



LECTURERS' NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a safe and healthy Christmas. I would like to start by thanking everyone who sent me notes and cards after I had the hip replacement surgery. Until you are in a position where you can't do much and can't get out, you don't really understand how much you look forward to the mail each day.

Included in this mailing is a copy of the information that will appear in the Bluebook. Please note that everything is tentative. It is hard to plan when we don't know what is going to happen with the pandemic. I will do my best to keep you informed if anything changes. Please watch for my column in the Connecticut Granger. And, remember, if you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

In this newsletter you are going to find a lot of quizzes. These are perfect for zoom meetings because they get everyone involved. Cut-aparts and short stories are also good and can be e-mailed to members ahead of time. I prepared a couple of Grange quizzes. They may seem a little hard but can be used as a learning tool. We have lots of newer members who have never seen the degrees. Some of the questions could lead to a discussion comparing how things were done when a lot of us joined and how they are done now.

Take care, stay safe and have a good year!

Marge

SHARED NUMBERS...

THE END IS NEAR

A local Priest and Pastor stood by the side of the road doing their good deed for the day. They were holding up a sign that said "The End is Near! Turn yourself around before it is too late!" They planned to hold up the sign to each passing car.

"Leave us alone, you religious nuts!" yelled the first driver who sped by. From around the curve they heard a big splash. "Do you think," said one clergy to the other, "we should just put up a sign that says "Bridge Out" instead?"

GRANGE QUIZ

1. When and where was the National Grange organized?
Ans. December 4, 1867 in Washington D.C.
2. Oliver Hudson Kelley, known as the Father of the Grange, had a farm in the Midwest. Where was he born?
Ans. Boston, Massachusetts
3. Were all of the seven founders born in the United States?
Ans. No – William Saunders was born in Scotland.
4. Who is Caroline Hall?
Ans. She was the niece of the second wife of Oliver Hudson Kelley and is credited with the place women hold in the Grange.
5. Who is National Master?
Ans. Betsy Huber from Pennsylvania
6. Who is National Grange Overseer?
Ans. Phil Prelli from Connecticut
7. Where was the first Connecticut State Grange Organized?
Ans. Danbury
8. Where was the second Connecticut State Grange organized?
Ans. Glastonbury
9. Where was the first CT Juvenile Grange organized?
Ans. Banner Juvenile Grange#1 was in Amenia Union, New York
10. Where is the current office of the Connecticut State Grange?
Ans. Winchester Center

RITUAL QUIZ

1. Who is the first person to address the candidates for the first degree?
Ans. Master – This is done before the actual degree begins.
2. What are the candidates called in the first degree?
Ans. Labors and Maids
3. Who has a memorandum book, a knife and a pencil for the first degree?
Ans. Overseer
4. What are the implements of the first degree?
Ans. An ax, plow, harrow and a spade
5. In the second degree who gives the sisters a rose and what do they do with it?
Ans. The Overseer gives them a rose which they then place on the Bible.
6. When do we see the Harvest March?
Ans. Third Degree
7. Who is the Goddess of Fruits?
Ans. Pomona
8. When do we drape our Charter in Memory of a deceased member?
Ans. Right after Reading the Minutes of the Last Meeting

9. Who is asked if their reports have been promptly made?
Ans. The Secretary and the Lecturer
10. Who has the last speaking part in the closing of the Grange?
Ans. The Steward

THINK POSITIVE

These cut-aparts also make good fill-ins between numbers

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Ever notice that people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

CONNECTICUT QUIZ

1. Where was the first nuclear submarine launched?
Ans. Groton (1954)
2. Which Connecticut county was not established in 1666?
Ans. Windham
3. In what town were the first friction matches made?
Ans. Beacon Falls
4. What is the Connecticut state song?
Ans. Yankee Doodle
5. What city is nicknamed "The Rose of New England"?
Ans. Norwich
6. How many area codes are there in the State of Connecticut?
Ans. Two
7. When was Connecticut admitted to statehood?
Ans. 1788

