



**THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE
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Hi Everyone,

It looks like fall has come early to the northeast. Let's all take advantage of the cooler temperatures to get a head start on planning our programs. And, as your final task of this past Grange year, I hope that you will all fill out the enclosed (or attached – if you get this via e-mail) Honor Lecturer Report. I would appreciate everyone filling one out even if you do not qualify. It helps us judge how our programs are working and where we should make changes.

My thanks to everyone who helped in any way with Lecturers' Conference. The conference was a great success. As I have said before, Connecticut Grangers are the best. Everyone worked together and everyone was a good sport. Our program went off without a hitch, thanks to all who participated. I would also like to thank you all for the gift I was given on Spirit Night.

Unfortunately the attendance has gone down each year lately. There has been discussions for quite some time regarding whether or not this conference will continue. There will not be a conference in 2018. This does not mean that there will never be one again or that your State Lecturers have disbanded. We will be meeting in the Spring to discuss further options and will also be putting together a book with program ideas. Previously you had to buy this book. Next year it will be given to all Lecturers (both Pomona & Subordinate) free of charge. My plan is to include it in the packet of information that is handed out at Let's Celebrate in June.

If you have any ideas on how to reorganize and improve our Lecturers' Conference please get them to me. I would like as much input from you as possible. I would like to hear from all members, not just Lecturers.

If anyone out there hasn't received their Lecturers' Packet for the coming year by now please let me know. I can tell you who took them for your Pomona or I can help you track it down.

I have received addresses and emails for a few new Lecturers. If your Grange has a new Lecturer please let me know. I usually take all the information from the Pomona handbooks I get at State Session. However I don't believe there will be any handbooks printed this year.

Don't forget, if you need help, please do not hesitate to contact me. I enjoy getting out and meeting all of you.

See you around the State.

Marge

SHARED NUMBERS...

AESOP'S FABLE with Thanks to Taghhannuck Grange

A long time ago a Man met a Satyr in the forest and succeeded in making friends with him. The two soon became the best of comrades, living together in the Man's hut. But, one cold winter evening as they were walking homeward, the Satyr saw the Man blow on his fingers.

"Why do you do that?" asked the Satyr.

"To warm my hands," the Man replied.

When they reached home the Man prepared two bowls of porridge. These he placed steaming hot on the table, and the comrades sat down very cheerfully to enjoy the meal. But, much to the Satyr's surprise, The Man began to blow into his bowl of porridge.

"Why do you do that?" he asked.

"To cool my porridge," replied the Man.

The Satyr sprang hurriedly to his feet and made for the door.

"Goodbye," he said. I've seen enough. A fellow that blows hot and cold in the same breath cannot be friends with me!"

MORAL ... The man who talks for both sides is not to be trusted by either.

THE BIBLE IN OUR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Many of our Granges have had or are having Installation of Officers this year.

Why not refresh their memory with some of these quotes...

The number at the beginning is the page number in our most recent Ritual.

81	"It is not good for man to be alone."	Genesis 2:18
81	"There is nothing better for a man," etc.	Ecclesiastes 2:24
86	"It is required of Stewards," etc.	1 Corinthians 4:2
87	"Spear, beaten into pruning hook."	Refers to Micah 4:3
88	"Seed falling on good ground"	Matthew 13:8
88	"Cast thy bread upon the water," etc.	Ecclesiastes 11:1
88	"Parable of Mustard seed"	Matthew 13:31-32
89	An enemy sowing tares	Refers to Matthew 13:24, etc.
93	"Behold, how good and how pleasant," etc.	Psalms 133

MUSICAL QUIZ

You can get a little music in your program even if you don't want to sing without a Pianist. You give the first word or two and members give the rest of the Title

