

# Keystone Grange #2



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## Keystone Grange No. 2

Home of the Keystone Grange Fair



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## Annual Farm City Dinner

The Farm City Dinner is fast approaching, with the date of November 18 confirmed. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for great fellowship and food! As always, we ask that you bring a dessert to share with your fellow patrons. There will be entertainment, door prizes and best of all fellowship.

Check out the web site or Facebook page for updated information, or better yet, come to a meeting and you can be involved with the planning of the dinner!!

We're on the web at

[www.keystonegrange2.org](http://www.keystonegrange2.org)

&

Find us on Facebook!

## 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Grange Fair

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Keystone Grange Fair was a great success this year. Held on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>, we were blessed with beautiful weather, friendly faces, and lots of fun. Many local vendors came out to enjoy the beauty of Waterworks Park in Trappe. There was plenty of food, games and attractions to keep every member of the family active through the day including cow pie bingo, pet contests, hay bale tossing, a kids tractor pull, a car and truck parade, an antique tractor parade, horse and wagon rides (by Northern Star Farm), a petting zoo, cow milking and face painting. The 2011 Grange Fair Queen, Kat Hunsberger was crowned early Saturday morning by last year's queen, Morgan Bechtel.

We are proud to announce that at least 7 dogs were adopted out to wonderful

families through All 4 Paws Animal Rescue and the Montgomery County SPCA. We would like to give a big thanks to our fair committee and to everyone who helped make this fair happen!

Next year is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fair and we already have big ideas for a 4 day event. If you are interested in joining the fair committee or have any ideas for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fair please call 484-948-6916 for information. We have left over booklets and exhibitor plaques for anyone who is interested. Meetings for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual fair are beginning immediately. Anyone is welcome to attend.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 113 Raise the Flag during the Opening Ceremonies at the Fair.

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## PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail

PA Grange is creating Quilt Trails as community attractions and as ways to enhance the Grange's community pride. Quilts have long been a beloved symbol of comfort and family and developing a Grange Heritage Quilt Trail will honor and preserve the Grange's rural heritage. Keystone Grange #2 will be participating in the Quilt Trail. We will have 4 selected quilt designs for you to vote on at this year's Farm City Dinner.

## National Grange News

Ed Luttrell, President of the National Grange commended the decision by the USDOT regulators to listen to opposition from the Ag community and refrain from imposing new regulations on the transport and operation of agricultural equipment. One issue was whether farm equipment operators should obtain commercial drivers licenses if they used public roads. Over 1700 individuals and organizations submitted comment on the inquiry. Luttrell said, "Being able to safely get crops and workers to and from market are more important to farmers and ranchers, than anyone else. Their livelihoods depend on it. Had USDOT imposed new rules related to the day-to-day operations and transport of crops and equipment on those in rural America, especially farming and ranching communities, it would have added burdens to an already overregulated industry without offering additional safety."

### COLLEGEVILLE FARMERS MARKET

**Saturdays 9 am til 1 pm.**  
**Parking lot behind the  
AmeriGreen Station on  
Main Street. Come out  
and support local farmers.**

## Did You Know? Pennsylvania Had the

- State to list their web site URL on their license plate.
- Baseball stadium built in Pittsburgh in 1909.
- Home to a computer in Philadelphia in 1946.
- Daily newspaper published in Philadelphia on September 21, 1784.
- Zoological garden in July 1874.
- The first oil well in Titusville in 1859.

## Meeting Reminders

### Upcoming Meetings:

**October 19:** Farm City Dinner Planning

**November 18:** Farm City Dinner

**December 21:** Holiday Gathering

-If you would like to receive this in a digital format please send email to [gazvarick@yahoo.com](mailto:gazvarick@yahoo.com) and title message "Grange Newsletter"



Above: A crowd gathers around member Kevin McGinnis as he demonstrates sheep shearing



Above: Trappe Fire Company at the Fair

## Committee News

### YOUTH

Members of the Youth Committee attended this year's Middletown Grange Fair for wonderful ideas to apply next fair. We are also looking to expand our Youth Committee; anyone 14 or older can join!

### MEMBERSHIP

We will be having a special guest from the State Grange at our January meeting. Stacy Bruker, the state Public Relations/Membership Director will be here to discuss ways to increase membership.

### MASTER

If you are interested in renting the Grange hall or sign please contact Matthew at 484-363-0273. We have a renovated hall done by Chase Stormer and his Eagle Scout Troop.

"He who is of calm and happy nature will hardly feel the pressure of age, but to him who is of an opposite disposition youth and age are equally a burden. "  
-Plato

## Grange History

Keystone Grange No. 2 was founded in 1873 and is based in its original location of Trappe, Pennsylvania. The Grange is a non-partisan, non-sectarian, fraternal organization with roots in agriculture and community life. The Grange was founded as an agricultural organization, but our members come from all walks of life. We enjoy fellowship and have interesting monthly programs that serve to educate and serve our community. We welcome new members and member families. Interested in joining the Grange? We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise noted) at 7:30 PM at the Grange Lodge at 192 West Main St. in Trappe, PA.

## Grange Recipe- Molasses Cookies

### Ingredients

1 ¾ cup all purpose flour  
1 teaspoon each cinnamon, ground ginger, baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon each salt and ground cloves  
1 cup granulated sugar  
¾ cup softened butter  
1 large egg  
¼ cup unsulphured molasses  
2 cups white chocolate chips  
1 cup finely chopped walnuts

### Directions

1. Combine flour, cinnamon, ground ginger, baking soda, salt and cloves in a small bowl.
2. Beat sugar and butter in large mixing bowl until creamy.
3. Beat in eggs and molasses.
4. Gradually stir in flour mixture, then stir in morsels
5. Refrigerate for 20 minutes or until slightly firm.
6. Preheat oven to 375
7. Roll dough in 1 inch balls and then roll in nuts
8. Place on ungreased baking sheet and bake 9 to 11 minutes or until golden brown.

## What Does the Grange Do For Me?

We are always striving to bring in new members and some may ask why join the Grange or what do I get out of it? That is difficult to answer at times. What you get is Fellowship. You feel pride being involved in your local community. You get to participate in fairs, dinners, parades as well as many other community based events. You get discounts on Grange hall rental, sign rental, as well as discounts for your personal business for advertising in our fair program as well as setting up at the annual fair and you get to assist in the planning of monthly meeting.