

Winter

A.1 (December) – “It is in the Home that we enjoy the fruits of our labors in the fields of the farm, and the fields of life.” (*Fourth Degree; Steward*)

A.2 (January) – “If we desire to encourage [children] to love rural life, we must make its labors cheerful. What a child sees makes the most lasting impression. We may tell them of the pleasures and independence of [rural life]; but if their daily intercourse with us shows it to be tedious, irksome, laborious, without any recreation of body or mind, they will soon lose all interest in it and seek enjoyment elsewhere.” (*Fourth Degree; Vice President*)

A.3 (February) – “...may our friendship be as firm as the stone itself.” (*Fourth Degree; President*)



Tell us how it worked

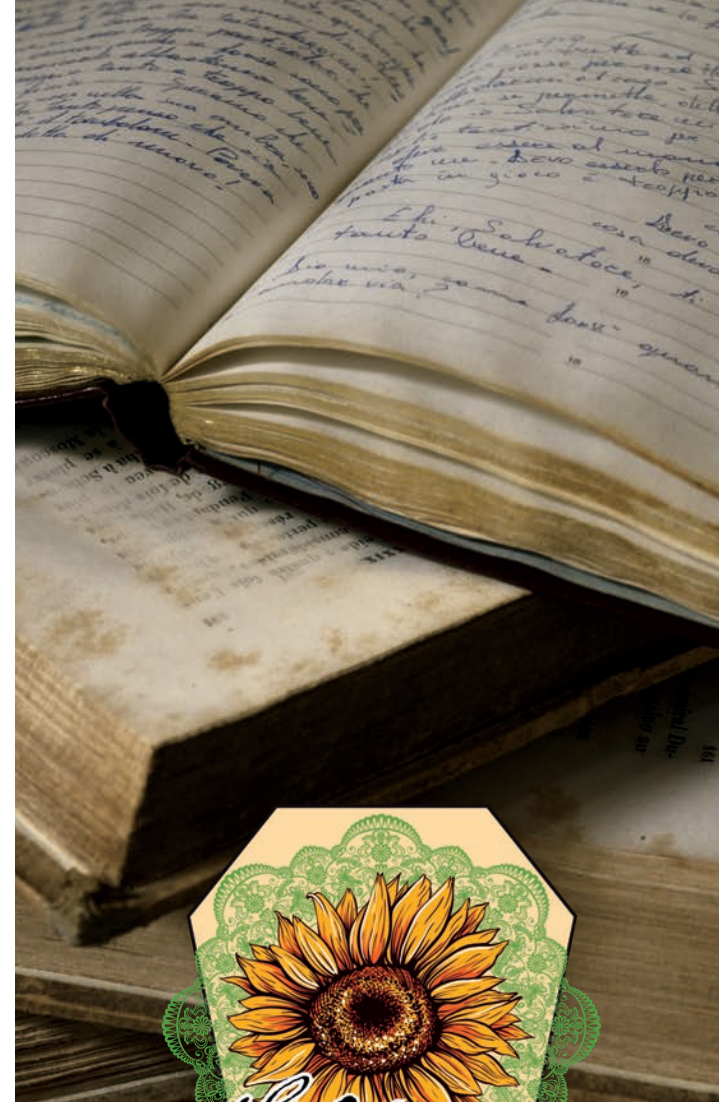
Have you tried using the Heirloom Program in your Grange? If so, email or send a letter to let us know how your discussion went, what you learned and if it has helped connect your membership to one another and the Grange.

If you created an activity for the reading, please send a copy to our National Membership and Leadership Development Director so we may offer it to other Granges for their use. We'd love to share your story with other Granges through our Regional Conferences, social media, magazine and newsletter.

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Year A

To be used in 2022, 2027, etc.

**A Resource to Impart Knowledge
of Essential Grange Values**

Spring

A.1. (March) – “History proves that where agriculture has been fostered, that nation has prospered and reached a high degree of perfection; but where it has been neglected degeneracy began.” (*First Degree; Chaplain*)

A.2. (April) – “I will not knowingly wrong or defraud a Brother or Sister of the Order or allow it to be done by another if within my power to prevent it.” (*First Degree; President*)

A.3. (May) – “Influenced by our strong beliefs in the institution of the family, we are convinced that education begins in the family circle.” (*Grange Declaration of Purposes*)

Summer

A.1 (June) – “Prune idle thoughts and sinful suggestions, and thus keep your passions within due bounds and prevent your fancy from leading you astray after the vanities and vices of the world.” (*Second Degree; President*)

A.2 (July) – “Guard against selfishness. If thine enemy hunger, feed him.” (*Second Degree; Chaplain*)

A.3 (August) – “It shall be an abiding principle with us to relieve any of our oppressed and suffering members by any reasonable means at our command.” (*Grange Declaration of Purposes*)

Autumn

A.1 (September) – “We recognize that education is a continuing process. We encourage all to continue their education... [...through adult education classes, by continued reading, observation and such other methods as may be available, including radio, television and the internet. We recognize the valuable contribution made to education by the printed word, especially in newspapers, periodicals and books, and will continue to advocate their widespread availability.]” (*Grange Declaration of Purposes*)

A.2 (October) – “While in Faith and in Hope this world may disagree, All mankind is concerned in Charity.” (*Third Degree; Flora*)

A.3 (November) – “We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that ‘progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion,’ while ‘the fault lies in bitterness of controversy.’” (*Grange Declaration of Purposes*)

