



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

West Juniata Parkway & Owl Hollow Road, Millerstown, PA 17062

New Grange Officers Installed for 2013-14

The fall season began on September 14th with a fellowship dinner and installation of officers. All Granges of Perry County were invited to participate, but only a few officers from Oliver Grange joined for this evening of fine Grange ritual. Sister Anna May Nauss of Mechanicsburg was the installing officer and was assisted by an installation team from Valley Grange, York County.

The officers have been working hard to plan a calendar and budget for 2013. You'll find that information inside this newsletter.



Front row (seated) Flora/Executive Committee – *Peg Bolton*; Ceres – *Shirley Delancey*; Pomona – *Carol Weirzbicki*; Chaplain – *Olga Brookhart*

Second Row (standing) Recording Secretary – *Carol Gantt*; Steward – *Virginia Shotzberger*; Financial Secretary – *Carol Rhoades*; Program Chair – *Renee Hetrick*; Assistant Steward – *Ezra Grubb*

Third Row (standing) Executive Committee – *Barbara McMillen*, President – *Bill Cameron*; Treasurer – *Doug Bonsall*; Greeter/Executive Committee – *Linda Byers*

Absent from Photo: Vice President – *Krista Pontius*; Lady Assistant Steward – *Kathryn Smith*; Executive Committee – *Catherine Morrison*



Grange Presidents Bill Cameron of Perry Valley and Brent Yohn of Oliver receive their installation charge.



Newly installed officers receive their final instruction in the duties of their positions.

From Your President

There is lots of uncertainty in Perry Valley Grange right now. Lots of rumors going around and I don't know what is fact and what is fiction. So I guess we just keep plugging away until we get it all sorted out. Krista and Linda and Renee have been wonderful in helping set plans for the new year. We will see that everyone get a copy of the schedule for 2013.

Our biggest problem seems to be getting enough help at our banquets and public dinners. The old regulars are getting tired and the young ones are busy with school activities, sports, church and texting!

Thank heaven for the FFA students from Greenwood and Newport for helping us when we need it. We welcome four of them into Grange membership at our November 2nd meeting. I will see you there.

Bill Cameron, President

Update on Sale of Grange Property

In early September the "For Sale" signs went up on the Grange property but so far there has only been one showing. Realtor John Leidy reports that ours is a specialty property that may take some time to sell.



In accordance with requirements set forth by the State Grange, an appraisal of the property's value has been done and should be provided to us shortly. This document will be on file with the State Grange, the Executive Committee of which must give final approval for the terms of any sale.

Until a sale is completed, the Grange continues a full schedule of events at the Grange Hall and needs everyone's fullest cooperation and support.

A sub-committee (Krista Pontius, Peg Bolton and Doug Bonsall) appointed by the President will be meeting with the Millerstown Recreation Association in November for some preliminary talk about the possibility of the Grange meeting and holding other activities at the community building at the Millerstown Park.



Thanks to all who helped with "apple schnitzing" at Barner's Church, October 5th.

About a dozen members and friends of the Grange gathered to help St. John (Barner's) Lutheran Church "schnitz" (slice) apples for the next day's Apple Butter Boil. This was the 61st annual boil and dinner, proceeds of which support many charitable causes.

From the smiles evident on most faces, this project was more fun than work. The fellowship was great and there was much satisfaction in knowing that working together would result in thousands of dollars raised to help those in need. The Grange is proud to be of service to the community through such important projects.

Banquets & Public Dinners

As the news about a possible sale of the Grange Hall spreads, we have noticed a lesser number of banquets being booked. Although we assure callers that we can guarantee availability for at least 60 days, most groups want a longer commitment when planning their meal event. The result of fewer meals is decreased income while expenses to maintain our property continue.

Financial necessity requires us to plan for public dinners even as we are finding it increasingly difficult to find sufficient leadership and help. **The annual PA Dutch Dinner will be held Saturday, November 10, 2012.** Preparation will take place on Friday, Nov. 9th and all day Saturday. Your help is very much needed so please volunteer; donations of baked goods for the sale table are also requested.

