



FRIDAY HARBOR GRANGER



In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In all things, Charity

JANUARY 2015

NEW YEAR – NEW PLAN

Where are we going? How will we get there?

Those are the two questions that we need to answer at our first Friday Harbor Grange meeting in 2015. When we re-chartered Friday Harbor Grange our membership agreed that we would be a “Community Service Grange”. Over the last two years, we have certainly fulfilled that commitment.

We have taken on the task of organizing the Community Thanksgiving dinner. For the sixteenth annual Community Dinner we recruited 75+ volunteers, and served almost 500 people a full Thanksgiving menu on Thanksgiving Day.

Another big project was our sponsorship and organizing of the Pioneer Festival for the San Juan Island Historical Museum. The second annual Pioneer Festival featured more craft booths and we were able to make a substantial donation to the museum with proceeds from the hamburger/hot dog stand.

As an Arbor Day activity Friday Harbor Grange #225 gave away 425 flowering currant shrubs. Those shrubs will be blooming soon and attract humming birds.

In the fall we completed our picnic table project for the Historical Museum replacing all the picnic tables with new and improved style of rustic tables.

In December we volunteered and helped the San Juan Historical Museum with Santa at the Museum, providing not only a Santa, but a Mrs. Claus.

In addition we provided a number of town hall meetings for our community ranging in topics from property rights to candidate forums.

We can be proud of our accomplishments, but now what’s next. For the January meeting please consider the following questions:

1. What is our focus for the coming year: Membership? Community Service? Fundraising?
2. Do we want to drop or add any of our annual projects?
3. What programs would you like to see in the next year?

Let’s plan for another successful year in 2015.



COMING EVENTS

January 20, 2015
Friday Harbor Grange Meeting
5:30PM potluck
6:00 Grange meeting

February 17, 2015
Friday Harbor Grange Meeting
5:30PM potluck
6:00 Grange meeting

March 17, 2015
Friday Harbor Grange Meeting
5:30PM potluck
6:00 Grange meeting

“Often it isn't the mountains ahead that wear you out, it's the little pebble in your shoe.”

— *Muhammad Ali*

LECTURER STATEMENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year. As your new Lecturer for 2015, I want to take this opportunity to express some thoughts about why the Grange is important.

Simply put, I see the Grange as a philosophical way of living life, which frankly most people don't measure up to or care for properly. Due to the Grange Oath we take, we cannot have the ends justifying the means, as that is an excuse to treat our neighbors with less care or dishonestly. Our Oath obligates us to use the Golden Rule: to treat others as we would want others to treat us.

- Our Grange Motto: In Essentials, Unity; In Non Essentials, Liberty; and in All Things, Charity, are principles near and dear to me, due to 4 philosophical principles that our family tries to model: 1.) There is that of God in everyone, so have tolerance and look for it. This is hard to do when one is being critical of you or wishes you harm. 2.) Not all truths are known, so one has to listen to, and learn from others. This is hard to do when you have different experiences than your neighbor, and you believe your truths are superior. 3.) Move ahead in life as way opens. This means one has to have patience and grace. 4.) Give back to your community that gave to you. This does not mean just donating money. One has to give of one's time, wisdom, and energy.
- I would add that it helps Grangers when they practice a hand up over a hand out, because in that manner one doesn't enable others and make them dependent. Responsible Grangers know that actions speak louder than words.
- These philosophical ideas are empowering, but they go against the basic human natural instincts of seeking control, power and wealth. Human nature is well explained in the book, The 5000 Year Leap, by Cleon Skousen. It is a book worth reading.
- Human natural attributes can breed jealousy, bigotry and censorship, which are all destroy-

ers of one becoming a true Granger. Remember, "In Non Essentials, Liberty".

Life is a journey, and as I have aged I have discovered that becoming a Granger also means learning what being a Granger is not, and avoiding those behaviors is essential. For example:

- I have seen Grange members fighting to the point that a Grange divides its membership, and loses members. This builds intolerance and limits educational opportunities. This usually starts from a Granger who does not want their beliefs to be challenged, or exposed in a negative light. The problem with this action, is that it violates our Grange Oath to not wrong a fellow Granger.
- As Grangers, we need to lead by example. We must live and model the Grange principles in deeds and actions. We must support family values, and be service oriented. We need to understand that the Grange philosophies are a way of life that often times is in opposition to our individual human natural tendencies/desires to control others.
- In 2015, let's all strive to be models of what a Granger is. May 2015 bring prosperity, peace and harmony. Let's be loyal, honest, and have humility. Be honorable, have hope, and persevere. Model our Grange principles and encourage others to join our Grange.
- Albert Camus said: *"Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me, and be my friend."*
- Thank you for choosing to be Grangers with me.

Best regards,
Frank Penwell

Important Life Lessons

*This article is from [Liberty High website](#)
The author is unknown.*

Fourth Important Lesson The Obstacle In Our Path

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

"Success is determined not by whether or not you face obstacles, but by your reaction to them. And if you look at these obstacles as a containing fence, they become your excuse for failure. If you look at them as a hurdle, each one strengthens you for the next."

~ Dr. Ben Carson



I Love San Juan Island

I cherish the people, the land, the birds, and the bees.

I feel deeply.

I cherish the beauty and the surprises around every bend in the road.

We need to find a good balance between human endeavors and the environment.

We need to solve problems and try to improve things.

This is the path I have chosen. This is my way.

You come too.

Worship God.

Love life.

Stay on the right path.

Follow the Golden Rule.

No drugs.

Patricia Penwell

*"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."
Confucius*

The life of our Grange depends upon varied gifts.

"There are varieties of Gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of service, but the same God. In each of us the Spirit is manifested in one particular way, for some useful purpose. One man, through the Spirit, has the gift of wise speech, while another, by the power of the same Spirit, can put the deepest knowledge into words. Another, by the same Spirit, is granted faith; another, by the one Spirit, gifts of healing, and another miraculous powers; another has the gift of prophecy, and another the ability to distinguish true spirits from false; yet another has the gift of ecstatic utterance of different kinds, and another the ability to interpret it. But all these gifts are the work of one and the same Spirit, distributing them separately to each individual at will."

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

RECIPES FROM MARIE SKUFFEEDA CROCKPOT LASAGNA

This is a hearty one dish meal for a chilly January dinner.



INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. ground round
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 2-4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 (24oz) jar of pasta sauce
- 1 (25oz) package or frozen cheese-filled ravioli (do not thaw)
- 1 (8oz) package shredded Italian blend cheese

DIRECTIONS

1. Cook ground round (or veg crumble), onion, and garlic in a large skillet over a medium/high heat, until beef crumbles and is no longer pink. Drain if needed and set aside.
2. Spoon 3/4 cup pasta sauce into bottom of a lightly greased crockpot. Layer half of the ravioli.
3. Next layer with 1/2 the meat mixture.
4. Then top with 1 cup of cheese.
5. Repeat layers, starting with 3/4 cup of sauce, ravioli, meat and end with the remaining 1 cup of cheese.
6. Cover and cook on LOW for 4-6 hours until pasta is tender.

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