



THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE LECTURERS' NEWSLETTER

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Hi All,

I am going to include information in this newsletter from our National Lecturer, Chris Hamp, on the 2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest. Hopefully we will have some entries from CT. If you have any questions, please let me know and I will try and get answers for you.

By the time most of you get this, our Talent, "A Number" and Photo Contests will be over. So, now is the time to start concentrating on things that are due October 1st.

RITUAL NUMBERS - Have you remembered to have a ritual program or six 5-minute numbers during the year? Most of our newer members have never seen the first four degrees and are not familiar with this beautiful ritual work. Remember if you need help with this or anything else, I am here to help you.

COMPLETE PROGRAM – Subject: "It Happened in the USA" This program must be presented at your own Grange. Full program must be sent to me by October 1st to be considered. All materials used must be included. While we urge you to present your program at another Grange, it is not required. Length 30 – 45 minutes.

SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE – Provide assistance to a Convalescent, Nursing or Rest Home at least 6 times during the course of a year. May be programs, gifts, or any type of help the home requests. This should be done in the name of the Grange. If unsure of whether or not you qualify, submit report and let us decide. Just going to a home to visit a relative does not count. Deadline for report: October 1st. A copy of the report form is included in this packet.

A WORD FROM HOME -- Write to a service man or woman serving overseas in harms' way. Let's let our troops know that we care. These can be sent to someone from your area, you can get addresses at www.anysoldier.com, or get them to me and I will see that they get to someone that doesn't receive much mail. I find that company Chaplains see that letters and boxes get to the people who do not get much mail. Letters must be done in the name of your Grange. Packages should also include a letter.

ESSAY CONTEST -- Write an essay. It should be 150 words or less entitled "My Grange". Deadline for entries October 1st. Remember anyone can write an essay. Why not ask some of your older members who can't be as active as they use to write an essay?

LECTURER'S APPRECIATION AWARD

1. Be responsible for a suitable program at every meeting.
2. Programs to be between 30 and 60 minutes except on special occasions.
3. Cooperate with your Committees.
4. Reports submitted in a timely manner.

HONOR LECTURER REQUIREMENTS – Meet requirements for the Lecturer's Appreciation award plus participate in at least 5 of our contests or projects. (This includes attending Lecturers' Conference. An Honor Lecturer's form will be sent with your September-October newsletter.

Please take time to enjoy our summer weather.

Hope to see you around the State.

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2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The ability of our Granges, at every level, to successfully promote specific events or the Grange as a whole is necessary and important. The goal of the National Grange Public Relations Contest is to recognize the public relations work being done by our Granges across the country and to share this work with other Granges with the intent of fostering more public relations efforts. The more Grange public relations occurring within our communities, the better!

RULES

- A. The National Grange Public Relations Contest is open to all Granges (State, Pomona, Community, Junior), Grange committees or Grange groups (i.e., auxiliary, youth, Junior 1+).
- B. A Public Relations item may be a flyer, poster or advertisement; a short video; a radio commercial or announcement; a social media post; a press kit or media release; a shirt, button or other wearable item; or anything else you create to promote Grange.
- C. All contest entries must be received electronically as an audio or video file or as a .pdf or .jpg document by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2019**. Send entries to: lecturer@nationalgrange.org.
- D. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be electronically exhibited at the 153rd National Grange convention in Minneapolis.
- E. There are two (2) divisions:
 - Created by a professional (paid or in-kind).
 - Created in-house (without professional assistance).
- F. There is no limit on the number of Public Relations items that can be submitted by any Grange, Grange committee or Grange group. Each item will need a short explanation of how it was used.
- G. If your Public Relations item is wearable please take a photo/s of the item and submit the photo/s.
- H. All entries will be shared by the National Grange with State, local and Junior Granges across the country.
- I. A 2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest Entry Form must be completed for each Public Relations item submitted.

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$50 and 4th - \$25 in each division.



2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest

ENTRY FORM

Grange/Committee/Group Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

Title of Public Relations Item: _____

Explanation of how this item was used: _____

Division:

- Created by a professional (paid or in-kind)
 - Created In-house (without professional assistance)

Contact Info:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

All contest entries must be received electronically as an audio or video file or as a .pdf or .jpg document by Christine Hamp, National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2019**.

Email entries to: lecturer@nationalgrange.org

SHARED NUMBERS...

