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**Spring is sprung!**



**The grass is 'ris!**



**I wonder where the birdies is?**

**Well, if you have a bird feeder, they are flocking to your yards in huge numbers as they migrate to their summer homes! Welcome to the beginning of summer!**

### **President, Jim Correll:**

Friends, the Grange is a great fraternity and the lessons of its ritual are expressed by the use of symbols drawn from the field, the farm, and the farm home. The four degrees of our order are based upon the seasons of the year; each conveying its appropriate lesson.

The lesson of the first degree is Faith. The First Degree is symbolic of springtime on the farm, when all nature is bursting into newness of life.

Springtime is when flowers bloom, trees turn green again, and grass grows again after a long and dark winter. Farmers are busy getting fields ready for planting and soon all kinds of crops will be planted and then will burst into new life.

This is an act of Faith that has kept generations on the farm for centuries.

So, it is with the Grange. Work has begun on the State Grange Food Booth at the State Fair. I have faith that by July restrictions from Covid19 will be lessened and people will be ready to come out to the fair and be ready to eat at the Grange. I hope to see lots of Grangers at work days and during the fair. It will be a good time for work, fun, and fellowship.

I have attended by zoom the National Grange Leaders Meeting, the National Grange Legislative Fly IN and two National Grange Membership meetings.

Work is still in progress at Harmony Grange. We hope to have the hall ready to use soon. I thank all who have helped with this project.

How important is membership? It is very important! We all need to work on membership and grow our Granges for without growth, there is no future. Is growth possible? Yes! If everyone asks a friend or neighbor to join, we will grow. If your Grange needs help with the Obligation or other concerns about membership, please contact me at (302) 242-2942.

### **From the Patron's Chain:**

If you haven't done something special for Grange Month in April, you can certainly plan something for May or later in the year. Just because April has remained under pandemic restrictions doesn't mean you must skip celebrating Grange throughout the remaining months. As you may be starting to hold your Grange meetings in person again, plan an event to celebrate getting together.

There is a long list of suggested activities on the webpage [nationalgrange.org](http://nationalgrange.org) under Events, Grange Month 2021. Here are just a few—hold a newspaper or pet food drive for the local animal shelter. Plan a community-wide picnic like North Pole Grange is for July 4th. Beautify a park or your Grange property. Read and record books for children or the visually impaired. Start a community garden at a school or your Grange hall.

There are so many possibilities of things you can do for your community, even if activities are still restricted. Take advantage of this opportunity to advertise your Grange and let your neighbors know what you do. They may be looking for activities to do with their family as spring comes, and they can find them in the Grange!

### **State Lecturer, June Unruh:**

Did you know facts about Dandelions!

You know its Spring when you see the first dandelion in your yard! Dandelions are native to Europe and Asia. Birds, including the American Goldfinch, White throated Sparrow, Wild Turkey, and Northern Bobwhite enjoy dandelions in their diet. Also, dandelions are an important food source for pollinators, especially bees by providing pollen and nectar. The dandelion flowers from May to October. I, personally don't mind seeing them in my yard;

but some people do and spend a lot of money to get rid of them. On a bright sunny day, dandelion blossoms open by 8am and begin closing by 1pm. Also, they remain closed during rainy or cloudy weather. Have you ever wondered why they seem to disappear at night? Plants that tuck themselves in for bedtime, exhibit a natural behavior known as nyctinasty. In the cool air and darkness, the bottom most petals grow at a faster rate than the upper most petals forcing the flower to shut.

Dandelion is also a food source for humans, too, offering many vitamins. Dandelions greens can be eaten cooked or raw. They serve as an excellent source of Vitamin A, C, K, E, folate and small amounts of B vitamins. Dandelions also contain minerals: iron, calcium, magnesium, and potassium. Some people enjoy drinking dandelion tea. It is considered a diuretic.

I would like to thank (Dave Correll) for sparking my interest about “Dandelions” and also, I would like to thank Marge Sample for the providing and sharing the “Correll” Family recipe for “Dandelion Dressing” to be used with Dandelion Greens.

### **Pennsylvania Dutch Hot Bacon Dressing**

Dandelions must be gathered fresh in early spring before the buds appear or they will be too bitter. Substitute endive, oak leaf lettuce, or young spinach leaves.

#### **Ingredients:**

1 large egg, well beaten  
¼ cup apple cider vinegar  
½ tsp salt  
1 Tbs all-purpose flour  
1/3 cup granulated sugar  
¾ cup water  
4 strips bacon, cut into 1/2” pieces  
1 finely diced or thinly sliced hard-boiled egg  
for garnish

#### **Directions:**

- Beat the sugar into the egg. Add the vinegar, water and salt; beat well.
- Brown the bacon in a small saucepan until crispy. Stir the flour into the bacon and bacon fat in the pan and stir until smooth.
- Add the egg mix liquid to the bacon mixture slowly, stirring constantly. Cook over medium heat until thickened, stirring constantly.
- Pour hot dressing over your choice of greens and mix or toss. This will wilt the greens.

