



Plumsteadville Grange #1738

A good patron places FAITH in God, nurtures HOPE,
dispenses CHARITY, and is noted for FIDELITY



Box 335, 5901 Easton Road (Rte 611), Plumsteadville, PA 18949 – www.plumsteadvillegrange.org

January 8, 2014 – Plumsteadville Grange

- Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall
Program – to be announced

February 12, 2014 – Plumsteadville Grange

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BRAVO! BRAVO!

Members of the Grange and Danboro 4-H performed “To Drive Cold Winter Away” to a packed house at the annual Christmas party last month. Congratulations and a BIG THANK YOU to Meg Lomax (Author, Director & Performer) as well as all the cast and crew for a truly entertaining evening.



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We also extend a special Thank you to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with the children.

FROM THE MASTER’S DESK

JAMES E. DIAMOND, MASTER, PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE # 1738

It becomes my sad duty to report that Sister Anna Mary Keeler long-time Plumsteadville Grange member passed away 25 December 2013. Anna Mary was a very active Plumsteadville Grange member and always was always available to help prepare and serve Grange dinners.

It becomes my sad duty to report that Brother **Raymond Gross** long-time Plumsteadville Grange member passed away 25 December 2013. He was past Master of Plumsteadville Grange, served on various committees, was very active in Bucks County Pomona Grange and Pennsylvania State Grange.

We give thanks to almighty God for the good examples of these Thy servants, who having finished their course in Faith, do now rest from their labors. Imbue us all with the spirit of service and may each new reminder of the uncertainty of this earthly life inspire us to greater zeal and to renewed endeavor; for soon cometh the end of the day when man and woman's work is done. Please keep the families of Anna Mary Keeler and Raymond Gross in your prayers as they celebrate their respective long productive lives.

DAIRY OXEN DEMOS NEW FOR 2014 PA FARM SHOW

Learn how settlers used dairy steers to build the nation during a dairy oxen demo on Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 8–10 a.m. and noon–2 p.m. Events include a parade of participants followed by single cart, covered wagon, long sled, weighted sled and log pulling demos. Driving teams will pull a four-wheeled wagon and “big wheel” log hauler. Participants will compete in a timed obstacle course, with awards given to the best performance team and best matched team.

FROM THE DESK OF MARGUERITE QUINN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 143RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Celebrate a Pennsylvania Tradition at the Farm Show

In the midst of the cold winter months, there is a place where animals, food and fun put a smile on the face of thousands of visitors. People travel from all corners of Pennsylvania to be there, on a mission to bring their prized possessions to compete among the best of the best. It's a place where even on the coldest day there is nothing better than a creamy milkshake. One of the great traditions of our Commonwealth; it is the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Harrisburg is home to the nation's largest indoor agricultural exposition, and even after 98 incredible years, it's hard to explain everything you'll find under the roof at the Farm Show complex. The numbers are staggering, with more than 6,000 animals, nearly 10,000 competitive exhibits, another 300 commercial exhibits, and more mouthwatering treats than you can possibly consume in the one week of January the show is open.

For many of our state's proud farmers, the show is a chance to see how their crops stack up against the others in the state. From winning the blue ribbons for the prized cows and pigs, to crowning the best apple pie in Pennsylvania, to the sheep-to-shawl contest, where teams remove the wool from a sheep and weave it into a shawl in a matter of minutes, the competitions show off the abundance of Pennsylvania's harvests.

At the heart of the Farm Show is inspiring and educating our state's young people. Bring your family and show them exactly where the foods they eat comes from, let them see, feel and smell the world of agriculture and appreciate the effort it takes to feed millions of Pennsylvanians. It's an experience your kids will always remember, and they'll be counting down the days until next year's show.

Of course, you'll come back for the food. You won't know where to begin with dozens of stands full of farm fresh baked goods, treats, fruits and veggies, meats and cheeses, and yes, milkshakes. If you have not tasted a milkshake at the Pennsylvania Farm

Show, well some would say you've never *really* tasted a milkshake.

If you've never been, start a new family tradition this January and make the trip to Harrisburg for the Farm Show. It truly showcases many of the things that make our state so wonderful, and you can't beat the price, admission for everyone is FREE, you just pay to park.

The 98th Pennsylvania Farm Show is Jan. 4-11, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, in Harrisburg. For more information visit

<http://www.farmshow.state.pa.us/>.

DID YOU KNOW?

