

Candle Lighting Ceremony

Lessons We Have Learned and Practice

Lecturer: When we joined the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, commonly known as the Grange, we may or may not have known much about the organization. If you are a “veteran” member you probably went through the Ritual Degrees and as you have held various offices learned more through the Installation Ceremony. But we have many members that were obligated because many Granges do not perform the Ritual work. It is the Obligation, Declaration of Purpose, Installation Ceremony and Ritual that make our organization different from many other service groups.

This year’s Candle Lighting Ceremony is based on the Heirloom Program from National Grange. It covers lessons or statements that embody the spirit of being a Granger.

As the Lecturer of this Grange, I light this candle to rekindle our belief in why we are here.

Speaker #1: I light this candle for the season of Winter and share the following lesson – “Hope is the heavenly light that gilds our labors. Were we deprived of that source of consolation, life would indeed be dreary.” (*Fourth Degree; Pomona*)

Speaker #2: I light this candle for the season of Spring and share this lesson - “In your intercourse with your fellow beings correct an error kindly, and with the smooth edge of affection, and do not bruise a wound you wish to heal.” (*First Degree; Vice President*)

Speaker #3: I light this candle for the season of Summer and reflect on the following thoughts - “Do good, hoping for nothing in return, and your reward shall be great. Love one another.” (*Second Degree; Chaplain*)

Speaker #4: I light this candle for the season of Autumn and share these thoughts - “We shall advance the cause of education by all just means within our power.” (*Grange Declaration of Purposes*)

Lecturer: As we progress through the coming year, let us all take time to remember why we joined this organization and renew our commitment to Grange.