**109th PA Farm Show Bus Trip**

Saturday, January 4, 2025 --- OPEN TO ALL!

$25/seat. Contact Anna Heffner at 610-207-9755 to reserve a seat. Leaving the Hamburg High School parking lot at 8 AM and returning at 6:30 PM.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Thank you** for successful **19th year** with the Hamburg Grange.

**Next AYCE Chicken Pot Pie Dinner** will be held Saturday, March 15. The snow-date is March 22. All proceeds will be donated to the Hamburg Public Library for their Capital Campaign. **PLEASE mark these dates on your calendar** to help anytime between 12-8 PM and/or provide bake sale items. If you have any family members or friends that would like to help, please contact Michael Adams to sign up.

**October Pot Pie Dinner Recap**

We served 386 people and provided 28 veterans/active miliary with a free meal.

**Community Assistance**- Our main goal is to reach out to our community and fulfill a need to better the lives of everyone around us. That means not only helping others, but also helping our members. If any of you know how we can help this community or if you or a family member need help, **PLEASE speak up and let me know.**

**Berks Heim**- We help transport the residents to the church service (2-4 PM). By helping you will earn $1 towards your Grange dues. Contact Anna Heffner at 610-207-9755 if you can help with any of the following dates:

February 16 March 16 May 4

July 13 September 7 October 5

**TREX Benches**

We received our first TREX bench, which will be donated to the Hamburg Historical Society building once it is complete. We are working to collect another 1,000 of plastic to make another bench. Contact Michael Adams if you have soft plastic to donate.

**Meeting Refreshments**

If you would like to bring refreshments to a meeting, contact Anna Heffner at 610-207-9755.

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**Trunk or Treat Recap**

At our event on October 27th we had 12 vendors and 138 children participate. Thank you to Barb Schroeder for chairing that event!

**State Grange Information**

Congrats to Autumn Tworkoski for being selected as the PA Outstanding Young Patron in July. Thank you to Michael Adams and Denise Clare for being our delegates at the 151st PA State Grange Session. Congrats to Jen Beamon for being selected as the new PA Junior Grange Director.

**2025 Dues-** $44 per person.

Incentives offered:

$1/pre-sold ticket/quart of pot pie

$1/hour helping at pot pie dinners

$1 helping at Berks Heim

**State Grange Contests**

Check the Guide to Contests & Programs for all details: www.pagrange.org

**Backwoods Brothers Fundraiser**

Saturday, January 11 from 11 AM-7:30 PM

Mention Hamburg Grange when ordering.

**2025 Pomona Grange Information/ Calendar Sheets**

Ask Michael Adams if you would like one.

**HAMBURG GRANGE will be turning 20 this year!** We have done GREAT things and we have had a GREAT team for 19 years, but for this to continue, **we need new members and more of our current members to get involved.** We want the Grange to become the organization that people will come to for help and to become the organization to join.

**Tentative meeting dates for 2025 (subject to change)-**

**\*** Jan. 11, Jan. 23, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, April 24, May 10, June 14, July 12, July 24, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, and Dec. 13.

Please note**,** Saturday meetings will be at 4PM and Thursday meetings will be at 7PM. **Please mark your calendars.** We need a minimum of seven members to hold an official meeting and make decisions.

**Book Donation in September**

We donated copies of “Grinny Granny Donkey” to the kindergarten classes in the Hamburg School District.

**Grange Publications**

If you are not already receiving these Grange publications, contact our Secretary Barbara Schroeder (pisces4410@gmail.com) to be added to the appropriate list.

\* Pomona Echo \* PA Grange News \* PA Grange emails \* National Grange emails

There is also a National Grange quarterly magazine that you can purchase- “Good Day” Magazine.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

January 2025

1 **–** HAPPY NEW YEARS DAY!

**4 – PA 108th Farm Show Bus Trip, leave 8 AM, west end of HAHS, return 6:30 PM**

6– Junior Team Meeting via Zoom @ 7 PM

10 – Berks County Youth and Juniors Fundraiser at the Reading Royals Hockey Game @ 7 PM

**11 –** **Grange Meeting @ 4 PM,** no program, **Backwoods Brothers AYCE BBQ Fundraiser**

17 – Pomona ECHO submission deadline

**23 – Grange Meeting @ 7 PM, Hamburg Library Program**

February 2025

3 – Collate Pomona Echo @ Ontelaunee @ 3 PM

**8 – Grange Meeting @ 4 PM, Soup and Game Night- call Anna to sign up and bring your favorite soup to share and games to play**

14-15 – Berks County Junior Grange Sleepover @ Fleetwood Grange

**16 – Hamburg Grange assisting at Berks Heim 2-4 PM**

March 2025

1 – Pomona Meeting @ Pioneer Grange hosting @ 9:30 AM

**8 – Grange Meeting @ 4 PM, St. Patrick’s Day Program**

8 – Ontelaunee Junior Grange Spaghetti Dinner 4-8 PM

9 – Daylight Savings Time Begins, Spring forward!

10 – Kutztown Basket Bingo @ 6:30 PM

**15 – Hamburg Grange Pot Pie Dinner from 4-7 PM @ the Hamburg High School, need help 12-8 PM**

**16 – Hamburg Grange assisting at Berks Heim 2-4 PM**

17 – St. Patrick’s Day

18 – Ontelaunee Grange Community Night @ 7 PM

**22 – Hamburg Grange Pot Pie Dinner Snow-date**

22 – Berks County Youth & Junior Grange Line Dancing Fundraiser @ Virginville Grange 6:30-9 PM

26 – Ag/Legislative Meeting @ Ontelaunee Grange @ 7:30 PM

April 2025

7 – Junior Team Meeting via Zoom @ 7 PM

**12 – Grange Meeting @ 4 PM, Junior Royalty**

13 – Palm Sunday

18 – Pomona ECHO submission deadline

18 – Berks County Youth & Junior Reading Fightin’ Phils Baseball Game @ 6:45 PM

20 – Easter

**24 – Grange Meeting @ 7 PM, Our Town Foundation Program**

24 – Fleetwood Community Night @ 6:30 PM

27 – Pomona Go-To-Church Sunday @ St. John’s Gernant’s Church, Gernant’s Church Road @ 9:30 AM

2025 Meeting Dates – May 10, June 14, July 12 & 24, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11 & 23, Nov. 20, and Dec. 13

Fraternally Yours,

Michael D. Adams, President