



Hamburg Grange

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Meetings: 2nd Saturday, 4th Thursday

At the Hamburg Municipal Center

Dear Hamburg Grange Members,

CONGRATULATIONS to Jen and Robert Beamon on the birth of Dylan Elizabeth on 1/19. Savannah and Riley have a new sister!

How is everyone doing? We have started holding meetings at the Hamburg Borough Hall and some things are returning to some kind of normalcy. Schools are opening, churches are holding services, businesses are opening and getting back to normal operations, and some events are starting up. I hope that each and every one of you and your families continue to stay healthy and safe!

Despite all the change during last year and this year, one constant is that we all belong to an organization that has been around for over 150 years, and the main goal is to reach out to our communities and fulfill a need to better the lives of everyone around us. That means not only helping others, but also helping our members! If any of you know how we can help this community or if you need help, whether it's for you or a family member, **PLEASE speak up and let me know.** We all have some extra time right now. Let's see what we can do together.

I have some exciting news! Does anyone know what November 5, 2005 means? That was Hamburg Grange's chartering date. We are hoping to hold a Community Night program this year to celebrate our 16th Anniversary. We should all be proud of what the Hamburg Grange has accomplished the last 16 years.

The Hamburg community has been asking about our pot pie dinners. At this time, we are hoping that we can start having them again in September.

Please take note of our upcoming literary programs: Lizzie and Rachel Bailey, Marisa Lenceski. If you want more info, please contact me!

On August 10th, the baking contest entries will be judged. First place winners will go on to the Pre-Pomona meeting for judging on August 30th at Hamburg Grange. This year the categories are: Banana Nut Bread, Cake Donuts – NO YEAST!!, and Turtles. You can check the Guide to Contests & Programs for details. All other Family Activities contest entries will go directly to the September 11th Pomona meeting for judging.

We are waiting to participate at Berks Heim with transporting the residents to the church service. If you know of anyone in Hamburg who has been temporarily or permanently removed from their home due to fire. We have been donating \$100 to these families. In regards to the meetings, Anna Heffner is in charge of refreshments. If you would like to help with Berks Heim, report a fire, or do refreshments, please contact Anna Heffner @ 610-207-9755.

We collect several items as part of our community service and report the numbers to our State Deaf and Community Service Director, Rachel Bailey. The items we collect are: Box Tops for Education, aluminum can pull tabs, and coupons. Please count anything that you donate and notify Barbara Schroeder via email (piscs4410@aol.com) or phone (610-207-8488) so that we can continue to get credit at State Session in our Community Service Report. Box Tops should be donated to your favorite school). Pull tabs can be given to either Barbara Schroeder or the Hamburg Lion's Club, who sends them to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. If you donate pull tabs to the Lion's Club or another organization, please weigh the tabs and let Barbara know the total. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Barbara. There has been no change to the coupons which we have been donating locally.

Please check the Calendar of Events for all of our activities and all other Grange activities. (The list follows.) Please note that they are subject to change. I will try to keep you informed of our Grange activities. All of you should be receiving the Pomona Echo, the PA Grange News, and National Grange information. If you want to receive State and National Grange emails, contact Barbara Schroeder, our secretary, at piscs4410@aol.com. If interested, there is a National Grange quarterly magazine that you can purchase. If you're not receiving any of these publications, please let me know.

Remember that we are always looking for new members. Also, if you haven't come to any meetings or activities, **please consider getting more involved!** Finally, we have updated membership lists. Let me know if you would like one.

Fraternally Yours,

Michael D. Adams, President



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 3 – Collate Echo @ Ontelaunee @ 3:15PM

8 – Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Lizzie Bailey, PA State Grange Public Relations/Membership Director

Rachel Bailey, PA State Grange Deaf/Community Service Chairperson

9 – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

10 – Pomona Officer/Department Chairs Meeting @ Ontelaunee @ 7PM

14-16 – Berks County Junior Grange Camp @ Camp Swatara

16 – Berks County Junior Grange Coronation @ Camp Swatara @ 2PM

23 – Pomona Go-To-Church Sunday @ Mohrsville Church of the Brethren @ 10:30AM

24 – Pre-Quarterly Meeting @ Bernville @ 7PM

31 – Memorial Day

June 5 – Pomona Meeting @ Bernville @ 9:30AM

14 – Flag Day

15 – Hamburg Grange Blood Drive @ Municipal Center from 2-8PM, contact Denise Clare @ 610-562-3876 to donate

17 – Junior Day @ Knoebel's, **RSVP to Barb Schroeder for side dishes if you are going to Knoebel's**

24 – Grange Meeting @ 7PM, Marisa Lenceski, Hamburg Borough Manager

25-27 – PA State Grange Youth Camp @ Camp Sylvan Hills

27-July 3 – PA State Junior Grange Camp @ Camp Sylvan Hills

July 4 – Independence Day

9 – Echo Deadline

10 – Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Baking Contest (Banana Nut Bread, Cake Donuts-no yeast, and Turtles)

10 – County Swim Party @ Shoemakersville Pool from 6-9PM

15-18 – PA State Grange Family Festival @ Centre Hall, State Talent Show 7/17 @ 7:30PM

26 – Collate Echo @ Ontelaunee @ 3:15PM, Hamburg assists

August 1-7 – Berks County Fair

8-14 – Kutztown Fair

14 – Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Miniature Golfing

17 – Hamburg Lions Blood Drive @ Journey Cafe from 2-8PM, contact Michael Adams @ 610-562-5933 to donate

30 – Pre-Quarterly Meeting @ Hamburg @ 7PM

Future Meeting Dates – September 11 & 23, October 9 & 28, November 13, and December 11 & 26 (Christmas Party)

Future Pot Pie Dates (tentative) – September 18 and December 4

****If you're looking for something to do on a Wednesday night, the PA State Grange is running a virtual BINGO from 7-8PM. We have participants from Pennsylvania, California, Florida, and the New England area. It's a fun night with a lot of fellowship and you can win some money. It's FREE to participate, just let me know and I will put you in contact with Lizzie Bailey.**