

The theme for 2017- 2018 will be the following quote:

“FAMILY is like  
branches on a tree,  
we all grow in  
different directions,  
yet our roots remain as one. “  
Author Unknown



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard to realize that summer is once again upon us. As we all get busy with our gardens and plans for the various fairs let us remember that the more we support one another the stronger we will become.

I would ask you to keep these dates in mind.

***September 1, 2017***

**GRANGE BOOK READING CLUB ENTRIES DUE**

List sent or emailed to the State Lecture. Please put “books” on the outside of the envelope or on the subject line.

**GROUPS:** Subordinate Members & Junior Members 5-9 & 10-14 (age Oct 1 of current year)

All entries **MUST** include: Name, Address, Grange Name & Number

Total number of Books read & Total number of pages read

List all books separately include: Title, Author and Number of pages

***September 30, 2017***

The **Maine Lectures Conference** will be held at Topsham Grange from 9:30 until 11:30.

The agenda for the day will include review of new programs and awards for the poetry, skit and story writing contests as well as the book reading contest. The annual Talent contest will also be held.

The **Talent Contest** is open to all Subordinate Grange members (you may use Junior members in your act.)

**Categories include:** vocal, instrumental, or variety acts

Judging will be done with one winner as **Best in Show**. Time limit: six (6) minutes.

The winner of the Maine Talent Contest will be eligible to participate in the “**Night of Excellence**” at National Grange in November.

*Ability to attend National Grange is not required to enter this contest.*

## US Flag Quiz by the Number

1. What are the most stripes the US flag has ever had?  
14      15    16
2. How many flags have been planted on the moon?  
2      4      6
3. What year did the Continental Congress establish an official flag?  
1775            1776            1777
4. What year did "The Star Spangled Banner" become the national anthem?  
1814            1876            1931
5. The first Flag Day observance was in what year?  
1876            1885            1917
6. What year was a resolution passed that prescribed the proportions of the flag?  
1912            1918            1925
7. What year was the 50<sup>th</sup> star added to the flag?  
1940            1950            1960
8. What year was the American Flag nicknamed "Old Glory"?  
1820            1821            1824
9. What year was the US flag first flown over a foreign fort?  
1805            1814            1860
10. How many official versions of the US Flag have there been?  
19    27    36

## Answers with explanations

1. Upon welcoming Vermont and Kentucky—states 14 and 15—into the union, a new version of the flag was created that had 15 stars and 15 stripes.
2. Six flags have been planted on the Moon; five of them are still standing.
3. Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the American flag on June 14, 1777
4. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was made the national anthem by a congressional resolution on March 3, **1931**
5. The first Flag Day observance was on June 14, 1885, when 19-year-old schoolteacher Bernard J. Cigrand placed a 38-inch star flag in a bottle on his desk. He assigned essays about the flag and its significance.
6. June 24, 1912, President Taft signs Executive Order which establishes proportions of the flag and specifies arrangement and orientation of the stars.
7. On, **July 4th, 1960**, Hawaii, our 50th state had its star added to the American Flag.
8. The story of how "Old Glory" first came about dates all the way back to March 17, 1824, the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of a young sea captain from Salem, Massachusetts named William Driver. On that day, his mother presented him with a brand new beautiful American flag to accompany him on his journeys. Driver was overjoyed and immediately named the flag "Old Glory."
9. The first time the American flag was flown overseas on a foreign fort was in Libya, over Fort Derne, on the shores of Tripoli in 1805.
10. Since the 13 star flag was adopted in 1777 there have been 27 official variations.

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## FUN LIMERICKS

Is it me or the nature of money,  
That's odd and particularly funny.  
But when I have dough,  
It goes quickly, you know,  
And seeps out of my pockets like honey.

I need a front door for my hall,  
The replacement I bought was too tall.  
So I hacked it and chopped it,  
And carefully lopped it,  
And now the dumb thing is too small.

## A Simple Answer

**Narrator:** Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson one on the camping trip. After a good meal, they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend.