### **State Secretary, Sally Bowman:**

Well, a lot has changed since last I wrote. Spring has begun, my bulbs are up, the weather has warmed. Hopefully, many of you have had your shot for Covid. As a State Grange we have had members come down with this awful disease, some lightly, and some we have lost. Please, please get your shot when you get the chance. I signed up on the state waitlist and it was not too long before I got my shot. You still have to wear a mask and social distance, but it is worth it.

While I am not in the office much now, I am still doing the work of the State Secretary and keeping track of our members and quarterlies. I wanted to say a bit about another change as I have stepped away from, Editing this newsletter. For personal reasons, I decided it best to step down. I have enjoyed being your editor for the past 6 years and I thank you all for your good wishes sent to me. For those of you who answered the call to send on your email addresses, it has been so helpful. For those of you who send in news to be printed, please send it to the state office email:  
[delawarestategrange@gmail.com](mailto:delawarestategrange@gmail.com)

### **Web News, Andrew Adams:**

I have been working on the website trying to add some new features, including an application form for new members, and online payment options that could possibly be used for yearly dues, donations, or anything of the sort! It's been a bit of work, but hey, Rome wasn't built in a day! As always, if anyone has any events scheduled for their grange, or news they want to share in general, please contact me via cell phone (302) 464-9045 or email me at [andrewadams119@gmail.com](mailto:andrewadams119@gmail.com)

I have also been working in a program set up by the National Grange labeled "Mid-Atlantic Cultivators". It is a group of individuals from Granges in the Mid-Atlantic area (who would've guessed?) including PA, NJ, WV, NC, VA and DE, our project is to create resolution(s) in regards to increasing membership across the country in the younger age bracket (roughly 40 years old and younger), some possible projects we may be tackling are marketing the grange through Social Media or just the Internet in general, among a few other things.

Hope all is well with everyone! Hopefully we are close to being done with the pandemic!

### **From the Editor, Debbie Edwards:**

Just a quick note about articles. I know everyone is busy with everything that is going on around them. But we'd really like to know what you are doing or what your Grange is planning to do!

If you look at this issue, one article was the result of a Grange sitting with me and telling me what they were doing. Another was a composite of 2 people sending in their parts. So even if you don't want to write an "article", just send in your bits and I'll make sure your Grange is represented in the next issue! Let us know what's happening in your Grange or

where you might need help from other Grangers.

### **Grange News:**

#### **Pencader Grange, David Z. Correll, President:**

Once again, I would like to mention that Pencader now has an e-mail address: [pencadergrange160@gmail.com](mailto:pencadergrange160@gmail.com). We did do a practice zoom meeting. We ask all our members to send their contact info to that e-mail address. Any other Grangers who would care to join us may send their info to that address. We are all looking forward to spring weather. I am thinking now that the weather is warming up and as our members become vaccinated it would be great to have an actual meeting in form at Harmony Grange hall. I would like to thank sister Cheryl Norman and Janet Wallen for all their efforts. We all miss the fellowship. Especially missed is getting to see everyone at the food booth. The one event that brings Grangers together from all over the state.

#### **Capitol Grange, Iva Hazlett, Secretary:**

The parking lot at our Grange is in need of repair. We are looking for help with the patching and resealing of the lot. We are aiming for a weekend in the May/June timeframe and will set the date based on when people are available to help. If you have a weekend or part of a weekend that you can help, please reach out to the State Office at (302) 734-4653, or President Jim Correll at (302) 242-2942. You can also email the State Office at [delawarestategrange@gmail.com](mailto:delawarestategrange@gmail.com). We appreciate everyone who can come and help us out.

#### **Smyrna Grange, compiled by - Debbie Edwards:**

April was busy for the Smyrna Grange. A number of us contracted Covid and had to deal with various levels of illness from that. Of

course, that encouraged a number of others in the grange to head for a clinic to get their shots! And then we had the April Road Cleanup. Smyrna has adopted a 2-mile stretch of Clayton-Delaney road (part of this stretch is right in front of the Correll's farm). 8 members gathered on a Saturday morning and ended up collecting 22 bags of trash, 1 tire, and some car parts that ended up being recycled. And the teddy bear, hats, blankets, and cancer pillow effort continue to be spear-headed by Becky. Even during the lockdown, Becky found ways to keep these moving forward, getting stuffed, and being delivered to the Hospital. If you have some time, please reach out to Becky.