The New Year's Day Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Dinner will be served Tuesday, January 1, 2013.

2013 Grange Dues Now Payable

Grange member annual dues support the local, state and national levels of our organization and enables the Grange to maintain a presence the local community and in our state/national capitals. A significant portion of Grange work done at the state and national levels is in legislation, representing our interests and concerns.

Dues for 2013 are now payable and remain at the same amounts - \$40 for adults and \$12 for youth. For adult members, \$5 of your dues supports the local Grange. If you pay before January 1st, you will save the Grange mailing an individual notice to you.

From time to time members and friends of the Grange contribute gifts above and beyond annual dues to give a special boost to the Grange or one of its projects. Especially for those members who are unable to help in other ways, making a donation enables you to support the Grange. Please complete and submit the form printed below to pay your 2013 dues and/or make an additional donation.

Name(s) _____
2013 Dues @ \$40 per adult\$ _____
2013 Dues @ \$12 per youth\$ _____
Additional Contribution\$ _____
Total enclosed\$ _____
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Mail to: Carol Gantt, 1692 Keystone Way, Newport, PA 17074

Lodge Moving Back to Newport

For the past two years, the Newport Masonic Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter have met in the Grange Hall and some of their members have helped the Grange with fund raising and property maintenance. During that time a Joint Operating Committee was formed with representation from the Lodge and the Grange to plan these joint activities. A Joint Operating (bank) Account was set up to handle the income from fund raisers and the costs of supplies/property expenses.

With the pending sale of the Grange Hall, the Lodge has accepted an offer to move back to Newport in a rented facility just off North Fourth Street. We will miss their use of our building which, unfortunately, sits vacant on far too many days. Several Lodge members have said they will continue to help with dinners and property maintenance as their time permits.

The Joint Operating Account is being merged back into the Grange treasury since our agreement with the Lodge specified that all funds remained the property of the Grange.

Business Sponsors

Perry Valley Grange has cultivated good relations for many years with local businesses so together good service work can be done in the community. The number of **Business Sponsor Members** in 2012 was 37. This membership helps the Grange and we help our business sponsors by advertising their support in our bimonthly newsletter, on our website and on the main bulletin board in the Grange Hall.

If you know of a business that might be interested in this type of partnership, please talk to them about becoming a **Business Sponsor Member** of Perry Valley Grange. Bill Cameron, our President and Membership Chair, can provide you with the application and details about the business sponsor supplying us with their advertising information. A letter inviting local businesses to join the Grange or to renew their membership will be sent in mid-November. The 2013 Business Sponsor fee remains at \$60.



Celebrating Special Days

November Birthdays

28 Twyla Courtot

December Birthdays

2 Ralph Lesh
5 Shirley Delancey
8 Robert Cauffman
10 Boyd Delancey, Lee Morrison
21 Louise Pennay
29 Barbara McMillen

November Anniversaries

29 John & Viola Byers

December Anniversaries

7 Ken & Peg Bolton

Please let **Peg Bolton (589-3897)** know when you are aware of a Grange member who should be remembered with cards in times of illness or death in the family.

We look forward to welcoming four new members at our November meeting – **Samantha & Kyle Kauffman, Aaron Korber and Sara Howell** - all local high school FFA members who want to help the our Grange stay viable.

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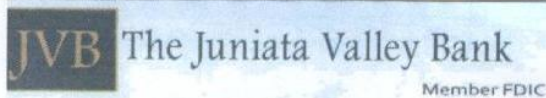
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*Homemade Chicken Potpie
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Stuffed Pig Stomach
Pepper Cabbage; Chow Chow
Homemade Bread/Apple Butter
Shoofly Pie
Beverages*

Sat., Nov. 10, 2012

Perry Valley Grange Hall

2 Miles East of Millerstown, Perry County
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Serving from 4 PM while supply lasts

Serving help provided by local FFA Members

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Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