**Holmes:** Watson, look up and tell me what you see?

**Watson:** I see a fantastic Panorama of countless stars.

**Holmes:** And what does that tell you?

**Watson** (ponders for a moment): Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I am sure that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all-powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Why? - What does it tell you Holmes?

**Holmes** (silent for a moment): Someone has stolen our tent.

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### Animal similes

1. Wise as an \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Cunning as a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Busy as a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Meek as a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Strong as an \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Stubborn as a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Weak as a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Funny as a barrel of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Grunt like a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Hug like a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Strut like a \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Follow like a flock of \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Slow as a \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Waddle like a \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Busy as a \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Roar like a \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Friendly as a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answers:

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. Owl        | 10. Bear           |
| 2. Fox        | 11. Peacock        |
| 3. Bee        | 12. Sheep or Geese |
| 4. Mouse      | 13. Snail          |
| 5. Ox         | 14. Duck           |
| 6. Mule       | 15. Beaver         |
| 7. Kitten     | 16. Lion           |
| 8. Monkeys    | 17. Puppy          |
| 9. Pig or Hog |                    |

### The Mole Family Breakfast

Early one morning the Mole family awoke and Daddy mole climbed to the top of the mole hole and sniffed the air.

"I smell bacon frying." he said.

Momma mole crowded in beside him and sniffed the air,

"I smell eggs cooking," she said.

Baby mole tried and tried to get to the top but there was no room left so he said,

"All I can smell is molasses!"

<http://www.paulkavanagh.com/en/Cooking-Jokes-Food-Jokes-Kitchen-Joke.html>

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### Thought of the Day

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself." - George

Bernard Shaw

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**FARMER GREEN** by Dick Bartelme

**Lady:** Well, Farmer Green what did you plant this year? Any onions?

**Farmer:** Yes, but the deer came and ate all the tops off them.

**Lady:** Oh, well, how about carrots?

**Farmer:** Rabbits got them.

**Lady:** You've got corn though!

**Farmer:** Nope, raccoons.

**Lady:** Turnips?

**Farmer:** Moles

**Lady:** Beans?

**Farmer:** Woodchucks

**Lady:** Surely you have berries?

**Farmer:** The rotten catbirds pecked all of them off the bushes.

**Lady:** What terrible luck you've had. Do you have anything left to eat?

**Farmer:** Oh, sure.....rabbit, deer, coons, moles, woodchucks, and catbirds.

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**RED**

Red is the color of our hearts  
That burst with American pride  
Red is the color that is mixed with the  
white and blue  
To create a symbol that provides us  
with strength  
Red is the color of royal blood  
Which we spill for our country in a  
time of need  
So in the end  
Red is the color of  
America

By Pamela Hallowell- Jordan  
2003

**PIG SCRAMBLE**

Needed: 20 – 30 balloons, 3 piggy banks

Preparation: blow up the balloons, slipping a small piece of paper in three of them that say, "winner".

During the program release the balloons and have members scramble to pop them looking for one that contains the word winner. Each of the three winners is given a piggy bank.

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**Penny Wise Quiz**

(Provide pennies for all to look at, all the answers are on or are a part of the penny)

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|------------------------|------------------|
| A part of a needle     | Chin             |
| What stands a river    | Bridge (of nose) |
| A wreath               | Garland          |
| Bright flowers         | Tulips           |
| A narrow piece of land | Neck             |
| What fresh people have | Cheek?           |
| What burglars pick     | Locks (of hair)  |
| A part of a hill       | Brow             |
| A part of a river      | Mouth            |
| Found in a post office | Letters          |
| Part of a nail         | Head             |
| A weapon               | Bow              |
| Parts of a book        | Leaves           |
| Part of a harness      | Collar           |
| The fruit of maize     | Ear              |
| Solitary               | One              |
| A layer of paint       | Coat             |
| A fruit                | Date             |

## Independence Day Quiz

from Rick Groton

1. What are the three “inalienable rights” named in the Declaration of Independence?
2. Who was king of England at the time the Declaration of Independence was signed?
3. What were the first seven words of the Declaration of Independence?
4. Name the three men who drew up the basic outline of the Declaration of Independence.
5. The signing of the Declaration of Independence is depicted on the reverse side of a denomination of US currency. What is it?
6. Who published “Common Sense,” a pamphlet that helped stir up a feeling among Americans for independence?
7. His ship and John Paul Jones was battered by the British vessel “Serapis”; Jones was asked to surrender. What was his reply?

