

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

If I start off that way, at least I won't forget it at the end!

WE welcome all here tonight, knowing at least that there isn't going to be a snow storm...we had it, and should be safe for tonight anyway.

MaNY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED IN ANY WAY THIS EVENING...

OUR NEXT POMONA MEETING will be in February 13 and it will be in 2006! Isn't it amazing how quickly 2005 went by!

OUR MOST SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to Sister Maureen Prelli on the death of her sister, Linda. This has been a very rough time for Maureen and our love and prayers are with her.

A very nice afternoon yeste rday when we went to Old Lyme GRange #162 to help celebrate their 100th anniversary. It was very nicely done and everyone seemed to enjoy it. This is the only anniversary this year, and next year there are no grants that will be celebrating 100 years! However in the following year I believe it will be Riverton's turn...haven't checked it out yet!

Should tell you that Sister Caroline Monroe has had a hip surgery done and is making good progress. I talked with her on Saturday - she said the doctor is pleased and she wishes she could be as pleased as he is...she still is hurting quite a bit, I guess. Address is 46 Bannan St., Torrington...a Christmas card would be nice for her.

Aren't the Christmas lights lovely.... if you get a chance take a ride through Bantam...won't take you long, but the lights are well worth an extra few miles. I'll ask Sue to tell you about "how come" it looks the way it does. Just beautiful.

FORGOT TO TELL YOU WHERE THE FEBRUARY MEETING IS...it is in LITCHFIELD, at 7:30, of course.

EACH GRAN has been mailed a letter which is a Call to a Special meeting of the CT State Grange for a more thorough discussion of the proposed Pomona alignment. This will be on January 29, at Cheshire Grange Hall, at 1:00. All are welcome to attend, but each grange is asked to have two delegates, as per the regular state sessions. Cards with the delegate names are to be returned to the Central Office.

LEADERS' CONFERENCE is being held in Maine this year, South Portland and it is January 13-15. Hope the weather will be better than it usually is in early January!

I seem to be running out of material to fill this sheet of paper. You know I never have a problem talking, but who wants to listen to a bunch of babble. I'm sure you don't...

I do know one thing I should tell you... you may remember, and you may not, that last summer we (Bud and I and Sue) had a ruffed grouse who took over our yard. We were told he was either looking for a mate or was just being possessive, and he (she) certainly was. Anyway... it left and we breathed a sigh of relief. Would you believe that bird appeared in the year last week... followed Bud up the ramp...gave me the once over when I was trying to get the car out of the garage...he is the boldest bird I ever

I cannot believe that bird! Anybody want a ruffed grouse for Christmas?

That is it for tonight. My most sincere hopes you all have a Merry Christmas and that 2006 is the very best of years for all of us.

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