to Ontelaunee Junior Grange and I will be an 8th grader at Schuylkill Valley Middle School. I play baseball and I'm on the Math Counts team. I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of fellow Grangers and representing the grange at Fairs and other events.



Mini Prince Nolan Fayewicz

Hello! I am the 2021-2022 Berks Co. Junior Grange Mini Prince, Nolan Fayewicz. I go to Virginville Jr. Grange. I am in 2nd grade in the Exeter Township School District. My favorite subject at school is math. I have 2 younger siblings, Codey and Whitney. I also have 2 pets, a dog named Moly and a fish named Jasmine. I like to play baseball, draw and go camping with my family. I'm also involved in Cub Scouts.

What I like best about the Grange is that it helps the community, and Junior Grange is a lot of fun. Some of my favorite things about the Junior Grange are making crafts, going to camp and being with my friends. I had a lot of fun at camp this year, and my favorite activities were gaga ball, 4-square and 9-square. It's an honor being the Mini Prince, and I'm most looking forward to going to fairs to represent the Grange. I'm excited for this year ahead!

BERKS COUNTY GRANGE POLICIES --- June 1982 to the present

The following are motions that have been carried throughout the years starting in 1982:

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| Jun 1982 | To serve milk as first choice at all Grange functions. |
| Sep 1983 | To advance delegates \$100 prior to attending State Session upon request. |
| Dec 1986 | All Standing and Special Committees functioning on behalf of Berks County Pomona Grange #43 and generating and spending Pomona monies make available an accurate detailed report to Pomona Treasurer and Auditing Committee before the Grange year ends. |
| Dec 1988 | Altar decorations to be responsibility of Flora, Ceres, and Pomona. |
| Sep 1992 | Current President is responsible to obtain Installation Team. |
| Sep 2004 | Secretary stipend set at \$150. |
| Jun 2006 | Any recommendations that are made within a committee, at a Pre-Pomona meeting, or Officer/Department Chair meeting need to be brought before the main meeting of Pomona. |
| Sep 2006 | Guidelines set for Pre-Pomona and Hosting Pomona meetings. |
| Sep 2008 | County Grange to pay (if necessary) for Criminal Record Check and PA Child Abuse History Clearances for all members working with the Junior Grangers in Berks County. |
| Dec 2012 | Provide \$300 stipend to Ontelaunee Grange for use of their Grange hall throughout the year for various meetings. |
| Sep 2014 | Publish the Pomona Calendar annually. |
| Jun 2021 | State Session Delegates reimbursement: Cost of one hotel room for three nights. Registration fee. Gas receipts. \$0.10/mile for wear and tear of vehicle. One ticket per delegate to the All-Granger Banquet. |
| Dec 2021 | Penn State Trustee Election Delegates reimbursement: Gas receipts. \$0.10/mile for wear and tear of vehicle. |
| Dec 2021 | President or designee attending functions for Pomona reimbursement (if applicable): Registration fee. Function meal. Gas receipts. \$0.10/mile for wear and tear of vehicle. |
| Dec 2021 | Contributions be made to Berks Heim and Wernersville State Hospital each year at the September Pomona meeting. |
| Dec 2021 | A \$5 per Subordinate member be set to cover cost of luncheon (if provided). Greeter/Gatekeeper responsible for collection of fee. |
| Dec 2021 | Support any Berks County Granger as PA State Grange Royalty to National Grange. Reimbursed after National Grange Session up to \$100, if requested. |

AGRICULTURE REPORT by Doug Sattazahn

We've reached the point of winter where the cold and snow feel permanent, and spring is nowhere to be seen. It's no wonder people get depressed this time of year. Daylight is in short supply, most vegetation is dormant, and the snow and ice prevent people from going places. People who work in agriculture may be particularly susceptible to the winter blues. Working in the cold, the general isolation of being on the farm, and all the extra work created by freezing temperatures can lead to problems both emotional and physical. Personally, winter is my least favorite season. Clearing snow after a big storm just makes everything else take longer. And does anyone really enjoy having to thaw pipes and waterers for animals to drink? Last year it seemed like winter didn't show up until February. But this year January has certainly felt like what I expect from winter.

I remember the old PA Dutch saying: 'As the days get longer, the winter grows stronger'. Fortunately, the sun sets a little later every day, reminding us that spring will eventually get here. But please check in on other folks that might need some encouragement this time of year. There are many great resources to treat depression, and it's up to all of us to look out for one another.

POMONA FAMILY ACTIVITIES by Jane Reppert

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and New Year with family and friends.

The Pomona Family Activities donated \$50 to Operation Holiday and \$50 to each of the following Assisting living centers to help with a Christmas party for the residents: Berks Heim, Maiden Creek Place, Kutztown Manor, Laurel Living Center, Berks Leisure Living.

Thank you to those that brought Christmas cookies to the December Pomona meeting for the cookie exchange. We also packed 11 boxes of cookies which were given out to veterans.