### Answers:

1. Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness
2. King George III
3. “When in the course of human events...”
4. Thomas Jefferson, John Adams & Benjamin Franklin
5. \$2 Bill
6. Thomas Paine
7. “Sir, I have not yet begun to fight.”

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## KITCHEN WISDOM

### A Sweeter Refrigerator

Keep charcoal briquettes in the refrigerator to sweeten the air. To refresh them, just heat the briquettes gently in a heavy pot; you’ll find that the odors they have absorbed will vanish into thin air. If you do this periodically the briquettes should last almost forever.

### A Toothbrush for Cleaning Graters

Keep an old toothbrush by the kitchen sink for cleaning vegetable and cheese graters. It gets into all the nooks and crannies that a sponge can’t reach.

### Does Your Tap Water Smell of Chlorine?

You can get rid of the chlorine by using one of these tips:

- Fill a wide-mouth pitcher with water and let it stand overnight. Because of gas is volatile, the chlorine will escape into the air.
- If you’re in a hurry beat the chlorine out by whirling the water in a blender for about 15 minutes.
- Add a scant pinch of vitamin C powder or a piece of a vitamin C tablet to a glass of water immediately before drinking it. The taste and odor of chlorine will disappear because the acidic vitamin combines with the basic chlorine to form a harmless, Bland salt.

## PLAYING SAFE

*A backwards farmer, sitting on the steps  
of his tumbledown shack, was  
approached by a stranger who stopped  
for a drink of water.*

**Stranger:** How's your wheat is coming  
along?

**Farmer:** Didn't plant none.

**Stranger:** Really? I thought this was  
good wheat country.

**Farmer:** Afraid it wouldn't rain.

**Stranger:** Oh, well how's your corn  
crop?

**Farmer:** Ain't got none.

**Stranger:** Didn't you plant any corn  
either?

**Farmer:** None. Afraid of corn blight.

**Stranger:** For heaven's sake! What did  
you plant?

**Farmer:** Nothin', I just played it safe.

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## BED TIME

*A small boy is sent to bed by his father,  
Five minutes later.....*

**Boy:** Da-ad....

**Father:** What?

**Boy:** I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a  
drink of water?

**Father:** No, you had your chance. Lights  
out.

*Pause and all is quiet for a while.*

**Boy:** Da-aaaaad.....

**Father:** WHAT?

**Boy:** I'm THIRSTY! Can I have a drink of  
water??

**Father:** I told you NO! If you asked  
again, I'll have to spank you!

*Another pause*

**Boy:** Daaaaaaa-aaaaaad.....

**Father:** WHAT!

**Boy:** When you come into spank me,  
can you bring a drink of water?

## RIVER

By Elizabeth Horning  
Enterprise# 48

I am the river full of movement  
and song,  
I sing to the birds as I flow  
along.

I am the river rushing angry  
and gray,  
Topped by whitecaps that toss  
and sway.

I am the river who surface  
like glass,  
Mirrors the sky and clouds as  
they pass.

I am the river and as I move and  
glide,  
My heart overflows from deep  
inside.

I am the river, hear me shout  
and roar,  
Like an eagle in flight, I rise and  
soar.

I am the river full of joy and  
mirth,  
I laugh and sing as I feel my  
rebirth.

I am the river and as I dance and  
flow,  
I salute the sun and bask in its  
glow.

I am the river running strong  
and free,  
I hold all my hand, won't you  
join me?

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## Thought of the Day

Life is mostly froth and bubble. Two  
things stand like stone. Kindness in  
another's trouble, Courage in your  
own."— Adam Lindsay Gordon