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Saturday, October 9, 5:30pm
Monday, November 8, 6:30 pm



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Of Rainbow Valley Grange

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October 1

Pizza Sales

Grange Hall

4:30-7:00 pm

October 9

Community Grange meeting

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5:30 pm



October 15

Pizza Sales

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4:30-7:00 pm

November 6

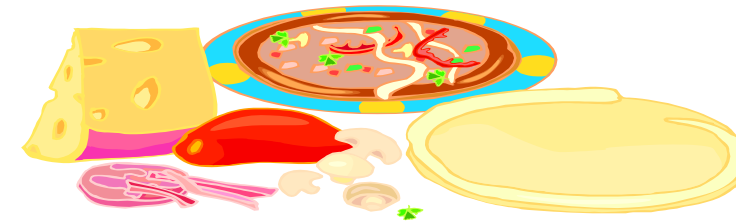
Harvest Moon Pizza Amore Dinner

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4:00-7:00 pm

Harvest Moon Pizza Amore

All You Can Eat Pizza Dinner



November 6th

4:00-7:00pm

Good of the Order

If you have family or friends interested in joining our Grange or one close to them, they can check-out the following websites:

State Grange :

www.californiaGrange.org/index.html

the **National Grange :**

www.nationalGrange.org/

We are thinking about expanding our Pizza Nights. Ideas—Comments are welcome.



Upcoming Events

Grange Farmers' Market

TBA

California State Grange Annual Convention

October 13-17th

Mt. Hamilton Grange, San Jose

Find info at:

<http://www.californiaGrange.org/news/convention2010.html#>

Ramona Grange

Harvest Festival

October 23rd

Rainbow Valley Grange

Harvest Moon Pizza Amore Dinner

November 6th

Deadline for Nov. issue—Oct 26th

Grange Report

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At our Sept. meeting, we draped our charter in memory of Dick O'Brien and had a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11.

We voted to contribute \$25 to the State Grange's Convention t-shirt fundraiser so Rainbow Valley Grange will be one of the names on the back of the shirts. We also decided to hold off on doing a farmers market until spring.

As our numbers are significantly smaller than last year, we decided to change the menu of our traditional Harvest Dinner from turkey to pizza - Harvest Moon Pizza Amore Night. We will be serving an all-you-can-eat pizza, garlic bread and salad bar dinner from 4 - 7 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 6 (the hall will be open until 7:30). The dinner will cost \$10 for

adults and \$5 for kids 10 and under.

We discussed changing our meeting time back to a weeknight and voted to present to the membership an amendment to our charter to change our meeting to the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. We will vote on this change at our meeting this month, with a second vote to be taken at the next meeting, on Mon., November 8th.

We plan on starting a craft day, once a month at the Grange Hall, open to the public, see details on page 2.

The Donoghues cannot go to convention after all, so Suzy will be our delegate.

Anyone who can donate a handmade item to our GWA basket for the raffle at convention should bring it to our meeting.



Lecturer's Notes

Suzy Moramarco

Recently I came across a program for the 1873 First Degree Presentation that was held October 13, 1994 at the Redding Convention Center. As a count down to the 125th Anniversary of the California State Grange, the members of the Youth Department presented the original Men's and Women's First Degree.

Since the 138th Annual California State Grange Convention is about to convene next week, I thought it appropriate to revisit 1873. The following is an excerpt from the program. *1873 was a year of firsts for the Grange in California. After two and a half years the second California Grange was organized on March 8, 1873. By the end of December there were 149 Granges organized and on October 14 the first full annual session was held.*

California in 1873 was suffering from a depression that had resulted with the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869. Real Estate prices had declined, unemployment was chronic and the market was glutted with new goods shipped by rail. The railroad with its unfair pricing practices was resented. The gold fields were no longer producing but the silver on the Comstock Lode of Nevada took much needed capital out of circulation to be concentrated in mining stocks and the San Francisco exchange.

The railroad did have a positive affect on agriculture by opening up additional areas to production. Thompson introduced his green seedless grape to California in 1873. And the cattle industry rallied some after a period of drought.

It was not until 1874 that the Legislature would adopt compulsory elementary education for the children of the state.

Most houses at the time were wood frame,
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GWA/Juniors/Youth Fair Team

Suzy Moramarco, suncette@cox.net

When my sister and I joined the Grange back in 1987, we did so because we like doing crafts and we wanted to enter the Grange contests. Our mom Nancy became a Grange member in 1977. She had joined a group of women who did crafts. They would take turns meeting in each others homes until the group got too large. Some of them were Grangers so they started meeting in the Grange hall. Many of the women then joined the Grange. We would like to revive the group.

Next month we will have a craft day tentatively set for Sunday, November 21st starting at 1:00pm. You can bring any project you are already working on or have been meaning to do and just need room to spread out. We have five extra long tables that we can setup.

I will have a couple of projects using recycled materials available. If there is any certain art or craft you would like to do and/or share with the group, let me know.

These get togethers will be open to members and nonmembers, young and old. We can bring munchies. We can play music or just talk as we work (or play). It will be time to enjoy each others company, learn new skills or brush up on old ones. Eventually we can have craft sales.

Ramona Grange Report

Our Second Annual Harvest Festival will be Saturday, October 23rd.

If you are interested in having a craft or informational booth contact Sandra Wolfe at 760-788-7584. Among the info booths will be ones for raising irises, keeping bees, and



with much of the redwood coming from the Humboldt coast or Santa Cruz forests. This was the world of the Grange in 1873."

Membership Tip of the Month

From the National Grange Leadership/Membership Direct

The Obligation

Do you remember when you took the Obligation? Were you scared or nervous? Do you actually remember what was said to you and did you think about that to which you were asked to agree?

I remember when I took the Obligation. I had already been sitting in Grange meetings for years as the son of active Grange parents. My brothers and I had already been to so many of the Grange Halls around the state that we were used to the ritual. You see, my mother was a State Chaplain and then State Lady Assistant Steward. I trusted the man who was asking me to repeat after him and trusted that whatever I was saying was alright because my family already belonged to the Grange. But what about the new members we are asking to join the many Granges around the country? Many of them have never heard of the Grange and almost all do not know they are required to take an obligation. In such cases, what do we tell them if they ask about it?

We all need to know what is being said in the Obligation, why we are saying it, and what it means. We need to explain it to new members before they take it, and for sure be able to discuss it afterwards.

When was the last time you watched the full Obligation Ceremony and listened to the words? I think it might be time to run thru it so we can remember what is said. Maybe the Lec-

turer/Program Director could do a program on the Obligation so we can learn what it is all about and why we state it the way we do. Maybe everybody could stand and recite it for "the Good of the Order".

In addition, I recently heard of a Grange that asks existing members to repeat the Obligation with new candidates when taken to the altar. This is a great way to make the new member feel as if they are becoming part of the group. It also reminds each member of the things that are expected of them.

I have recently worked with a community Grange trying to get back on its feet. For the past 4 months, there have been new folks from the community showing up to witness how a Grange functions. In light of such, the membership team has decided to conduct the Obligation Ceremony at the appropriate time during each meeting. The team first asks everyone to stand, then proceeds through the ceremony with everyone placing their right hand over their heart while simultaneously repeating the Obligation. This ritual has been a great influence on me, and I know that many of those from the community are very impressed by the words and the passion with which they are said.

I hope each of you will take some time to read thru the Obligation Ceremony and really try to understand its full meaning. I think you will be impressed and inspired to recruit folks in your local community to the Grange so they too can enjoy being a brother or sister of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

Fraternally,
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