

Dear Lecturer's,

Congratulations you are a Lecturer. One of the most influential officer in the grange. You are not alone, the Lecturer's committee and myself are here to help.

Please feel free to contact us for help and ideas if you need them.

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Remember you are the educator of the grange. Bringing information to your members, encouraging, educating and creating leaders. Please use this Handbook for ideas for your Lecturer programs and Open Houses. Take some time to "browse" through the material and even if you do not use all of the material, it may spark your imagination. Below are some locations where you can gather additional material.

Magazines, Newspapers, Library - reference material, Internet websites

You do not have to do the program all by yourself. Include your officers, committee chairman and members to help. Some Lecturer's in the past have assigned a program to officers and/or committee chairman.

### Programs:

Pick a theme or idea for your meeting, some ideas are below, but you may have some of your own.

Holidays and Observances:	
Jan 1 New Year's Day	Jul 4 Independence Day
Jan 13 Stephen Foster Memorial Day	Jul 26 Parents' Day
Jan 19 Martin Luther King Day	Aug 19 National Aviation Day
Feb 1 National Freedom Day	Sep 7 Labor Day
Feb 14 Valentine's Day	Sep 11 Patriot Day
Feb 16 Presidents' Day	Sep 12 Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day
Feb 17 Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras	Sep 13 National Grandparents Day
Feb 19 Chinese New Year	Sep 17 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day
Apr 3 Good Friday (Many regions)	Sep 18 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
Apr 5 Easter Sunday	Sep 27 Gold Star Mother's Day
Apr 6 Easter Monday	Oct 5 Child Health Day
Apr 13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	Oct 12 Columbus Day (Most regions)
Apr 15 Tax Day	Oct 15 White Cane Safety Day
May 1 Law Day	Oct 31 Halloween
May 1 Loyalty Day	Nov 11 Veterans Day
May 7 National Day of Prayer	Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day
May 10 Mothers' Day	Nov 30 Cyber Monday
May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
May 15 National Defense Transportation Day	Dec 17 Pan American Aviation Day
May 16 Armed Forces Day	Dec 17 Wright Brothers Day
May 22 National Maritime Day	Dec 24 Christmas Eve
May 25 Memorial Day	Dec 25 Christmas Day
Jun 14 Flag Day	Dec 26 Day After Christmas Day
Jun 21 Fathers' Day	Dec 31 New Year's Eve
Jul 3 'Independence Day' observed	

- Include a game (Recreational)
- Speaker - reading (Educational)
- Poem, give members a goal (Inspirational)

Remember to include the community for some of your programs. Bringing in a guest speakers will let others see your grange and what you are doing for their community. With your member's hospitality and your encouragement they will see what an asset the grange is to the community and they may become a member.

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## OPEN HOUSE

Ideas for Open house programs

Invite:

- Someone to speak at your open house
- Renters of your grange - demonstrating something

### Some ideas for speakers/demonstrations are:

Mayor/Council member	Red Cross
School Board Member	Salvation Army
Local Dance/Music Instructor	Shelters- Homeless, Battered women/family
Local Artist	Local Food Bank
4-H	ARC
FFA	Dogs for the Deaf
Boy/Girl Scouts	Veterans- VFW
American Cancer Society	Quilters, Knitting and Crochet club
Relay for Life	Garden Club

Present:

- Member's membership pins and certificates
- Honor a community member who deserves recognition
- Veteran or active service member

Show potential members what your grange is doing for the community and what a wonderful organization we are. Inform them of the many contests that both the Lecturer and other departments have.

Some are:

Talent - Vocal, Instrumental, Variety  
Art, Writing, Photography  
Baked Goods and Candies, Textiles and Crafts  
Oregon Young Adult, Speaking and Youth Officer

Other contests can be found on the Oregon State Grange Website: [www.orgrange.org](http://www.orgrange.org)  
You can always contact me at: [Lecdir@orgrange.org](mailto:Lecdir@orgrange.org) or 503-482-5459

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## **From the Duties of the Officer Handbook on the State Grange Website:**

### Lecturer

Primary duty is to educate and inform the membership in an enjoyable fashion.

Encourage all members to become active participants in the Grange.

1. Work with the Master to select a committee to assist with ideas and programs.
2. Ask department chairmen for specific programs – Youth, GWA, Junior, Legislative, etc.
3. Encourage your Grange to have at least one “Open” meeting a year. A properly conducted Open House or Open meeting will help give the community a good image of your Grange.
4. Vary program content to age and interest of members.
5. It is a literary program, not a “Lecturer’s Hour”. Be flexible within the constraints of each meeting, working with the Master at all times.
6. Be prepared in emergencies (on request of the Master), with songs, stunts and skits. Keep a notebook of these items with you at all meetings. (You may have someone in your Grange who is a good song leader).
7. If non-members are on the program, arrange the exact time they should arrive for their part and keep the Master informed. If they are early, be prepared to start the program or entertain them.
8. Always inform and work with the Master.