

Keystone Grange #2



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Recent Meetings

We are delighted to announce that once again, our annual Farm City Dinner was a success. With the guest list totaling around 75 people, St. Luke's hall was filled with a nice size crowd of grangers. The back tables were filled with delicious food catered by Moorehead's and covered with yummy desserts brought by those attending. Two 50 year membership awards were given to Joan Kelley and ... Many other speakers such as Matthew Wismer, Gene Zvarick, Cathy Kernan, and many others had kind words and updates to inform us regarding the Grange and related organizations. After careful

counting, members determined the Grange made a profit of nearly \$500 and even more good memories.

Nearly one month later, it was time for the annual Christmas party, which this year, was held at Master Matthew Wismer's house at Northern Star Farm, right here in Trappe. Some of the highlights from the night included a delicious chocolate fountain, white elephant gift exchange, the singing of Christmas Carols around the piano played by Matthew Wismer, and even a visit from Santa Claus! It was definitely a night to remember! Thank you to every one who came.

Old Farmer's Almanac Weather Predictions

For the winter of 2011-12, the Farmer's Almanac is forecasting "**clime and punishment**," a season of unusually cold and stormy weather. For some parts of the country, that means a frigid climate; while for others, it will mean lots of rain and snow.

The upcoming winter looks to be cold to very cold for the Northern Plains, parts of the Northern Rockies, and the western Great Lakes. In contrast, above-normal temperatures are expected across most of the southern and eastern U.S. Near-

normal temperatures are expected in the Midwest and Far West, and in southern Florida. A very active storm track will bring much heavier-than-normal precipitation from the Southern Plains through Tennessee into Ohio, the Great Lakes, and the Northeast. Because of above normal temperatures, much of the precipitation will likely be rain or mixed precipitation, although, during February, some potent East Coast storms could leave heavy snow, albeit of a wet and slushy consistency.

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An active Pacific Storm track will guide storm systems into the Pacific Northwest, giving it a wetter-than-normal winter.
Drier-than-normal weather will occur in the Southwest and Southeast corners of the nation.
Source (<http://www.farmersalmanac.com/weather/2011/08/29/2012-us-winter-forecast/>)

Committee News

Web Site:

www.keystonegrange2.com

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 have selected our design and will begin working on this right away. Please contact the Youth Committee if you are interested in helping. The quilt will be on display at the Grange Hall and features on the state grange website.

National Grange News

Every year, Grange members give thousands of hours to volunteer in their communities and raise millions of dollars for important causes. Grangers attend public meetings, inform themselves of local, state and national issues and speak for the rights of all Americans, especially those who work in agriculture producing our food, fuel and fiber. The Grange has been instrumental in bringing about avenues for rural access from rural mail delivery to electricity; supporting social reform including women's suffrage; and assisting groups such as the deaf and hard of hearing through financial contributions and awareness programs. Members

gather from across the country to debate policies which will be adopted in Community Granges, passed by State Granges and moved to the national delegate body. A true grassroots organization, those policies that pass become the issues for which the National Grange advocates.

Fun Farm Joke

A farmer was in his barn milking the cows. He was staring to get a good rhythm going when a bug flew into the barn and started to circle his head. Suddenly, the bug flew into a cow's ear. The farmer did not think much about it until the bug squirted out into his bucket. It went in one ear and out the udder.

Meeting Reminders

- Please bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting to donate to a local food bank.
- Meetings are open to the public. So please bring your family and friends
- If you would like to receive this in a digital format please send email to gazvarick@yahoo.com and title message "Grange Newsletter"



YOUTH

Members of the Youth Committee will be working on our quilt as part of the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail. If you are interested in helping please contact any member of the Youth Committee

MEMBERSHIP

We have many new and exciting events planned for 2012 to increase membership. Please see attachments with this newsletter for more information.

MASTER

If you are interested in renting the Grange hall or sign please contact Matthew at 484-363-0273. We have a renovated hall and will be renovating our second floor as well as our kitchen in the very near future. This is a "hidden gem" in Trappe.

Be always at war
with your vices, at
peace with your
neighbors, and let
each new year find
you a better man.
~Benjamin Franklin

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- Chocolate Snowballs

Ingredients

¾ cup softened butter
¾ packed brown sugar
1 large egg
¼ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
½ cup baking cocoa
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon baking soda
Confectioners sugar

Directions

1. In a large bowl cream butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy.
2. Add the egg milk and vanilla; mix well.
3. Combine the flour, baking cocoa, baking powder, salt and baking soda and gradually add to the creamed mixture.
4. Cover and refrigerate overnight..
5. Shape into 1-inch balls and place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet.
6. Bake at 370 for 7 to 8 minutes.
7. After cooled roll in confectioner's sugar.

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.