



Hamburg Grange

#2103

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Meetings: 2nd Saturday, 4th Thursday
At the Hamburg Municipal Center

Dear Hamburg Grange members,

At this time, 4 members have decided to leave the Hamburg Grange family, they are Matthew Bittle, Kathie Roman, Sara Wilhelm, and Matt Yoder. I wish them the best, but hopefully they may return in the future.

Please check September activities and mark them on your calendar. We have 2 meetings, programs including photo contest, Berks County Dairy Princess, and volunteering at Berks Heim. We need lots of help for the AYCE Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on the 21st, **where we are thanking all veterans and active military for their service with a free meal!**

During October we have 1 meeting. **The meeting will be at 12 noon, lunch provided, and then we are planning to attend Hall-O-Fun at Knoebel's, please contact me if you want to attend. If the weather is bad, meeting at 4PM and bowling or Halloween.** Don't forget to sign up for the blood drive on Tuesday, October 15 at the Hamburg Municipal Center- contact Denise Clare @ 610-562-3876. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the PA State Grange, please let Robert Beamon and Anna Heffner know your concerns, they will be our delegates at State Session in State College, PA October 25-27.

During November, we have 1 meeting, Thanksgiving program, and we are also volunteering at Berks Heim.

We need lots of help for the AYCE Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on December 7th. We will be collecting baking items for the Northern Berks Food Pantry. We have 1 meeting, cookie exchange and Light Tour, and our last blood drive for the year. Please contact Anna Heffner @ 610-207-9755, if you can donate. You can save three lives by donating one pint of blood. Our Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 28th at the 1787 Brewery at 6PM. RSVP to Jennifer Beamon @ 484-769-4431 by December 21st, if you and your family plan to attend. Non-Grangers are welcome to join us. Everyone will pay their own meal, but it will give us a chance to socialize with each other. We will have a \$10 gift card exchange, if you choose to participate.

Since our last newsletter, the Hamburg Grange has been pretty busy with lots of activities. I want to personally say "Thank You" to all of the chairmen and the members that participated in these various events. During May, some of our members helped with the Berks County Junior Camp. June kept a lot of us busy with the Pomona Grange Picnic, our blood drive, and attending Knoebel's with the County Juniors. In July, several members attended State Youth and Junior Camp and the State Family Festival in Centre Hall, and Berks Heim. During August, we placed first at the Kutztown Fair with our fair display. Jane Adams did a great job!

If you take any Angel Tree Christmas Gift tags from the September Pomona Grange meeting, don't forget to return your wrapped gifts with Angel Tree tags to the December 14th Pomona meeting at Ontelaunee. If you can't make it to the meeting, find someone who can take your gifts for you.

We have Hamburg Grange cookbooks for \$8, the Pomona Grange 125th Anniversary cookbook for \$10, and PA State Grange cookbooks for sale. They make great gifts!

Here is the list of meeting dates for the Hamburg Grange for 2020. They are subject to change, but they needed to be selected for printing in the Pomona calendar. Please mark your calendars - January 11 & 23, February 8 & 27, March 14 & 26, April 11, May 9 & 28, June 13 & 25, July 11 & 23, August 8 & 27, September 12 & 24, October 10 & 22, November 14, and December 12 & 26. Please note, Saturday meetings will be at 4PM and Thursday meetings will be at 7PM.

If you have any suggestions for a literary program for 2020, let Jennifer Beamon, Denise Clare, or myself know. Please check the Calendar of Events for all of our Hamburg activities as well as State and County Grange activities. (The list follows.) Please note that they might change in the future. I will try to keep you informed. In regards to the meetings, Anna Heffner is in charge of refreshments. If any of you would like to take care of a meeting, please pick one and let her know.

Speaking of meetings, please mark them on your calendar and don't forget to attend them. We make all of our decisions at them and we need a minimum of 7 people to hold an official meeting. We have been short members at some of them. Check out the upcoming programs.

The Pomona Appreciation Banquet will be held on January 18, 2020. The banquet will be free to any member that receives first place in a State contest or anyone who helped with the Pomona Sale, in any way, before, during, or after. Anyone else can purchase additional tickets at full price closer to the banquet.

Please take note- if your address changes let Barbara Schroeder or me know so that the information can be passed on to the county and state Granges for the Echo and PA Grange News mailings. The county Grange is charged for every returned Echo.



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Dues for 2020 will be \$44. Remember, we offer incentives to offset the full price. If you have any questions, please call about anything.

Fraternally Yours,

Michael D. Adams, President

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 2 – LABOR DAY

7 – Pomona Meeting @ Trinity UCC, Rehrersburg, 27 Maria Street, Bethel @ 9:30AM

14 – Grange Meeting @ 4PM, photo contest-Pennsylvania-My Home (scenes, sights & people from PA), Sunrise/Sunset, Pets/Animals, Plants (trees, shrubs, flowers). and Churches, miniature golfing

15 – Berks Heim @ 2PM

**21 – Chicken Pot Pie Dinner @ Hamburg High School from 4-7PM, we start preparing at 12:30PM
NEED HELP!! Looking for members that never helped and bring friends or family also**

26 – Grange Meeting @ 7PM, Berks County Dairy Princess

October 7 – Junior Team Meeting @ Ontelaunee @ 7PM

9 – Hamburg Literary Meeting @ Beamon's home @ 6PM

**12 – Grange Meeting @ NOON, lunch will be provided and then going to Knoebel's for Hall O Fun
after meeting, if raining, meeting at 4PM, Bowling or Halloween**

14 – Post Pomona Sale meeting @ Ontelaunee @ 7PM

**15 – Hamburg Grange Blood Drive @ Hamburg Municipal Center from 2-8PM,
contact Denise Clare @ 610-562-3876 if interested in donating**

17 – ECHO Newsletter Deadline

21 – Pomona Officer and Department Chair Meeting @ Ontelaunee @ 7PM

25-27 – PA State Grange Convention, State College, PA

26 – KING FROST

30 – Legislative/Agricultural Meeting @ Ag Center @ 7:30PM

31 - HALLOWEEN

November 3 – Daylight Saving Time Ends (Sleep an extra hour)

4 – Collate Echo Newsletter @ Ontelaunee @ 3:15PM

5 – ELECTION DAY – No complaining if you don't vote!

5-9 – 153rd National Grange Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota

9 – Grange Meeting @ 7PM, Thanksgiving program

24 – County Junior Bowling Party @ Heister's @ 1:30PM

24 – Berks Heim @ 2PM

25 – Pre-Quarterly Meeting @ Gouglersville @ 7PM

28 - THANKSGIVING

December 7 – Chicken Pot Pie Dinner @ Hamburg High School from 4-7PM, we start preparing at 12:30PM

Collecting baking items for Northern Berks Food Pantry

**10 – Hamburg Blood Drive, 2-8PM @ the Hamburg Municipal Center,
contact Anna Heffner @ 610-207-9755 if interested in donating**

14 – Pomona Meeting @ Ontelaunee @ 9:30AM, bring Angel tree gifts

14 – Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Cookie Exchange & “Holiday Light Tour” afterwards

25 - CHRISTMAS

28 – Grange After-Christmas Party @ 6PM @ The 1787 Brewing Company, \$10 Gift Card Exchange

January 4, 2020 – We are running a bus to the 104th PA Farm Show, Harrisburg, PA.

For reservations or any questions, contact Anna Heffner @ 610-207-9755. Trip will be 8AM-6PM.

January 18, 2020 – Pomona Appreciation Banquet @ Leesport Farmer's Market @ 6:45PM

Snowdate set for March 1, 2020 @ Pomona location @ 12 noon