

WE SHOULD BE VERY HAPPY that the stuff that fell from the sky was not snow! By careful measurement we had eight and one quarter inches of liquid...think that would have been in the white stuff!

WE WELCOME EVERYONE to this degree meeting. We especially welcome the new members of MT County...and I really do not mean our candidates, although of course we do welcome them. I am referring to those from Taghannuck #100 who are now officially members of this Pomona, following the surrendering of the charter of Housatonic Valley. It is always sad when we lose a grange and even more so, a Pomona. However we do hope they will soon feel at home with us and know that we will do our best to make them welcome.

I DO BELIEVE, or should say I have been led to believe, that there are going to be candidates for the fifth degree from Hope and Beacon...and it has been a long time since we could say that..right? Things are looking up in both these granges and we are so happy to hear it.

The grange hall in Goshen has been sold and that grange is really lost to this Pomona. We sorrow with the members at their loss and hope the members will find homes in surrounding granges just as soon as possible. Demits are good for a six month period, and we do hope they will be used.

We understand that Sister Annie *Mason* ~~Atwood~~ of Beacon is not at all well. Would be nice to send her a card - she certainly has earned it through her years of service to Beacon and to this Pomona. I will tell you tonight what the address is. Why not also send a card to Sister Gladys Anstett, who is not feeling at all well these days. Might cheer her up a bit. For those who don't know, Gladys is the sister of Peg and Phyllis.

State Session is "right around the corner" and believe me, I know it! The office is starting to look as though we are moving once again, as usual at this time of year! So many things to do....and what looks like so little time to do it!

We certainly hope that the new members of this Pomona will be taking the beautiful sixth degree next Friday evening at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell. That is exit 21 off I-91, in case you don't know. You should be at the hotel by 7:45 or a little before, as the evening begins at 7:45.

OUR NEXT POMONA MEETING will be November 14 and it will be at Litchfield, with refreshments to follow.

As usual we will be asking everybody to bring canned and staple foods for distribution in the various parts of this Pomona. We have had such wonderful results from these requests, we hope you will be just as generous this year. There is such a need....let us help as much as we can.

I am sure there is lots more things I should be telling you, but my mind is blank (as usual) and time is going by too fast, so I will quit...and hope there is lots more good news to tell you next month! Have a GREAT Thanksgiving.



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