8. Where was the first steel mill in America located?
Ans. Simsbury
9. Where is 'Pez' Candy made?
Ans. Orange
10. The Hartford Courant is the oldest newspaper in the country that is still being published. What year was it established?
Ans. 1764
11. What is the Connecticut state bird?
Ans. Robin
12. What is the background color on the Connecticut state flag?
Ans. Blue
13. How many counties are there in Connecticut?
Ans. 8
14. In what town is Noah Webster's house?
West Hartford

QUIZ – SUPERSTITIONS

1. Why is it unlucky to spill salt?
Ans. Because the ancient Greeks and Romans used salt in their sacrifices, and to spill it was an ill omen.
2. Why is a cat said to have nine lives?
Ans. Because the Egyptian cat-headed goddess Pasht was so endowed.
3. In rehearsing a play, which line must not be spoken?
Ans. The last line
4. How should a horseshoe be hung to bring good luck?
Ans. Open side up
5. Which jewel is considered unlucky?
Ans. Opal
6. Why is the four-leaved clover considered lucky?
Ans. Because its four leaves are in the shape of a cross
7. A red sun has what?
Water in its' eye.
8. In putting shoes on, which should go on first to bring good luck?
Ans. The right shoe
9. According to superstition, which day of the week is best for a wedding?
Ans. Wednesday
10. What is the origin of the superstition that it is unlucky to break a mirror?
Ans. The reflection was thought to be a part of the soul and to break the substance on which it was reflected was to injure the soul itself.

QUIZ - OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS

1. What Bird, the color of the sky on a spring day, is a symbol of happiness?
Ans. Bluebird
2. Which bird is identified as the early bird who gets the worm?
Ans. Robin
3. Which bird is a stunt flyer who can fly backwards, hang suspended in air, fly straight up and is tiny?
Ans. Hummingbird
4. Which merry little bird has a black cap and can hang upside down from a twig?
Ans. Chickadee
5. What bird is called "The Planter of Oak Forests? And is known as a tease?
Ans. Blue Jay
6. What bright bird has a black beard and is one of our most brilliantly colored birds and one of the friendliest?
Ans. Cardinal
7. What bird is a mimic and can sing more different notes than any other bird in this country?
Ans. Mocking Bird
8. What bird is a carpenter having his own hammer, chisel and drill?
Ans. Woodpecker

QUIZ - TRAVEL

1. What is the northernmost state which is home to the Mississippi River?
Ans. Minnesota
2. In what state does the Mississippi empty into the Gulf of Mexico?
Ans. Louisiana
3. How many states are home to the Mississippi River?
Ans. 10 - Minn., Wisc., Iowa, Ill., Mo., Ken., Tenn., Ark., Miss., and La.
4. Which is further north - Colorado or Utah?
Ans. Utah
5. What is the Capital of North Dakota?
Ans. Bismark
6. Where is the Easternmost point on I-84?
Ans. Sturbridge, Mass.
7. Where is the Westernmost point on I-84?
Ans. Portland, Oregon
8. In what state is the United States half of the International Peace Garden?
Ans. North Dakota
9. What is the northernmost Grange in the United States?
Ans. North Pole, Alaska Grange

MY MANY JOBS (a play on words)

My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't concentrate.

Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.

After that, I tried to be a Tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it – mainly because it was a sew-sew job.

Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.

Then, I tried to be a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.

I attempted to be a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.

My best job was being a Musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.

I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but I didn't have any patience.

Next was a job in a Shoe Factory. I tried but I just didn't fit in.

I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income.

I managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.

So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.

After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.

My last job was working in Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.

So I retired and found I'm Perfect for the job.

LOVE QUIZ

1. A Song made famous by Elvis Presley. Ans. Love Me tender
2. A commandment. Ans. Love thy neighbor
3. A sport where the term "love" is used. Ans. Tennis
4. Keeps the postman in business. Ans. Love letters
5. A famous movie. Ans. Love Story
6. A place to sit. Ans. Love seat
7. What love does to the world. Ans. Makes the world go round.
8. Makes baby comfortable. Ans. Luvs Diapers
9. A song with the work love in the title. Ans. Love is a Many Splendored Thing
10. Who are considered the world's best-known lovers of all times?
Ans. Romeo and Juliet
11. Macrame' stitches. Ans. Love Knots
12. Love _____ all. Ans. Conquers.