



Winona Grange # 271

Established in Tualatin in 1895

Fall 2015 Newsletter



Restrooms are done!



Loyce Martinazzi cut the ribbon (yes, its appropriately toilet tissue) with the assistance of Linda Moholt, Sam Keator, and Liz Hatcher during the Chamber of Commerce AM Networking



The upstairs restroom (AKA women's room) has two sinks, two toilets, and a full-length mirror.



The downstairs restroom (AKA men's room) also has two sinks, and necessary fixtures.



Message from our Master

Fall has arrived and we are completing the 120th year of the Winona Grange #271!

I would first like to express appreciation for the work done to improve our building. It was a long, drawn out process that we endured together. Dick Naven chaired and overcame many hurdles. Dick made sure that the job got done and that we have what we all wanted -- updated bathrooms that ALL of the community will be able use when they attend gatherings in our Hall. **THANK YOU, DICK!**

Loyce Martinazzi and Dinah Larsen are continuously improving the look of our Hall's interior. Love their signage 'work in progress!' Next time you are in the Hall, check out the 'ribbon' case and the historic pictures throughout our Hall. **THANK YOU, LOYCE and DINAH!**

This year we have invited area businesses to become members of Winona Grange. A BIG shout out to Jonathan Crane of *Tualatin Life* for helping us accomplish a significant membership gain. **THANK YOU, JONATHAN!**

Winona Grange is steadily growing, but we still need to think about the future. I hope each of you will seek new members who are younger than yourself so that we can keep our beautiful Grange alive for generations to come.

As I have stated before, "I'm excited about the potential Winona Grange has in our Community. **Communication** is my 'key' word and that leads into **Community** activities in hopes of new members."

We need pictures, pictures and more pictures so that we can share within our Grange and the Community and spread the word of our activities and the fun we have.

If you like something we do at the Grange, brag about it within our **Community**; if there is something you don't like about the Grange, please **communicate** with me so that I might help to resolve it.

Lastly, we have made it from the planting of the seed (organized in 1895) to a sprig (building erected in 1940) and have been growing since. If we **Communicate**, find more avenues of **Community** Involvement, be good **Citizens** and ask folks with your **Common** interests to participate with us, then we will GROW stronger with Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity.

Fraternally yours,
Sam Keator, Master 2015-6
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2016 Officers

At our November 14 meeting, those present elected these officers:

Master	Sam Keator
Overseer	Norm Parker
Lecturer	Loyce Martinazzi
Chaplain	Monte McCutcheon
Treasurer	Dick Naven
Secretary	Marilyn Reiher
Ceres	Dinah Larsen
Executive Committee	Larry McClure
	Jim Serrill
	Rosa Lee Dickson

Note: The Master, Overseer, and Secretary also serve on the Executive Committee.

New officers will be installed at our December 12 meeting and assume their duties then.

State Grange Conferences

Directors of State Grange Committees will be conducting conferences in our area in early 2016. You are urged to attend one or more to learn about our State Grange programs. All conferences begin at 10 am and continue to 3 pm with a light lunch provided. Each Director will have 30-45 minutes to explain their program and answer questions.

January 31 at McMinnville Grange, 1700 Old Sheridan Rd, McMinnville 97128 will have the State Lecturer, and Directors of Membership, Grange Workers Activities (cooking, canning, textiles, & crafts), Communications, Deaf Awareness & Family Health, and the Junior program.

February 20 at Abernethy Grange, 15745 S Harley, Oregon City 97045 features the same group, except the Agriculture Director will substitute for the Junior program.

March 5 at Beaver Homes Grange, 31105 Beaver Homes Rd, Rainier 97048 will have Directors for Community Service, Education, Legislative, Agriculture, Veterans, and Youth.

March 6 at Maplewood Grange, 25480 S Hwy 99, Aurora 97002 has the same group except the Junior program substitutes for the Agriculture Director.

Harvest Fest

On October 24 Winona Grange celebrated the harvest by inviting our friends and family to share information, good food, and fun.

Sanne Stienstra from Washington County Solid Waste and Recycling dispersed helpful ideas for avoiding food waste.

'Timber **Jim**' **Serrill** showed several short videos on gardening and introduced Ashley Holmer who founded the Red Sweater Project. She described the schools the project has built in rural Tanzania.

Then we all enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner with sausages or dogs and apple cider provided by the Grange. Fresh baked homemade pies topped off a wonderful meal!



Master Sam presents Loyce Martinazzi with her Silver Certificate and pin signifying 25-years continuous membership.

After dinner the group enjoyed "DIRT! The Movie" narrated by Jamie Lee Curtis. It brings to life the environmental, economic, social and political impact that the soil has.

Hosted C of C AM Networking

Loyce Martinazzi, Carolyn Horne, and Dinah Larsen set a beautiful table when Winona Grange hosted the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce.



Jonathan Crane encouraged Chamber members to become Grange members by offering to pay half their 2016 dues. He probably didn't expect so many to take him up on his offer.

New individual members:

- Ed Casey
- Joshua Waldman. Josh leads the Ukulele Jam that meets on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 (except the 2nd Sunday when the Irish jam). As many as 19 attend, but they still need a base player.

New business members:

- Atop Communications (Matt Peckinpah)
- Pets First Diane's Priority Pet Care (Diane Mead)
- Portland Badge Company (Michael Carlson)
- Send Out Cards (Marcia Solberg)
- Tualatin Auto (Alex Carney)
- Tualatin Chamber of Commerce (Linda Moholt)
- Tualatin Together (Cyndy Hellier)

The Editor asked Cyndy to explain **Tualatin Together**:

"Our mission is uniting the community to engage, educate and advocate for Tualatin's youth and families to make healthy decisions.

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Tualatin Heritage Center from 11:45am-1 pm with a hosted lunch so love RSVPs. We welcome any and all community members to join us for a coalition meeting or ask to be included in our communications whether via bi-monthly newsletter or our regular distribution list. We have an active club at the high school called 'StandUp Tualatin.' Our youth are amazing and the reason we are all involved in this group."

New members, we are happy to profile your business or interests. Send info to m_reiher@comcast.net.

Happy Birthday

Did you know that the Grange was organized on December 4, 1867? The theme selected for our 150th celebration is Power of the Past, **Force for the Future**.

2016 Dues Are Due

Dues for an individual member are \$50. New members who joined since October have paid their 2016 dues. Life members are exempt.

Everyone else should bring your **\$50** payment to the December 12 meeting or send a check in the amount of **\$50** to:

Winona Grange #271
PO Box 3484
Tualatin, OR 97062

You can also use PayPal on our website www.winonagrang271.org. Click Membership, and then click Add to Cart. If you use this method, you will be charged a \$2 processing fee for a total of \$52.

This is your first notice that dues are due.

Welcoming Ceremony

Members who have not received the Welcoming Ceremony should be sure to attend the December 12 meeting. It is time that you are officially welcomed!

Website

Don't forget to check our website for the latest info: www.winonagrang271.org



Winona Grange Mission

This mission statement was adopted at our November 10, 2012 meeting:

The mission of Winona Grange, chartered in Tualatin, Oregon in 1895, is to provide opportunities for involvement and leadership in community service, for individuals and families; to maintain our local advocacy for agriculture; and to welcome the community into our Grange Hall for a wide variety of educational and social events, portraying our traditional American family values.

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Mark your calendar for:

Saturday, December 12
January 9
February 13

Potluck **brunch** is at **10 am** followed by our meeting at **11 am** at **8340 SW Seneca** on the Tualatin Commons