## **Presentation from the March State Lecturer's Meeting:**

### **Delaware Hospice History**

At Delaware Hospice, we play a critical role in helping people navigate one of life's most challenging journeys.

- Created 1982 by Delawareans for Delawareans, we've helped over 105,000 patients in the last 38 years. Serving people throughout the state of DE, and Chester and Delaware county Pennsylvania
- Programs for any stage of illness and offer a continuum of care, services offered in patient residence Wherever you call home, nursing home or assisted living facility

## **Hospice**

- Adults with a serious life-limiting illness who have stopped curative care

Hospice will assist with symptom management support, coordinate and communicate with your PCP, have educational discussions about end-of-life care and, offer emotional and spiritual support and work with you and your family to build an individualized plan of care

Your team includes

1. Nurse
2. Social Worker
3. CNA
4. Trained Volunteers
5. Chaplain
6. Bereavement Counselor
7. Medical director
8. Nurse Practitioner

100% paid for by Medicare Part A, Medicaid and most private insurance plans

## **Delaware Palliative**

- Adults with a serious illness receiving active curative care
- Symptom management and coordination with PCP for medication management

## **Team**

1. Social Worker
2. Service Coordinator
3. Nurse Practitioner

Paid for by Medicare Part B, Medicaid and some private insurance plans (some deductibles for Delaware Palliative may apply)

## **Delaware Transitions Program**

Adults with a serious illness needing nonmedical support and guidance. The Transition's coordinator works with you and your family to find the best community resources which would assist you best in your home such as referrals to home health agencies, assisting you with an advanced healthcare directive, setting up transportation to PCP visits, assists with lifestyle changes. All based off of an individualized plan of care. As a non-profit organization we offer this FREE program as a way of supporting our community.

## ADVANCED HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVE -

An advance healthcare directive, also known as living will, personal directive, advance directive, medical directive or advance decision, is a legal document in which a person specifies what actions should be taken for their health if they are no longer able to make decisions for themselves because of illness or incapacity.

RN assessment free of charge – referral center at 1-800-838-9800 or [delawarehospice.org](http://delawarehospice.org)

### **Delaware Hospice Center opened in 2008 in Milford, DE**

Although we strive to help patients remain in their homes whenever possible, there are times when symptoms can be better managed at our hospice center. Occasionally, someone coping with a serious illness requires short-term care in a facility. The Delaware Hospice Center helps families care for a loved one during times of more intense needs. When symptoms improve, your loved one can go back to receiving care in the comfort of wherever they call home.

16 beautiful private suites with French doors that open to the garden

Reasons to need the DHC

- Worsening symptoms
- Hard to manage wound care
- Repeated trips to the ER or hospital
- Uncontrollable pain

Additionally, we offer free bereavement support over the phone and currently virtual workshops.

Our Children's bereavement group New Hope addresses the unique needs of children and teens as they journey through the grieving process.

New Hope is a nationally-recognized program that helps young people ages 6-17 sort through the maze of emotions they're experiencing

before and after a loved one dies.

Hope counselors provide grief education and support to children and their families through a variety of workshops, support groups, and individual discussions, as well as a summer camp. New Hope services are available to both Delaware Hospice families and to the wider

community at no charge, thanks to generous donors.

Find out how we can help you and your loved ones live comfortably: An understanding and experienced member of our team can help you find out how you can get the care your family needs. 800-838-9800 [delawarehospice.org](http://delawarehospice.org)

### **In Memoriam:**

Bobby Robinson, Henlopen Grange in Florida of COPD/Covid

Howard Pierce, Centre Grange, 50-year member



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### Upcoming Events/Meetings:

April 20	7 pm Executive Committee Mtg.	Aug 8	2:30 pm State Picnic – Sussex TBD
April 26	7 pm Food Booth Committee Mtg.	Aug 15	Granger Articles due!
May 9	MOTHER'S DAY	Aug 24	7 pm Executive Committee Mtg.
May 26	9 am Power Wash Food Booth	Sept 6	LABOR DAY
May 31	MEMORIAL DAY	Sept 11	PATRIOT DAY
June 14	FLAG DAY	Sept 12	2:30 pm Worship Together – Kent
June 15	Granger Articles due!		Host – St. Peters, Smyrna
June 19	9 am 1st workday at Food Booth – Lunch Provided	Sept 12	GRANDPARENT'S DAY
June 20	FATHER'S DAY	Sept 26	DAYLIGHTS SAVINGS TIME
July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY	Sept 28	7 pm Food Booth Committee Mtg.
July 17	9 am 2nd workday at Food Booth –		Lunch Provided
July 22 – July 31	State Fair	TBD	Community Svc Reports Due to Ron Martin

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