November 2012

2	Grange Meeting – 7:00 PM Dessert reception starts at 6:30 p.m. Social Committee –Lee & Cathy Morrison, (chairs), Barbara McMillen Business meeting – <i>New members rec'd</i> Program – What To Do in an Emergency by Tom Bell, Perry County 911 Director & Emergency Management Coordinator
3	Banquet – Newport Lodge
4	Lodge rehearsal
6	General Election Day – Grange Hall is polling site for Greenwood Township
8	Lodge rehearsal
9	Work day/night for public dinner
10	Public Penna. Dutch Dinner Serving begins at 4 PM (See page 10)
11	Lodge rehearsal
13	Lodge meeting
14	Chapter rehearsal
15	Chapter meeting
27	Pomona Grange planning meeting at Oliver

December 2012

7	Grange Holiday Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall <i>Meat, beverage, and place settings provided; bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share</i> Social Committee – Linda Byers & Renee Hetrick (co-chairs) <i>Bring a holiday tradition or recipe to share; we'll sing carols and play party games</i>
8	Banquet – Miller family
9	Rental – Miller family
9	Lodge rehearsal
11	Lodge meeting
13	Lodge meeting
16	Lodge Christmas Toy distribution
18	Pomona Christmas Party @ Shermanata
19	Chapter rehearsal
20	Chapter meeting
31	Work day for New Year's public dinner

Christmas Party

This year our special holiday event will be a **Fellowship Dinner** at the Grange Hall on Friday, December 7th. After several years of "going out", it has been decided to "eat in" this year to enjoy our own facility decorated for the holidays. The program chair promises a relaxed evening of old fashioned holiday fun. Bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of the season.

GRANGE COOKBOOKS MAKE EXCELLENT GIFTS...five different editions are available for holiday giving this year. Contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957) to get your copies. The cost varies for the different editions: (from left to right) 1950 - \$13; 1972 - \$20; 1984 - \$13, 2000 - \$13, 2010 - \$18.



Financial Report

The Joint (Grange-Masons) Operating Account received fund raising & rental receipts and paid for all fund raising supplies, utilities, insurance and property maintenance costs through 9/30/2012. The Grange account handled all other income and expenses.

JOINT OPERATING ACCOUNT

Checking Balance 8/31/2012 \$ 9,861.77
PLUS: Receipts - September 2012 + 4,202.61
LESS: Expenditures - September 2012 - 4,101.21
Checking Balance 9/30/2011 \$ 9,963.17

GRANGE ACCOUNT

Checking Balance 8/31/2012 \$ 5,354.38
PLUS: Receipts - September 2012 + 1,054.50
LESS: Expenditures - September 2012 - 198.02
Checking Balance 9/30/2012 \$6,210.86
Certificates of Deposit \$64,587.97

Perry Valley Grange #1804

Calendar & Budget for 2013

Meetings/Programs/Special Events/Social Committees

Providing varied activities for Grange members to fellowship

Type	Program	Date	Social Committee
Business	"What to Do in an Emergency"	Friday, Nov. 2, 2012	Lee & Cathy Morrison (co-chairs), Barbara McMillen
Fellowship Dinner	Christmas Party (carols, sharing traditions/recipes, games)	Friday, Dec. 7, 2012	Linda Byers & Renee Hetrick (co-chairs)
Business	To be announced	Friday, Jan. 11, 2013	Carol Gantt (chair), Natalie Fritz, Dorothy Page, Jonathan Gantt
Outing	Potluck Dinner @ Bonsall home Pack Valentine Remembrances	Friday, Feb. 1, 2013	Doug Bonsall
Fellowship Dinner	Open House/Puppet Show Community Citizen Award Business Sponsor Recognition	Friday, Mar. 8, 2013	Peg Bolton (chair), Olga Brookhart, Carol Eckenrode, Edie Lesh, Doug Bonsall
Business	Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration	Friday, April 12, 2013	Ezra Grubb & Carol Wierzbicki (co-chairs), Edie Lesh, Alice Kirchner, John & Debbie Ramp
Outing	Location to be determined	Friday, May 3, 2013	Carol Rhoades & Linda Byers (co-chairs)
Business	Patriotic Flay Day theme Recognition of veterans	Friday, June 14, 2013	Linda Byers & Renee Hetrick (co-chairs), Kitty Smith, Ron Makibbin
Outing	Family Picnic @ Eckenrode home	Friday, July 12, 2013	Tom & Carol Eckenrode
Business	To be announced	Friday, Aug. 2, 2013	Doug Bonsall (chair), Sue Byers, John & Virginia Shotzberger, Olga Brookhart
Fellowship Dinner	Weiner Roast/Game Night	Friday, Sept. 13, 2013	Peg Bolton (chair), Marge Earnest, George & Twyla Courtot
Outing	Apple Schnitzing at Barner's Church	Friday, Oct. 4, 2013	Linda Byers

