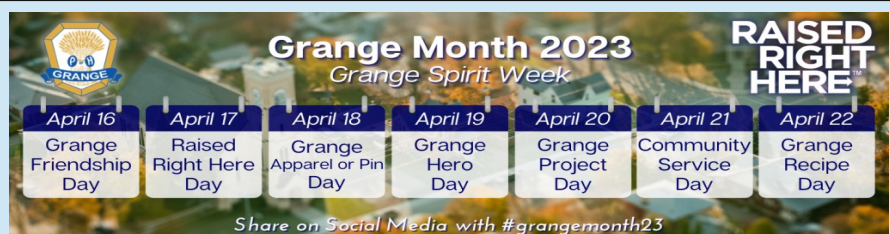


# April Match Game & Calendar Highlights by Kristin Paulson, MA State Lecturer



The Heirloom Program\* is designed for us to take time to read & reflect on the essential Grange lessons from our Grange rituals. The 4th Degree scene is on a Farm in the Winter Season. The Candidates are called Husbandmen & Matrons. The 4th Degree symbols are The Feast, Winter, & Old Age. The Emblem is the Agate. The 4th Degree Lesson is FIDELITY. \*<https://www.nationalgrange.org/heirloom-program/>  
**[PLAY A "Fourth Degree" MATCH GAME. Match the Grange Officer to their 4th Degree words.]**

Grange Officer	"Officer's Fourth Degree Words"	123 =?)
1] President (Master)	A) "Adorn the family with a kind disposition...thus induce all to love & not fear you, for love is the only enduring power."	1] = __)
2] Vice President	B) "We enjoy the fruits of a well-spent life, surrounded by friends, & in a happy Home, noted for FIDELITY."	2] = __)
3] Lecturer	C) "Even as little children have Faith in their parents, we should have Faith in the Great Provider."	3] = __)
4] Steward	D) "Let the Agate be to you an emblem of Fidelity...& may our friendship be as firm as the stone as well."	4] = __)
5] Chaplain	E) "The teachings of our Order would make the Farmer's home the brightest & happiest place on earth."	5] = __)
6] Secretary	F) "Hope is the Heavenly light that gilds our Labor"	6] = __)
7] Ceres	G) "In Kind words and deeds dispense Charity"	7] = __)
8] Pomona	H) "Those reap abundant harvest of Grange benefits who contribute of their time & talent."	8] = __)
9] Flora	J) "Make us grateful for Thy provision, & may the strength it imparts be expended in Thy service."	9] = __)



**April is National Volunteer Month, Autism Awareness Month, & Poetry Month. WEEKS = Library: 1st, Garden: 2nd, Grange Spirit: 3rd, & National Park: 4th. April's Flower: Daisy, Birthstone: Diamond, & on April 6th: Full Pink Moon.**

**April Biographies: 1] Samuel Morse [B:4.27.1791 in Charlestown] American painter who invented a single-wire telegraph system & Morse Code. 2] Mary Eliza Mahoney [B:4.16.1845 in Dorchester] was the 1st African-American nurse, graduating from American School of Nursing, she helped eliminate racial discrimination in her profession.**

Sources: Patrons of Husbandry - Grange Manual / <https://www.nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2023> / <https://www.thefamouspeople.com/massachusetts.php>

Date	Name of Special Day	Description	Event Type
04/01/23	April Fools' Day	Fools' Day originates back in the Roman Empire; it's a also National One Cent Day.	International Day
04/02/23	Autism Awareness Day	WAAD_ Autism is 1 of 3 health issues recognized by the UN. <a href="http://www.autismspeaks.org">www.autismspeaks.org</a>	International Day
04/06/23	Passover (6th -15th)	Seder: Passover's 1st night meal to celebrate Israelites freedom from slavery in Egypt	Jewish Holiday
04/07/23	World Health Day	Anniversary of founding of UN's World Health Organization on April 7, 1948	International Day
04/09/23	Easter Sunday	Church Service to honor Ressurrection of Jesus, Decorated Eggs, + Easter Baskets!	Christian Holiday
04/10/23	Farm Animal Day	Focuses on the humane care of farm animals & finds homes for abandoned animals.	National Day
04/17/23	Patriots Day (3rd Monday)	1775 Battle of Lexington & Concord, beginning American Revolutionary War.	National Day
04/22/23	National Park Week [22-30th]	On 1st day, National Parks waive entrance fee. <a href="http://www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm">www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm</a>	National Week
04/22/23	Earth Day (Mother Earth Day)	175 countries celebrate it. 1st US Earth Day in 1970. Theme '23: "Invest in Our Planet."	International Day
04/22/23	Take Back Prescriptions Day	Find a Medicine Collection Center at: <a href="https://www.dea.gov/takebackday">https://www.dea.gov/takebackday</a>	National Day
04/26/23	National Audubon Day	John Audubon (B:1785) <a href="https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries">https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries</a>	National Day
04/26/23	International Guide Dog Day	NEADS in Princeton, MA trains Service & Guide Dogs: <a href="https://neads.org/">https://neads.org/</a>	International Day
04/28/23	National Arbor Day	1st Arbor Day: in Nebraska [1872] Theme'23: <i>Trees are Terrific, in All Shapes &amp; Sizes!</i>	National Day

Sources: <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/> / <https://en.wikipedia.org/> Quiz Answers:1] \_D); 2] \_A); 3] \_E); 4] \_B); 5] \_J); 6] \_H); 7] \_C); 8] \_F); 9] \_G).