

WELCOME TO ALL those who are here with us this evening. Seemed good not to have to question whether or not it would snow...although the fog was not too happy an alternative. However, we hope for the best...a good crowd, and we're glad you are here!

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE (or chicken if you prefer) this coming Sunday from 11:45 to 1:00 p.m. Please let Dot Dewey or Dot Jewiss know if you plan to attend...this is always a big one, and we really need to know. Sounds as if the whole "crew" will be able to help, and that is appreciated. There will be a food sale, of course, and any donations to that will also be more than welcome.

THANKS TO SHIRLEY, JERRY AND CRAIG for the refreshment detail this evening.

Next meeting will be the Junior Program - and refreshments will be handled by Mimi Grustas.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS...should be in at the next meeting, if possible. Degrees will be conferred at the two April meetings, with inspection on the fourth degree - throughout the state this year. Let's get a good class of candidates...how about it?

Our Emily Hermann is now at the Torrington Extend-a-Care on Wyoming Avenue. Do keep the cards going to Emily - she has had a really rough time. And also Fanny Rogers has been having quite a time, following a fall on the ice, resulting in a blood clot on her head, and much lameness. She is home on Dyer Avenue in Collinsville, but surely would like to get a card from the grange, and the members.

REMINDER that we have accepted invitations to Riverton for March 18, and to Litchfield for March 24. Let's fill up the cars and have a good bunch "neighboring".

JUNIOR GRANGE meeting this Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. The youngsters will be working on a contest after a very short business meeting.

Glad to report that Sandy's foot (feet) are doing well, as you can see and she is much more comfortable. Been a long time, right, Sandy?

While she isn't a grange member, Gladys Bayette is a part of all of us and we should tell you she is a patient at the Winsted Hospital once again - called the ambulance last Friday morning, as she could not breathe. Poor Gladys...she cannot wait for the better weather.

Watch out for big balls of ice on the road between here and there...I speak from experience. An ice ball rolled out at me on 263 and there was no way I could avoid it...hit my tire and burst the sidewall! Lovely way to start the day!

Our Booster List for Winchester this year is going to be GREAT...as I told you we have a good long list from members who sent their dollar with their dues...and Craig has done a great job collecting at the meetings. One more meeting to go and then it will be too late. As Bud tells you... certainly your name is worth a dollar! Speaking of Bud...ask him how he likes to be covered with mud! Just ask him.

Had a call from Sue Ragalye this morning - wanted to let us know that she was taking a course for seven weeks which happens to land on Tuesday nights, so she will be missing the next couple of meetings. Really nice of her to let us know...and we wish her well with the course.

I'm sort of rambling at this point, my brain is picked clean of information, I guess. So I'll just remind you, if you have not yet paid...your dues are in arrears by two months... and I'd love to have them! Really pleased though, with the number that have come in. Looks good - could this be the year for 100%

SO...DINNER ON SUNDAY...11:45 to 1:00 at a cost of \$5.00 for adults. You can't beat that!

That's it.

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