Do you still have Christmas cards that you received, and don't know what to do with them? Well, the Pomona Family Activities Committee is collecting the used cards. We will be sending them to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. **They don't want any Disney, Hall-mark, or American Greeting cards due to copyright laws and no other charitable organizations cards.** The residents and volunteers at St. Jude's remove the back and affix a new one. This is just one of the ways St. Jude's provides teens with life and work skills. The cards are then sold for a fundraiser. The funds are used to support St. Jude's programs and services, which help children and youth break the cycle of abuse, abandonment and neglect. You can bring them to the March Pomona meeting or give them to a grange member who will be attending the Pomona meeting.

I challenge everyone to work on one contest entry for the Family Activities contest in the next couple months while the cold weather is among us and you stay indoors. There is something for everyone, women and men. If you didn't get your copy of the Needle-work/Craft/Baking contest for 2022, please contact your Family Activities Chairperson for a copy or you can contact me. You have until the September Pomona meeting to finish an entry.

If you are interested in the new 150th Anniversary State Grange Cookbook, we still have some available. If you would like one, you can call me (610-562-2647) to reserve one and make arrangements to get it. The cost is \$25.00 per book. There is a limited number of cookbooks being printed.

The next pre-quarterly meeting is at Ontelaunee Grange starting at 7:00 p.m. (Geigertown & Ontelaunee Granges are hosting with Pioneer assisting). We welcome anyone to attend our meeting.

If you have any questions about anything, please call me at 610-562-2647. If I am not at home, just leave a message and I will get back to you.

I hope everyone is still staying healthy and have a nice Easter.

Quote for Easter: On this day we celebrate how our Savior Jesus stood for us and took the punishment that we deserved, but it wasn't a sacrifice, it was a victory!

Health Tips: Deep Breathing – Deep breathing is an incredibly simple way to improve your health without having to spend any money. Since we often breathe very shallow when we are tense or stressed, taking deep breaths is a great way to help our bodies to relax and calm our nervous systems.

Daydream: Our lives are busy and we don't take time to slow down and daydream. Just take a two minute mini-break to stop and notice the blue sky or cool breeze. This can shift our minds to slow the pace, side-step the stress of the busy day. This invites our bodies to relax and boosts morale to get through a crazy day.

Sleep: Sleep is the body's time to focus on repair and recharging. Sleep is huge when it comes to improving health, but so easy to overlook. We often stay up later than we should.

3 Brain Health Moves

1. Get your heart going: Do 150 minutes a week of moderately intense aerobic exercise, divided up any way you'd like.
2. Challenge your brain: Socialize, study a language, play Scrabble on your phone, teach yourself to cook something new.
3. Eat smarter: Fill your diet with antioxidant-rich berries, leafy greens, fish, and whole grains – and cur way down on saturated and trans fats.

SEEKING A REPRESENTATIVE for BERKS AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE NETWORK (B.A.R.N.)

By Nettie A. Kauffman

I was approached by Lollie Leshner (current President of B.A.R.N.) to have a member from Berks County Grange sit on their Board of Directors. She is emphasizing changes for B.A.R.N. and wants to involve more agricultural events within this organization.

If anyone is interested in serving on this Board, please contact me so I can forward the information to Lollie. As most of you know, Lollie is a strong advocate for agriculture and would like to get back to events that emphasize the agricultural aspect within our communities.

Please give me a call – 610-926-5389 if you would be willing to serve on the B.A.R.N. organization. If you want more information on this position, please call Lollie at 484-239-3305.

COMMUNITY SERVICE by Carlene Kleckner

Hi everyone! Hope you all had a very good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A big thank to all the Grangers and Granges that did the Angle Tags. This year we did 100 tags.

For the March meeting, we are going to be donating to the Hope Rescue Mission. Here is list of items that they need. The most wanted items that they need are:

| | | |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| men socks | men underwear | men T-shirts |
| men shampoo | men body wash | can goods |
| box food | snack foods | disposable razors |
| wash cloths | shaving cream | toothbrushes |
| toothpaste | mouth wash | |

If you forget to bring anything to meeting or a Grange just want to donate money you can.

Hope to see everybody at meeting and please bring at least one item to donate because they very much need these items to help a lot of homeless men in the city of Reading.



BERKS HEIM by Doris Evans

Most Berks Heim staff have been vaccinated. As of January 27, 2022, all staff must have at least one dose or have a legitimate reason for not having the vaccine (or they will lose their job). On January 18, 2022, they had 28 staff members tested positive and 4 residents were positive.

Visitation is allowed—2 visitors at a time. If the resident has a roommate the visit must be in the auditorium.

Activities were starting to happen but had to be cancelled due to the increase of Covid cases.

All administrative staff are being trained to feed residents so that with low staffing all residents will be fed at a reasonable time.

Ms. Gilmer thanks Pomona Grange and all individual Granges for their generous donations at Christmas. All residents received a box of real tissues at Christmas plus other special gifts and snacks thanks to these donations.