Farm Show visitors are hungry, consuming more than 300,000 doughnuts, 35,000 baked potatoes, 6,000 pounds of pork and beef sandwiches, 8,000 mushrooms, 550 gallons of maple syrup, 2.5 tons of honey and three tractor-trailer loads of milkshake mix at last year's show.

PA is home to more than 20,000 miles of dirt and gravel roads. By working with local government and private contractors, the Dirt and Gravel Roads Maintenance Program estimates for every \$1 invested in improving these roads, \$1.15 of project work is completed.

SANTA'S ELVES DELIVER GOODIES

Anne & Kelly Reilly, Meg & Jim Lomax and Patsy King delivered Christmas cookies fruit and cheer to elder Grange members who could not attend the Christmas party.



SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: HOW TO BORROW LESS FOR COLLEGE

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) lends millions of dollars to qualifying students studying at colleges or universities in our Commonwealth. In addition to applying for their state grants, PHEAA is encouraging students to research and apply for any scholarships for which they may qualify.

Various scholarships are offered by federal and state governments, schools, civic organizations such as Rotary or Lions Clubs, religious groups, businesses and private foundations. Just some examples of lesser known scholarships include the "Keep the Drive Journalism Award," given to students who submit a safe driving tips video entry; the "Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship" which gives \$5,000 to a students who have promoted vegetarianism in their school; or the "Create-a-Greeting-Card Scholarship," where applicants can earn \$10,000 for doing just that.

To find the best scholarship for you visit www.EducationPlanner.org website and use the FastWeb national scholarship search engine. These scholarships and grants are out there to help you pay for school, but you must apply to earn the money.

LORD'S PANTRY

In this season of plenty, we need to mindful of those less fortunate. **We ask each attendee at the Christmas party to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Lord's Pantry.** Donations can also be dropped off at the Grange hall.

PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE BROCHURE

Copies of our Grange brochure are available at the Grange hall, or contact Jane Birk at 610-657-7668 or jdbirk_2000@yahoo.com – Invite your friends and neighbors to join us at a meeting or event.

"LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK – We welcome members, friends and market vendors to post your comments.



Search for "Plumsteadville Grange" or "Plumsteadville Grange Farm Market"

GRANGE DUES FOR 2013-14

Letters have gone out requesting payment of dues for this year. If you have not already done so, please send your check for your annual dues (\$35 individual, \$70 family). If dues remain unpaid, you will be dropped from the membership roll and be ineligible for any Grange benefits.

Not a member? We'd love to have you join us – Ask a member for an application, or pick one up at the Grange hall.

MUSICIAN WANTED

If any member is able to play the piano (or another suitable instrument) for our meetings, please let us know.



USE OF THE GRANGE HALL:

Many groups that use our hall, making it truly a community center. If you know of a group needing a meeting place, or to inquire about hall rental for an event, contact Meg Lomax at Meg Lomax at 215-766-9801 or meglomax@verizon.net

MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Do not under estimate the power of prayer. Please keep the following Plumsteadville Grange members and Grange friends in your prayers:

- Betty Diamond
- Harold Steeley
- Lillian Shull
- Margaret Moyer
- Harold Keeler & family
- Family of Raymond Gross



NEWSLETTER

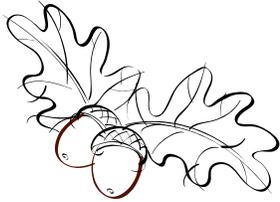
If you have something to share in the newsletter, or to get it via email, please contact Jane Birk at 610-657-7668 or jdbirk_2000@yahoo.com.

NEW YEAR – NEW IDEAS

Make a resolution this year to attend Grange meetings regularly. Meetings are where ideas are discussed and decisions are made – and, of course, some tasty refreshments are always served!.

Have an idea for a community service project, fun activity or fund-raising? Know of a community or legislative issue that you think the Grange should take a stand on? Come to a meeting and start a discussion.

Successful Grange projects and activities, such as the Farm Market and Fish Fry dinners started with an idea presented at a meeting.



An old saying goes,
“Mighty oaks from little acorns grow”

Lets plant some acorns in 2014!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

“Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come,
Whispering 'it will be happier'...”

— [Alfred Tennyson](#)

“Cheers to a new year and another chance for us
to get it right.”

— [Oprah Winfrey](#)

“Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book.
Write a good one.”

— [Brad Paisley](#)



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