



Hamburg Grange

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

Dear Hamburg Grange Members,

How is everyone doing? We're definitely living through something different that very few people have experienced in their lifetime. It'll be interesting to see what the history books will say about how people changed and the extraordinary things that were done for people to move on with their lives. I personally hope that soon we can all get back to living our lives, but that doesn't mean that things will be the same as they were before. We will all have to adjust and adapt to whatever the new normal will be. I hope that each and every one of you and your families stay safe!

But 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.

The Pomona Echo will not be printed and mailed this quarter. It was decided to put an online-only edition together. It will be emailed out as usual and posted on the Pomona website: BerksCountyGrange.org. You can also check the website to see what other Grange events have been cancelled or postponed.

I have some exciting news! Does anyone know what November 5, 2005 means? That was Hamburg Grange's chartering date and we are celebrating our 15th Anniversary this year. We are doing a Community Night program; however, the April 22nd date has been postponed to September 30th. I am very proud of what the Hamburg Grange has accomplished the last 15 years. We currently have 28 members. Imagine what we could accomplish if we had more members!

We had to cancel a few activities- the March pot pie and several meetings thru April. I don't know how soon things will get going again, but I will be in touch when that time comes. If you have any questions about upcoming events, please call me.

Please take note of our upcoming literary programs: Life Hacks, Miniature Golfing, Wine & Cheese, Anthony Kuklinski, Baking Contest, George Holmes, and Vince Phillips. If you want more info, please contact me!

On July 11, the baking contest entries will be judged. First place winners will go on to Pre-Pomona meeting for judging on August 31st at Pioneer Grange. This year the categories are: Red Velvet Cake, Sugar Cookies - rolled, and Cereal Candy. You can check the Guide to Contests & Programs for details. All other Family Activities contest entries are to go directly to the September 12th Pomona meeting for judging.

We participate at Berks Heim with transporting the residents to the church service and we need at least four members to help each time. Our next dates are 5/17, 7/19, 9/20, & 11/22. We leave around 1:15PM and return usually within 3 hours. 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 any of 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, Gail Switzer. 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 (pisces4410@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 pisces4410@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 9 – **Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Life Hacks Program or Miniature Golfing**
10 – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
11 – Pomona Officer/Department Chairs Meeting @ Ontelaunee @ 7PM
17 – **Berks Heim @ 2PM**
18 – Pre-Quarterly Meeting @ Fleetwood @ 7PM
* 21 – **Wine and Cheese Party @ Adams' @ 7PM, Wayne Campbell, PA State Grange President, will be attending, bring a lawn chair and a bottle of your favorite wine for a tasting contest *Note date change***
25 – Memorial Day
31 – Pomona Go-To-Church Sunday @ Schuylkill Valley Bible Chapel @ 10:15AM
- June 6 – Pomona Meeting @ Fleetwood @ 9:30AM
13 – **Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Literary program TBA**
14 – Flag Day
14 – Junior Day @ Knoebel's, **RSVP to Barb Schroeder for side dishes if you are going to Knoebel's**
16 – **Hamburg Grange Blood Drive @ Municipal Center from 2-8PM, contact Denise Clare @ 610-562-3876 to donate**
21 – All Granger Picnic @ Edenburg Park @ 1PM
25 – **Grange Meeting @ 7PM, Anthony Kuklinski (Hamburg Police Chief)**
26-28 – PA State Grange Youth Camp @ Camp Sylvan Hills
28-July 4 – PA State Junior Grange Camp @ Camp Sylvan Hills
- July 4 – Independence Day
10 – Echo Deadline
11 – **Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Baking Contest (Red Velvet Cake, Sugar Cookies – rolled, Cereal Candy)**
11 – County Swim Party @ Shoemakersville Pool from 6-9PM
16-19 – PA State Grange Family Festival @ Centre Hall, State Talent Show 7/18 @ 7:30PM
19 – **Berks Heim @ 2PM**
23 – **Grange Meeting @ 7PM, George Holmes (Hamburg Mayor)**
27 – Collate Echo @ Ontelaunee @ 3:15PM
- August 2-8 – Berks County Fair
8 – **Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Program TBA**
9-15 – Kutztown Fair
19 – Pre-Quarterly Meeting @ Marion @ 7PM
11 – Hamburg Lions Blood Drive @ Hamburg Middle School from 2-8PM, contact Michael Adams @ 610-562-5933 to donate
27 – **Grange Meeting @ 7PM, Vince Phillips, PA State Grange Legislative Director**
31 – Pre-Quarterly Meeting @ Pioneer @ 7PM
- September 30 – **Hamburg Grange's 15th Anniversary Community Night @ Zion Lutheran @ 7PM**

Future Meeting Dates – September 12 & 24, October 10 & 22, November 14, and December 12 & 26 (Christmas Party)

Future Pot Pie Dates (tentative) – September 19 and December 5