TIPS ON PUMPING GAS

Only buy or fill up your car or truck with gas in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your gallon is not exactly a gallon. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. You should be pumping on low mode, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL. The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine.

Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up; most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

HISTORY OF OUR FLAG

The Flag of the United States of America is one of the oldest national standards in the world – older than Great Britain's Union Jack or France's Tricolor.

During America's War for Independence, the need for a single national emblem was realized. On June 14, 1777, Congress passed an act stating "that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be thirteen stars, within a blue field, representing a new constellation." June 14 is now celebrated each year as Flag Day. This design, associated with Betsy Ross, was used until 1795.

In 1794, after Vermont and Kentucky became states, Congress established a flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes. This design, which remained for 23 years, was "The Star-Spangled Banner" Francis Scott Key wrote about in 1814.

Finally in 1818, Congress settled on our current design. They returned to 13 stripes, with the number of stars equal to the number of states – 20 at the time.

BODIES OF WATER

(These make great cut-aparts and are educational too)

THE ARCTIC OCEAN is the smallest and shallowest of the oceans. It has an average depth of 4,200 feet. It is generally covered by an ice layer around 10 feet thick. Few fish survive in the frozen waters of the mid-Arctic ocean, but Arctic cod, narwhals, and beluga whales swim near the ocean edges. In the summer, algae bloom near the shore, making a delicious dinner for Arctic cod.

THE RED SEA, which separates Arabia and Africa, is growing wider. A volcanic ridge down its center is very slowly moving apart. The Red Sea will one day become wide enough to be called an ocean – in millions of years.

THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, the second largest ocean, covers about one-fifth of the earth's surface. It is divided into two areas by the equator. The North Atlantic is a thriving shipping area, teeming with fish. The South Atlantic is where the most isolated inhabited island in the world lies – Tristan de Cunha, whose nearest neighbor is 1,300 miles away.

THE INDIAN OCEAN is the third largest ocean. Its' warm waters support a fascinating range of sea creatures, including the rare dugon (a sea mammal) and the coelacanth, a fish once thought to have become extinct 60 million years ago. A coelacanth captured off the east coast of Africa in 1938 proved this not to be the case. The fish, the world soon learned, was popular with people on the Comoro Islands, who use its scales for sandpaper.

THE DEAD SEA, located on the Israel-Jordan border, is the lowest water area on earth. Its surface is 1,286 feet below sea level. It's also the worlds' saltiest sea. Salt makes the water denser, so everything floats more easily, including people.

THE PACIFIC OCEAN covers 32 percent of the globe – about a third of it. That's more than all of the land masses combined. The Pacific is the largest ocean, a little under twice the size of the Atlantic.

THE CARIBBEAN SEA covers an area a little over a million square miles. It is home to about 14 percent of the world's coral reefs.

THE ANTARCTIC (OR SOUTHERN) OCEAN Today, because the sea rose, that land bridge is beneath the sea, hence the Bering Sea. It includes all waters south of latitude 55 degrees South. It surrounds the continent of Antarctica, the coldest and windiest place on earth, with average temperatures along the coast of minus 22 degrees F. and winds over 190 miles per hour.

THE BERING STRAIT connects the Arctic and the Pacific oceans. Thousands of years ago, a land bridge connected North America and Asia.

FORTUNE TELLER

You need a table, 2 chairs, one girl dressed in a gypsy costume, a girl dressed in regular clothes and a glass ball or a ball covered in aluminum foil.

Fortune Teller: Come in, come in. Would you like me to tell your fortune?

Girl: *(Wearing oversized ring – she keeps admiring it and holding it up for all to see)*
Oh, I really would like you to read my palm and tell me my fortune. I hope it is a good one.

Fortune Teller: Hmm, let me look. You have a very long life line with many branches. You have many lovers.

Girl: Oh, No, I'm so much in love with one man and I want to spend the rest of my life with him.

Fortune Teller: I know. He is a very tall man, Yes?

Girl: Yes he is.

Fortune Teller: With dark hair and brown eyes.

Girl: That's right.

Fortune Teller: I see he has a front tooth missing.

Girl: Well, yes he does.

Fortune Teller: He has asked you to marry him.

Girl: Oh, Yes.

Fortune Teller: And his name is Tom.

Girl: That's marvelous! How can you tell all that from the lines on my palm?

