

Match Game & "January 2023 Calendar Highlights" by Kristin Paulson, MA State Lecturer

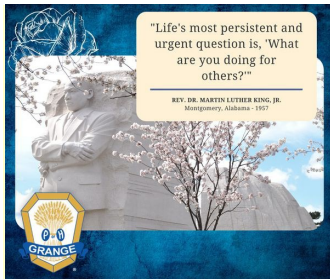


The Heirloom Program* is designed for Granges to take time to read & reflect on the essential Grange lessons from our Grange rituals. The 1st Degree scene is on a Farm in Springtime. The Candidates are called Laborers & Maids. The 1st Degree symbols are The seed (corn), Spring, & Childhood. The Emblems are the Ax, Plow, Harrow & Spade. The 1st Degree Lesson is FAITH. *<https://www.nationalgrange.org/heirloom-program/>

[PLAY A "First Degree" MATCH GAME. Match the Grange Officer to their 1st Degree words.]

Grange Officer	"Officer's First Degree Words"	123's =?)
1] President (Master)	A) "We are traveling in search of light and knowledge."	1] = __)
2] Vice President (Overseer)	B) "Worthy Brothers and Sisters, Agriculture is the 1st and noblest of all occupations. It is the only one directly instituted by our Creator."	2] = __)
3] Lecturer	C) "Those we admit aren't chosen by outward appearance...& by display in dress, remember that a noble mind & generous heart are often concealed beneath the garments of poverty."	3] = __)
4] Steward	D) "In your intercourse with your fellow beings correct an error kindly, & with the smooth edge of affection. Do not bruise a wound you wish to heal."	4] = __)
5] Assistant Steward	E) "To honor Womanhood & show our reverence for the Bible we respectfully refrain from passing between the Altar and the 3 Graces when the Grange is in session."	5] = __)
6] Chaplain	F) "It is our duty to improve and increase these bounties to their utmost extent."	6] = __)
7] Ceres	G) "The first & highest object of our Order is to develop a better manhood and womanhood."	7] = __)
8] Pomona	H) "There is another and a better world - "Where everlasting Spring abides..."	8] = __)
9] Flora	J) "Take of this corn, but save the best for seed. It is the Grange symbol of Faith."	9] = __)

Source: Subordinate Grange Manual



PIC Source: National Grange.org

January is Universal Human Rights Month. It's also Blood Donor, Hobby, & National Mentoring Month. January's 1st week: New Year's Resolutions Week & National Healthy Weight is the 3rd week. January (Janus, Roman God of Doors) Info: Flower is Carnation, Birthstone is Garnet, & Full Wolf (Ice) Moon is on Jan 6.

January Biographys: 1] Paul Revere [Boston, MA _B:1.1.1735] a ringleader of the Boston Tea Party, he rode in the night to warn Americans of British plans to raid Lexington & Concord. 2] John Hancock [Braintree, MA _B:1.12.1737] was president of the 2nd Continental Congress in 1775, the 1st signer of the Declaration of Independence & the 1st elected governor of MA. 3] Benjamin Franklin [Boston, MA _B:1.17.1706] Founding Father, printer, author -"Poor Richard", publisher, philosopher, scientist, & diplomat, he invented lightning rod, bifocals,etc. He signed the Declaration of Independence & Constitution. Ben selected *E pluribus unum*_"Out of many, one" for the Great Seal.

Source: <https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/january.htm>

Date	Name of Special Day	Description	Event Type
01/01/23	New Years' Day	Also known as: National Hang Over Day & Polar Bear Plunge Day	National Holiday
01/06/23	Feast of Epiphany / 3 Kings Day	Day after 12th days of Christmas. Melchior, Caspar, & Balthazar gave Jesus gifts.	Christian Holiday
01/09/23	Law Enforcement Appreciation Day	Founded in 2015, info at: https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/lead	National Day
01/11/23	Human Trafficking Awareness Day	This Day was named by US Senate 2007. http://www.318project.org/	National Day
01/15/23	World Religion Day [3rd Sunday]	Began in 1950 by US Bahá'í religion to promote inter-faith understanding & unity.	Religious Day
01/16/23	Martin Luther King Day [3rd Monday]	In 1983, M. L. King's birthday became a National Holiday by Act of US Congress.	National Holiday
01/17/23	Benjamin Franklin Day	Franklin's endowment for Tradesmen in MA. "Ben Franklin's Last Bet" by M. Meyer	International Day
01/22/23	Chinese New Year's Eve	Chinese New Year Day: "The year of the Rabbit"	International Day
01/24/23	National Compliment Day	NH's Chamberlin & Hoffman said, offer sincere compliments to people you know.	National Day
01/27/23	Holocaust Remembrance Day	6 million Jews died in WWII, until liberated from Auschwitz on 1.27.45.	International Day
01/28/23	National Seed Swap Day	[Last Saturday] Seed Info: http://www.gardenersnet.com/seeds.htm	National Day
01/30/23	Grange Master, Betsy Huber's Birth	Also US President F.D.Roosevelt's Birthday [1882] He was a Grange member.	Grange Event

*Sources: <https://nationaldaycalendar.com>

"Quiz" Answers: 1]_E); 2]_D); 3]_G); 4]_C); 5]_A); 6]_B); 7]_J); 8]_F); 9]_H).