Executive Committee Meetings

December 3, 2012

April 1, 2013

July 22, 2013

February 4, 2013

June 3, 2013

September 9, 2013

October 7, 2013

Membership

Providing the people resources that makes the Grange tick

Membership Goals for 2013

Individual Members	Business Sponsors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive 6 new members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Business Sponsor membership by 2 new sponsors

Community Service

Providing service to others is a primary reason our organization exists

Charitable Contributions				
Project	Budget 2010	Budget 2011	Budget 2012	Budget 2013
FFA/Vo-Tech Awards (two schools)	400	400	400	400
Grange causes (\$100/each)	500	500	500	500
Local emergency fund	500	500	1,000	1,000
Deaf Essay/Poster Contests	500	500	500	500
Books for summer reading programs	500	500	500	500
Purchase of FFA livestock @ fair	500	400	Joint Account	0
Christmas in Millerstown	250	250	125	0
Community Citizen Awards	100	100	100	100
FFA – donation for help @ dinners	1,250	Joint Account	Joint Account	As possible
Raffle for FFA Benefit	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
FFA Jacket Program			250	275
Meals for needy			250	0
Miscellaneous/special requests	500	350	375	225
TOTAL	\$6,000	\$4,500	5,000	4,500

Community Service Projects for Year	Timeline	Responsible
Elementary School Essay/Poster Contests	January-March 2013	Doug Bonsall
Hunger Banquet	January 25, 2013	Krista Pontius
Blood Drive	January ?, 2013	Renee Hetrick
Personal Care Remembrances – Valentine’s Day	February 1, 2013	Peg Bolton
Community Citizen Award	March 8, 2013	Renee Hetrick
School Assembly/Dictionary Distribution	March ?, 2013	Doug Bonsall
Daffodil Sales for American Cancer Society	March ?, 2013	Chair needed
High School Awards	May 2013	Carol Gantt
Books for Summer Reading Programs	Summer 2013	Natalie Fritz
Recycling Volunteers for Greenwood Recycling	July 27, 2013	Linda Byers
Benefit Raffle for Greenwood & Newport FFA	September 2013	Renee Hetrick
Soup for Newport Library Bike Race	September 2013	Barbara Mcmillen

Property – Chair needed

Public Dinners –

Chairs: 1/1/2013 – Pork & Sauerkraut – Linda Byers/Renee Hetrick

2/9/2013 – Valentine’s Gala –

- Doug Bonsall (meal/publicity)
- Peg Bolton (reservations/door prizes)
- Renee Hetrick (program)

Future dinners will be planned and advertised based on decision of Executive Committee (pending availability of hall); tentative dates:

4/20/2013 – Ham & Dandelion

9/28/2013 – Turkey & Beef

11/9/2013 – PA Dutch

FINANCIAL DATA

BUDGETS & ACTUAL RECEIPTS/EXPENDITURES

Perry Valley Grange #1804

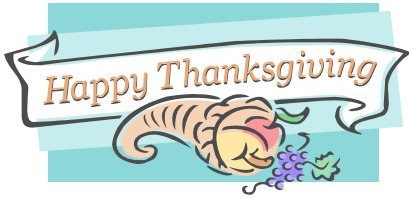
NOTE: The proposal for 2013 is not a balanced budget. The anticipated income from banquets and public dinners is considerably decreased, both due to the impending sale of the Grange Hall and the uncertainty of being able to schedule these fund raising activities. Property related expenses are estimated for the entire year since there is no way of anticipating when a sale may take place.

