



## Clackamas County Pomona Grange Memo

**Afternoon of Learning** – On February 26 at Abernethy Grange, an “afternoon of learning” was held for four hours. We played games, talked about serious issues, and refreshed our knowledge of Grange floorwork.

The culture of the Grange was discussed and the important elements of our culture that the group talked about was the friendships between members and the family focus of our organization. Patriotism was considered an essential and the presence of the Bible and our prayers were brought up as additional components.

Growth of the Grange was next on the agenda and the three aspects of growth were presented. Retention of current membership, recruiting new members into existing Granges, and expanding our Order by starting new Granges were talked about. The members will be talking about growth in upcoming Pomona meetings.

Members volunteered to demonstrate how to open and then close the Grange and the group discussed how the floorwork really works. The procedure for balloting and presenting guests were also demonstrated.

**Pomona Meetings** – Our January Pomona meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> featured quite a bit of business which is featured below. The February 5<sup>th</sup> degree conferral was well attended and we even had visitors from other counties.

The April Pomona meeting will be held at Molalla Grange on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 10 am. The July meeting will be held at Frogpond Grange on July 22.

Please note that the 5<sup>th</sup> degree will be conferred again on September 23 at Boring-Damascus Grange. This will be the last chance for members to take it prior to the National Grange Session. The Sixth degree will be available at the National Session on the 11<sup>th</sup> prior to the Seventh degree.

**State Grange Session** – The State Grange Session will be in Florence on June 24-29.

The State Grange is made up of the delegates of the Community and Pomona Granges in our state. The officers and appointed committees of the State Grange are not the ones who make the decisions, that authority is reserved to the delegate body.

**National Grange Session** – This December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Grange will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to rural America. The Annual National Grange Session will be held in Spokane November 7-11. This would be a fantastic opportunity to either receive the seventh degree or refresh our memory of that degree.

We will be discussing the possibility of arranging for a bus trip to Spokane for the November National Session at the April Pomona meeting.

**January 28 Meeting** – Will be held at Molalla Grange starting at 10:00 am.

**Clackamas County Fair** will be Tuesday, August 15 to Saturday, August 19 and the theme will be “Five days of Fun”

**Charlie Bowers Memorial Scholarship** applications are available on our website [www.clackamasGrange.org](http://www.clackamasGrange.org) and due by April 15, 2017. Email the completed application and email to Chair Jan Oleson at [Janoleson@orgrange.org](mailto:Janoleson@orgrange.org) or mail to Jan Oleson, 904 Meadow Drive, Molalla 97038 by April 15, 2017.