

Outside My Window on Parker Street

As I look out the window in my dining room where I sit to compose this column for the Granite State Granger, all that I see in the back yard is a covering of white! I sit here and think about all of the spring activities that will soon happen as the weather turns warm!

Winter is a tough time for all of our Granges. I know that I look forward to being in the warmth of my own home and sometimes the thoughts of going out are unappealing, but the warmth that our Brothers and Sisters bring to our meetings certainly helps me overcome my apathy about attending my local Grange meeting.

This time of year offers great opportunities to promote the Grange. Your Grange can offer to host "Meet the Candidate" events or facilitate Town Warrant discussions. A fundraising activity is also a possibility. Has your Grange ever put a refreshment table out at town elections and Town meetings? We need to remember these are opportunities to promote our Granges in our local communities.

The Grange Growth Seminar hosted by Chichester Grange was a big success with twenty plus members attending. Brother Michael Martin conducted an informative session to help all the Granges in attendance grow the Grange in their Community.

A big thank you goes out to our State Grange Membership Promotion Committee for doing an outstanding job at promoting the Grange at Farm and Forest Expo on February 7 & 8 at the Center of NH in Manchester. We were pleased to have won first place in the educational exhibit category. I was also pleased to have met the Governor that evening as well.

We look forward to seeing you all at some of the upcoming events like Spring Fling in April and the Degree Day in May. Look at your calendar of events for specific dates and locations for these events.