OVER.....There
ANCHORS.....Away
AMERICA.....The Beautiful
YANKEE.....Doodle
WHEN JOHNNY.....comes marching home
STARS.....and Stripes Forever
MY COUNTRY.....tis of Thee
WHEN CAISSONS.....Go Rolling along
STAR.....Spangled Banner
THIS LAND.....Is My Land
YELLOW.....Rose of Texas
BATTLE.....Hymn of the Republic
OFF WE GO.....Into The Wild Blue Yonder
I'LL BESeeing You
THE BUGLE.....Boy of Company B
DON'T SIT UNDER.....The Apple Tree with Anyone Else But Me
I'LL SEE.....You In My Dreams
HAPPY DAYS.....Are Here Again

HALLOWEEN QUIZ

1. What did the mother ghost say to her son? Ans. Put on your boo's and shocks
2. Who invented spaghetti? Ans. Someone who used their noodle
3. What three things escaped when the house caught fire?
Ans. The chimney flew, the door bolted and the faucet ran.
4. What is a frog with a broken leg? Ans. A crippled croaker
5. Where can you find a sea without water, a town without houses and the Earth without people? Ans. On a map
6. What did the blender say to the electric mixer? Ans. Beat It.
7. Who is the strongest man in the world? Ans. A policeman, because he can hold up traffic with one hand
8. What keeps the moon in place? Ans. Its beams

A SHORT STORY

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face."

"Yes," the class said.

"Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position, the blood doesn't run into my feet?"

A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet aren't empty".

AN AUTUMN NUMBER with Thanks to Vernon Grange

Autumn is the time of year devoted to the harvest, an important time of year in Grange traditions. While recognizing the harvest is a solemn part of ceremonies, Grangers from the start of the Grange, have had fun in their fellowship. Let's take a light hearted look at the autumnal harvest.

1. What is the first day of fall called? Ans. autumnal equinox
2. What is a harvest moon? Ans. The full moon which occurs closest to the equinox.

This autumn we can look forward to falling leaves and rising gas prices. We'll be raking it up while the oil companies are raking it in.

Washington, the top apple-producing state, will harvest nearly 133 million boxes of apples this year.

3. One gallon of apple cider takes how many apples to make? Ans. About 40 individual apples to make.

Every Halloween, countless party-throwers, partygoers, and trick-or-treaters hit the streets to harvest candy corn. The little yellow, orange, and white treat is an icon among holiday candies and has a legacy that goes back more than a century.

According to oral tradition, George Renninger, a candy maker at the Wunderlee Candy Company in Philadelphia, invented the revolutionary tricolor candy in the 1880s. The Goelitz Confectionery Company brought the candy to the masses at the turn of the 20th century. When the Goelitz Confectionery Company first produced candy corn, it was called "Chicken Feed." The boxes were illustrated with a colorful rooster logo and a tag line that read: "Something worth crowing for." The candy corn kernels were designed to be the size of three actual corn kernels.

The company, now called Jelly Belly Candy Co., has the longest history in the industry of making candy corn -- although the method has changed, it still uses the original recipe.

Candy corn starts as a mixture of sugar, fondant, corn syrup, vanilla flavor, and marshmallow creme. This mixture is melted into liquid candy, called slurry, and is colored and run through a cornstarch molding process to create each kernel. Wooden trays filled with cornstarch are imprinted with rows of candy corn molds, where the layers are individually deposited from bottom to top.

The mixture cools in the tray, which seals the three layers together. The kernels of candy corn are sifted from the trays and polished in large drum pans with edible wax and glaze to create their irresistible, hand-grabbable shine.

In 1950, the price of candy corn was just 25 cents per pound.

Nine billion pieces of candy corn will be produced this year.

4. You don't have to wait for Halloween to indulge in the mellow creme candies -celebrate National Candy Corn Day on October 30

Candy corn is one of the better-for-you candies of the Halloween season. It contains roughly 28 grams of sugar and only 140 calories per heaping handful -- and it's fat free! Candy corn is such a popular choice that the mellow creme candies are now available year-round in a variety of colors to suit the seasonal holiday:

5. For Thanksgiving serve Indian corn. What color? Brown, orange, and white -- the brown section is chocolate-flavor.

6. Reindeer corn is what color? Red, white and green.

Once the package is opened, store candy corn covered and away from heat and light at room temperature; it should last three to six months. If unopened, packaged candy corn will last about nine months.