They, staff and residents, are all anxious to have volunteers at Berks Heim on a daily basis again.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Ken Schlegel

A legislative banquet, maybe. It has been 3 years!

Here's what the Berks Legislative Team would like to happen—Everyone invited pays for their tickets.

Who are the invitees? Anyone running for election in the Spring primary or thinking about it at this writing. We don't know most of the candidates. But we're working with the powers with each party to learn who they might be.

DATE: April 22, 2022

TIME: 6:45 P.M.

PLACE: Kutztown or Fleetwood Grange hall

TICKET PRICE: \$20.00

Who's invited: Local Berks County Legislators who run every 5 years. Governor candidates, U.S. Senator candidates. We can't force them to come; but, hopefully, they will.

If this is going to happen, we need ALL Grangers selling tickets. We need you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

POMONA GRANGE HIGHLIGHTS

The following are the highlights from the December 11, 2021, Pomona Grange meeting held at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Womelsdorf. Again, we would rather have you in attendance to help make decisions and for your input.

- ◆ Salvation Army thanked Pomona Grange members for the 100 Angel Tree gifts.
- ◆ Nettie Kauffman reported that the State Session report was in the last ECHO. She was awarded the PA State Granger of the Year award. National Grange headquarters will eventually be put up for sale.
- ◆ Shartlesville Grange building is pending sale (offer was made). Hope sale will be completed by January 2022.
- ◆ Lisa Johnson was the winner of the M & M guessing game.
- ◆ Attendance: 11 Brothers, 28 Sisters, 1 Junior, 2 Mini-Juniors Total: 42
- ◆ Financial Committee will report at the March Pomona meeting. The audit was delayed until December 6 (after this Pomona meeting)
- ◆ Juniors had a Westy fundraiser, hayride in September and bowling was held in November.
- ◆ Youth reported that gifts were delivered to the Wernersville State Hospital.
- ◆ Family Activities gave donation report. Cookie exchange was held today—some to go home with Grangers, some to be donated to Veterans Making a Difference. Distributed Family Activities certificates from State Grange.
- ◆ Family Activities is requesting Christmas cards to be given to a children's hospital (bring to March meeting) - no Hallmark, American Greetings, or Disney cards)
- ◆ Lottery calendars—still awaiting receipt of permit
- ◆ Kutztown Fair is working to get a new board member
- ◆ Looking for a tour committee chair
- ◆ Anyone having 5th degree manuals, please return them at the next Pomona meeting
- ◆ Berks County Fair: February 27 Bingo fundraiser at the Leesport Farmer's Market; June 25, Wine Festival fundraiser
- ◆ Berks County Fair Fall Fest in September was successful
- ◆ Membership as of 12/4/21: 977 with 2 applications on-hand
- ◆ Approved purchase of \$75,000 level of bond coverage (cost of \$168)
- ◆ As of this time, there will be no All-Granger Picnic in 2022
- ◆ Change donation to Ontelaunee Grange (for use of their hall for county meetings) - \$300
- ◆ Approved the Berks County Grange Policies, as revised (copy of them in this ECHO)
- ◆ Steve Mohn was elected to serve the remainder of Richard Schaeffer's Executive committee term (till 2024) due to his death
- ◆ Pomona Go-to-Church events: Looking for a volunteer to schedule this event. Motion to cancel the event for 2022 and revisit in 2023 was approved.
- ◆ Donated \$300 to Berks Heim and Wernersville State Hospital
- ◆ Farm Family Appreciation Banquet—the \$500 donation was rolled over to 2022

CONTEST CORNER

NAME _____ **GRANGE** _____

Complete and bring along to the March Pomona meeting. Must be present to win.

In February we celebrate the leaders of our country...the presidents. How well do you know them? Did you study them in school and have to know them in order? Unscramble the following presidents and what number were they? Ex. RABAHMA NOCLLN = Abraham Lincoln #16

1. MILLWAI RYNHE RONRHAS _____ # _____
2. WRADEN SOAKJNC _____ # _____
3. LANKINFR ERPICE _____ # _____
4. LADLIMR MILROEFL _____ # _____
5. MILWALI YMICNEKL _____ # _____
6. ROTHDEE ROOTLVSEE _____ # _____
7. MOSTHA FROJEFESN _____ # _____
8. NLAIVC OGCOILED _____ # _____
9. JIBAMENN RISORHAN _____ # _____
10. YAHCRZ YARLOT _____ # _____
11. RAWNER DAGINHR _____ # _____
12. RORGRV DELCAVNEL _____ # _____

Answers from December contest: 1) 9; 2) Hallowmas; 3) Sadie Hawkins Day, Lil Abner; 4) 1621 & 1789; 5) 1863 & 1941; 6) National Fast Food Day; 7) Cashew; 8) Fritters; 9) Crossword Puzzle; 10) 12-19-1843; 11) National Pumpkin Pie Day; 12) Make cut out snowflakes & National Fruitcake Day. Winner, Fern Kulp, Ontelaunee Grange.

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