



'Tis the time of April Showers... No doubt about that, I guess...but never mind, Spring has sprung! It isn't snow! That has really gone very well, much better than anticipated, I guess. Even down at Camp Berger there is very little left and it looks as though Clean-Up Day on April 30th can be done without digging through the snow and ice!

We welcome into membership this evening Ethan Forchette, son of Jack and Dana, and Thomas Whyte, son of Laura and Connie. Others will be taking the degrees in the fall, as they were unable to make it tonight. We may also have some visitors from a couple of other granges...and we may not. Nice to be so definite!

Thank you to the members of the first and second degree team for doing the work this evening. It is appreciated. Next meeting will be April 26, with supper at 6:30 - the CWA gals will have a listing of your food items so we'll know how to plan...be sure you talk with Rae before you leave tonight. The meeting on the 26th is our annual inspection, and we'll need reports from the usual committees to give to our Deputy, Brother King, who will be inspecting us that evening.

Good to see the "Mottai girls"..Angela Bolus and Adeline Stoughton with us tonight on the refreshment detail. They did a swap with Joan and Dom as they were not able to take the date listed. Thanks for taking care of things, gals. So good to see you, too! HOPEFULLY MARY RICHARD TOO (almost goofed that one!) Winchester ended up with 75 booster names for the Premium Book - isn't that great! It was so good to get so many dollars sent in by our members who are away...added to the list and helped to support the cost of printing the Premium Book. By the way, the book will be distributed on May 15 at the Roast Beef Dinner at Camp...time to be thinking of the Agricultural Fair already!

We ended the Chicken Dinner season with a real bang...feeding 153 adults and 8 children this past Sunday. At 11:45 every table was full - has to be some sort of a record. Let's hope we can pick up the same crowd in September when we start up again. For now - no more regular Sunday dinners, and this has to be a relief, even though there are many things coming along to take up the slack.

The Junior Grangers met this past Friday - did a little rehearsing for their own Inspection in May - and had some games and a fun evening. Their next meeting is Friday, May 13 and at that time they will be doing the degree for inspection also.

A reminder to Pomona members -- Monday, April 18, is the night we go a-visiting to Farmington Valley for Kissin' Cousin night. Let's hope we get a good crowd - the meeting is at 8:00 and is at Cherry Brook. Fill up the cars - let us know if you need rides.

The Past Masters' meeting, scheduled for Winchester on March 29, was cancelled due to the storm that day. These are not rescheduled.

The Pomona Day Meeting was very well attended - we had a good crowd and a fun day. And as you can see, we brought the banner back to Winchester...and it will stay here until the end of June, as there is not competition in May. The May meeting is a special meeting, held for inspection and degree work. It will be May 8 --- and there will be a supper at 6:30...and yes, we will need help.

Don Beecher has been in the Torrington Hospital for the past several days, and it is hoped he can be coming home today. Haven't heard - but we sure hope so. Not certain what his problem was - but he had a tremendously high fever and really was very sick. He is feeling better now - but the doctors were not sure what the problem was.

That's it till next meeting...no time for more.....Me