SPIDER FACTS with Thanks to Enfield Grange

1. There are roughly more than 40,000 spider species in the world..
2. There are more than 175 orb weaver types of spiders in North America.
3. The three most common garden spiders in North America are the Black & Yellow, the silver, and the banded. These garden allies provide natural pest control.
4. There are 24 garden spiders of the orb weaver family. They create circular webs that may reach up to 24 inches in diameter. The intricate webs are designed to capture and immobilize prey.
5. A female banded garden spider may produce an egg sac containing more than 1000 eggs.
6. A female Yellow garden spider feasts on prey up to two times her size.
7. Despite having eight eyes these creatures have relatively poor vision. They are better at picking up vibrations. Sometimes they leave their web, attach themselves to it with a single silk strand and pounce when they feel the vibration of prey caught in the web.
8. Here are 4 tips to lay out the welcome mat for garden spiders;
 - a. Lay mulch to create protection and humidity.
 - b. Provide places for web attachment.
 - c. Leave your garden intact for winter spider habitat
 - d. Avoid pesticide

DID YOU KNOW?

*The Freedom Trail is a walking tour of historic Boston with sixteen historic sites including Paul Reveres House and the Boston Common.

*The Gettysburg Battlefield was the sight of the largest battle of the Civil War.

*The Mark Twain House located in Hartford was the home of Mark Twain from 1874 until 1891.

TRIVIA QUIZ – AMERICA PAST & PRESENT

1. What room in the average American home is the scene of the greatest number of arguments? Ans. Kitchen
2. In 1960, the citizens of Hot Springs, New Mexico, voted to rename their town in honor of a popular radio show. What is it called now? Ans. Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.
3. What are the names of the two landmark stone lions sitting in front of the New York Public Library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street in New York City? Ans. Patience and Fortitude, names given them by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia.
4. How many windows are there on the 102-story Empire State Building? Ans. 6,000
5. In 1954 the Pennsylvania coalmining communities of Maunch Chunk and East Maunch Chunk merged and adopted a new name in honor of a famous athlete. What was it? Ans. Jim Thorpe, after the great Oklahoma Indian athlete. The renaming was part of a plan to establish the town as a shrine to Thorpe, who was buried there.
6. What employee-grooming regulation at Disney World would prevent the hiring of Walt Disney – if he were alive and job hunting today? Ans. Facial Hair – He had a moustache.
7. In what state can you find the towns of Romance, Sweet Home and Success? Ans. Arkansas
8. Where did Samuel McPherson Hunt, gangster Al Capone's feared hitman, carry his submachine gun when he went out on a job? Ans. In a golf bag, rather than in the traditional violin case. His nickname was Golf Bag.
9. What U.S. city is at almost the same latitude as Mexico City? Ans. Hilo, on the Big Island of Hawaii.
10. What state is most dependent on tourism, with almost 30 percent of its jobs tourist related? Ans. Nevada
11. Who gave his red hand-knitted cardigan sweater, size 38, to the Smithsonian Institution in 1984? Ans. Fred Rogers of public television's "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood"
12. What's on the flip side of the Susan B. Anthony \$1 coin? Ans. An eagle landing on the moon, commemorating the Apollo II moon landing on July 20, 1969
13. How many Ringling Brothers were there? Seven
14. What unique distinction does Maine's 5,268 foot Mt. Katahdin enjoy? Ans. It is the first spot in the U.S. to be touched by the rays of the rising sun.
15. What inland state has the longest shoreline? Ans. Michigan. Its' more than 3,100 miles of freshwater shoreline includes four of the five Great Lakes – Michigan, Superior, Huron and Erie.
16. What are the only four states to share a common boundary? Ans. Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.