Fortune Teller: It's not the lines I'm telling by, it's the ring you're wearing. I gave it back to the scoundrel two weeks ago!

AUTUMN SONG

Sing a song of Autumn, A basket full of leaves;
Glowing yellow pumpkin; Grain in golden sheaves.

Sing a song of harvest, Of a bright Autumn sky;
Thank the Heavenly Father who sends them from on high.

ROSES IN GRANGE RITUAL

Roses are used in the 2nd degree – they are given to the Sisters by the Overseer

Overseer: "Brothers and Sisters, your recommendations are good. This degree is emblematic, as will be fully explained. To these Sisters I will give each a ROSE as a tribute for our Altar."

At the Altar, The Master says: "Worthy Sisters, your tribute is accepted. This is God's Holy word, and thereon fair hands, prompted by pure hearts have dropped ROSES, emblems of everlasting love and charity.

In the 3rd degree the Chaplain says: "The tears of the compassionate are sweeter than dewdrops falling from ROSES on the bosom of the earth."

Sixth Degree: ROSES are the symbol of the Sixth Degree – known as the Degree of Flora. The rose drill is the highlight of the Sixth Degree. ROSES are pictured on the Sixth Degree certificate.

A SHORT QUIZ TO FILL A HOLE IN YOUR PROGRAM

1. Which of the Great Lakes does not form a border with Canada?
Ans. Lake Michigan
2. In what sport do you hear the words "Lob" and "Love"? Ans. Tennis
3. America is named for what explorer? Ans. Amerigo Vespucci
4. Radius and diameter are associated with what geometric figure? Ans. A Circle
5. If you had a problem with your feet, what type of doctor would you visit?
Ans. A Podiatrist
6. In what country does the Olympic flame begin its trip to the site of the Games?
Ans. Greece
7. What is the only country ever to use the atomic bomb as a weapon?
Ans. The United States
8. Name the Union ship that defeated the Merrimack in the Civil War.
Ans. The Monitor
9. The English colony on Roanoke Island was off the coast of what state?
Ans. North Carolina

REMEMBER WHEN....

This is a Quiz from some of Edith Schoell's papers.

True or False:

1. Subordinate Manuals have always been blue. False (1889-1926 brown)
2. The gatekeepers staff with an owl is mounted on a staff 5 feet long. True
3. The State Grange always conferred the 6th Degree. False. In 1924 National Grange relinquished the jurisdiction of the degree to the States.

4. Juvenile Grange Halls were built for the exclusive of youngsters. True
5. Officers sashes were always made by Fuller Regalia. False. In the early days they were homemade by a group of sisters.

Multiple Choice: (correct answer underlines)

1. The first High Priest of Demeter was Oliver Hudson Kelley, Francis McDowell. Or Charles M. Gardner.
2. Approximately how many bible quotations are in the ritual? 25, 50, or 75
3. First Sashes were blue with gold trim, white with red trim or brown with red trim.
4. The Declaration of Purposes were adopted in 1869, 1874, or 1908? (1874 in St. Louis)
5. The first 7th degree was presented in Boston, Nashville or Philadelphia? 1884 in Nashville with 8 candidates.

People

1. The naval orange was brought from Brazil to the US by William Ireland or William Saunders?
2. Who wrote most of the prayers and used numerous biblical admonitions in the ritual? Aaron Grosh
3. One of the Founders grew grapes in NY state. He also attended all National Grange Sessions until his death. Ans. William Saunders
4. Who developed the idea of fixed glass roofs for greenhouses?
Ans. William Saunders
5. Who was the first Ceres of the National Grange? Ans. Caroline Hall

Hodge-Podge

1. Name two books written/published on the Grange. Grange-Friend of the Farmer; People, Pride, Progress; Proud Heritage.
2. According to Webster's dictionary the word "dispensation" means
 - a. to portion out
 - b. a system of rules for ordering affairs
 - c. to spread abroad as if sowing seed
3. The definition of "grange" is:
 - a. A method for recording agricultural progress
 - b. A degree or stage in a series
 - c. A farm or farm house with various buildings
4. Is this true or false: I now greet you as a Sister, and crown you with a wreath. True-1st degree – 1889 in the Steward's charge
5. The National Grange published a "Drill Book" for Grange degree teams. True and the date? 1898, 1913, 1920