	Actual 2008	Actual 2009	Actual 2010	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	Proposed 2013
RECEIPTS						
Dues/Initiation Fees	6,045.00	6,060.00	6,032.00	6,277.00	5,288.00	5,000.00
Hall rentals	1,940.00	2,287.50	3,052.50	1,825.00	725.00	0.00
Operating expense – Lodge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
Banquets/receptions	28,677.66	32,365.00	30,396.77	31,430.28	26,353.75	5,000.00
Public dinners	39,637.50	21,047.45	22,233.10	27,015.10	19,040.75	10,000.00
Fall Fest	7,179.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cookbook sales	15,514.78	6,905.98	886.61	1,520.00	1,431.89	1,000.00
Gifts/donations	1,497.00	601.00	1,059.00	1,810.00	2,255.00	2,000.00
Fair exhibits	555.00	140.00	505.00	145.00	130.00	300.00
Interest	244.35	133.02	103.63	22.30	18.75	25.00
Outings/Trips	182.00	1,802.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Savings redeemed	0	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	0	10,305.59	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Raffle	0	486.25	606.00	*3,978.95	1,609.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,963.75	788.24	1,217.68	1,461.37	489.88	500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$103,436.34	\$90,422.03	\$66,892.29	\$75,585.00	\$60,342.02	\$24,825.00

*Includes receipts from portions of two raffles

EXPENDITURES	Actual 2008	Actual 2009	Actual 2010	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	Proposed 2013
Electric	4,519.48	4,310.77	4,185.37	5,737.57	4,918.88	5,000.00
Telephone	459.21	407.34	422.66	468.59	433.07	500.00
Fuel Oil	3,106.76	1,935.01	2,645.87	3,800.13	2,477.94	3,500.00
Propane Gas	1,530.52	1,198.61	1,329.81	697.81	720.56	750.00
Property/Custodial	12,338.38	17,065.80	13,758.98	12,003.01	10,659.43	11,000.00
Insurance	3,003.00	3,040.00	2,806.00	3,529.00	3,019.00	3,000.00
Charitable Gifts/Awards	16,678.96	6,773.52	4,578.91	3,577.34	3,821.51	4,500.00
Raffle	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,434.01	1,610.00	1,000.00
Remembrances	210.00	218.13	442.32	253.23	157.81	150.00
Banquet/paper supplies	18,188.79	18,399.82	15,385.97	23,268.04	17,325.44	6,000.00
Fall Fest	5,325.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA Sales Tax	2,313.20	2,496.04	1,710.75	1,948.21	1,566.42	360.00
Programs/refreshments	371.79	589.47	679.53	508.73	133.33	200.00
State/National Grange dues	4,811.50	4,790.75	4,729.50	3,604.25	2,743.75	2,500.00
Cookbooks	11,786.82	5,230.41	385.54	921.30	1,175.71	750.00
Postage/Office supplies	982.99	925.15	830.82	993.95	1,235.96	750.00
Outings/trips	204.00	1,726.78	0.00	242.11	302.00	0.00
Savings	14,000.00	27,811.93	10,000.00	12,526.24	5,000.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	385.48	912.01	1,311.52	3,283.46	875.78	1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$100,216.04	\$97,831.54	\$65,203.55	\$79,853.41	\$58,176.59	\$40,960.00

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Perry Valley Grange Vision

Foster an atmosphere where individuals can grow spiritually, intellectually and socially and, through that growth, improve themselves, their families, communities and the nation.

Perry Valley Grange Ideals

A good Grange member:

Places faith in God,
Looks forward to the future,
Helps those in need, and
Is loyal to family, community and nation.

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