

The Gobbler

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Holiday Special

Turkey Hill
Grange



Masthead holiday art designed by Freepik

Quilts of Valor

Friday, November 10, 2023, Turkey Hill Grange quilters proudly presented Quilts of Valor to 10 veterans. The near-capacity crowd in the Grange Dining Room celebrated the lives and accomplishments of veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold War era. Each veteran was recognized for their service as the quilters draped the quilt around their shoulders. Many of the veterans made brief statements about their service. Quilts of Valor Foundation registers each quilt ensuring it meets their size and design standards. The quilts have a label showing the veteran's name, dates of service, and the name of the quilter. The National Grange is a Quilts of Valor partner allowing Grange members to create quilts and award them to veterans. After the ceremony the veterans posed for pictures and enjoyed refreshments with their families, friends and Grange members.



Quilts of Valor recipients: Front row (left to right) Tom Fulford, Clifford Good, David Hernandez, and Donald Schilling. Back row Bill MacIntire, Bruce Bornert, Jacob Diener, Don Stein, Howard Batemen, and Gary Cunningham. —Photo by David Phillip

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Quilts of Valor Photo Gallery

—Pictures this page thanks to David Philip



Chris Bersett, Quilting Team Leader, leads the Quilts of Valor Ceremony.



The quilters: Left to right, back row, Irene Martin, Chris Bersett, Judy Brindley, Lynne Edwards, and Mary Beth Lee. Front row, Edith Robinson and Nikki Wilcoxon.

Holiday Greetings

We extend the warmest greetings and best wishes to all Turkey Hill Grange members, their families and friends. We sincerely hope the holidays this winter will bring you closer to family and friends joining in the joys of the season. Sincerely we say, Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and Happy New Year!

—Ed



Don Stein receives quilt from Nikki and Mary Beth



Donald Schilling receives quilt from Edith



Gary Cunningham receives Nikki and Mary Beth



Chris presents quilt to Clifford Good



Bruce Bornert receives quilt from Judy



Howard Batemen receives quilt from Nikki and Mary Beth



Judy Presents quilt to Jacob Diener



David Hernandez receives quilt from Nikki



Tom Fulford with Lynne Edwards and Nikki



Bill MacIntire with his quilt

Holiday Party, December 9, 2023

—by Lynne Edwards

5:30 p.m.—Cookie Exchange. Bring 3 dozen home baked cookies and an extra container for your choices

6:00 p.m.—Appetizers and desserts please bring your favorite one to share

6:30 p.m.—Program which I know. you will not want to miss

7:00 p.m. Santa arrives. Please bring your grandchildren and/or children along with a gift for them with their name on it so they can be given that present and you can then take their picture of them on Santa's lap.

After Pictures and gifts with Santa, please stay to enjoy your time with the members and/or visitors of The Turkey Hill Grange

Family Activities

Belleville Philharmonic Chorale Presents Christmas Wonders, December 17, 2024, 3 pm

We plan to attend the Holiday concert as a group at St Luke Roman Catholic Church, 301 North Church Street, Belleville, 3 pm, Sunday, December 17th. Admission is free. After the concert we will gather at Papa Vito's, 318 East Washington Street, Belleville, for dinner about 4:45 pm. Family and friends of Grangers are welcome to join us.

Please RSVP to Lynne Edwards by email at lleparalegal@gmail.com or call 661-900-5990. Papa Vito's has a Sunday family special for \$26.99 which includes XL 2 topping Pizza, Salad and Breadsticks. We need a good count so Papa Vito's can seat us as a group.

“Dues Paying” Potluck, January 12, 2024

—by Steve Koluch

On Friday, January 12, 2024, we'll be holding our annual dues-paying potluck dinner prior to the regular meeting. This event is a fun way to pay your annual dues for 2024 while dining and socializing with your fellow Grange members. Our Secretary, Chris Bersett, will be available before the meal to accept your payment and confirm your contact information in our records is up-to-date.

All members are being requested to bring a main dish (Casserole, Crockpot, etc.), and either a salad **or** a desert. Please bring your dishes to the Grange Hall for setup so that we can begin eating at 6:15 pm. Plates, bowls and serving utensils are available.

The meeting will start at 7:00pm with a program on the history of Turkey Hill Grange presented by historian Jack LaChien.

Dues remain \$40 for each member (14 years old and up). Family membership is available for closely related groups of three or more members for \$120. Dues are payable by cash, check, or credit card.

2024 Fundraising Project Dates Set

The Executive Board selected dates for 2024 major fundraising events. Please set aside time on your calendars to support your Grange.

Trivia: February 17, 2024

Chicken Dinner: April 7, 2024

Ham & Peach Dinner: August 4, 2024

Renner Farm Show Food Service: 29, 30, 31 August 2024

Wurstmarkt: November 3, 2024

Program Notes

The Executive Board changed the start time for regular meetings to 7 pm effective January 2024.

January 12—Pot Luck, Jack LaChien program on Turkey Hill area

February 9—Lisa Phillopson with Hospice

March 8—Wendy Pfeil, Executive Director, Belleville Chamber of Commerce

April 5—Lance Range from the Abandoned Land Mines Division

April 20—150th Anniversary Open House, Celebration, and Dinner

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