

WHAT A NICE FEELING to start a fall season with conferring the degrees on new members. We are happy to report that Mary Alice and Roy Pilbin are joining Winchester Grange; Judy and Thomas Benedict are joining Beacon Grange, two members are joining Hope Grange and perhaps we may have two from Eureka! We are happy to confer the degrees on all these and welcome them into the Grange.

THANK YOU to Fran and Charlie Cooper for the refreshments this evening. Much appreciated, as you know.

NEXT MEETING will be a special meeting for the installation of the officers -- Sept. 20 at 8:00 p.m. called just for the installation. This is a change from the schedule so don't get confused!

SEPTEMBER 27 will be the conferral of the 3rd and 4th degrees with a potluck supper at 6:30 and the meeting at 8:00,

WE LOST THE BANNER last night when Pomona met in this hall. Good crowd and a very nice installation of the officers by the Wilbur-Cameron team. Our own Craig was installed as the Pomona Master and we wish him a great two-year term. We can be very proud of him...and we are!

Talked with Jeri Martin's stepson this morning...she is still in the rehab and will be until Sept. 23. Guess she is climbing the walls, but these are the doctor's orders!

Learned that Joe Bement had a quick trip to the hospital which he says he did not need...but had a visit there anyway. When Betty came to pick him up...she got sick

in the

parking lot...had a bad case of bronchitis (sp?) but they are both better now.

STATE SESSION IS NEARLY HERE! Doesn't seem possible, but the calendar doesn't lie. Session will be October 20, 21, and 22nd. Presession banquet on Wednesday, Oct. 19. All this will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell. Up until a few weeks ago, this was the Radisson, but was bought out. Nothing like confusing the whole thing!

The SIXTH DEGREE will be conferred on Friday evening, Oct. 20-- and you can get applications at the session or from me at the central office.

MUST NOT FORGET the 5th degree will be given in this hall on October 10, with a supper at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:30.

WE THANK all those who are filling in this evening for the degrees. Really is gratifying to know that you can ask some body to fill in and feel confident that it will be done. Also want to thank Don in advance for the tableaux...as always they are so well done and add so much to the degree work.

Refreshments next Tuesday will be handled by Ramon and Todd... with some helpers as well. We will talk about the harvest supper at that time.

Guess that about do it for this epistle....enjoy this Indian Summer --- it won't last!

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