

# SOUTH BRISTOL GRANGE #1107

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100 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 11, 2023





# GRANGE HONORED WWI VETERANS

- Special banner created and on display / Started all meetings Pledge to Flag
- Herbert Coye
- Charles Standish
- Henry Eichenberger
- Ray Woodward
- William Fox
- Henry Herzberger \* killed in action
- Bristol Hills Hist. Soc. Honoring Veterans
- December 16, 2023
- Wreaths Across America
- 4 Local Cemeteries:
- Vincent Hill, Bristol Center, Wilder, Coye



# LAND GRANT 1862- AG. SCHOOLS & DEPT.AG.

## GRANGE ORGANIZED 1867

- Heal scars of Civil War
- Improve farmers' education, economic & social positions
- Cooperative insurance-especially fire
- 1<sup>st</sup> Fraternal organization to admit women equally



# GRANGE MOTTO

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- **“In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”**
- Welcome people of all races, creeds, religions and nationalities
- See good in all fellow beings
- Put to work our generous hearts
- Open hands to raise all our neighbors and communities.



# GRANGE: “FARM OR FARMHOUSE”

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## PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

- First Degree: Preparation-Spring
- Second Degree: Culture-Summer
- Third Degree: Harvest-Fall
- Fourth Degree: Home-Winter

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Offices:
- Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gate Keeper, Ceres (grain), Pomona (fruit), Flora (flowers), Lady Asst. Steward, Juvenile Grange Master



# S. BRISTOL/NAPLES LAKEVIEW GRANGE

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- First Master- Frank Benjamin Ingraham- lumber business in S. Bristol
- 1885 Lakeview Grange #492 evidently splits into S. Bristol and Naples Granges before 1907
- Location unknown



# LOCAL GRANGE BEGINS WITH HELP OF S. BRISTOL KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES

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- Fraternal organization provided insurance and Social Club
- Order of Foresters- started in Canada
- 1901-1903 Knights of the Maccabees buy lumber to build KOTM across street
- (Coye, Cornish, Edgett, Richard, Sanders, Ricketson, Holcomb, Johnson, Mehlenbacher, Mansfield, et al)

# K.O.T.M. AND GRANGE PARTNERSHIP

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## HALL BUILT 1905

- 1906 Bristol Grange formed meets various places through 1907
- 1908-1916 both meet at KOTM
- November 8, 1916 Fire destroys K.O.T.M. Hall
- Newspaper article: KOTM and Grange members thanks public for helping to save property from fire





# GRANGE THEN

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- April 1922 Nash home burns
- Grange buys current land Sept. 1922  
Construction Begins 60'x35'
- Cost to build \$6,000

# DEDICATED - MAY 25, 1923



- Juvenile Grange starts in 1937
- National Register of
- Historic Places 1997



# GRANGE IN SESSION





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- Rural Free Mail Delivery
  - Parcel Post 1887
  - Ag. Research Extensions 1917
  - Pure Food & Drug Act 1906
  - Farm Credit
  - Natural Resources Conservation
  - Improved Roads
  - Literacy & Agricultural Education
  - Rural Electrification 1930s
  - Oppose Railroad Monopoly
  - Promote Rural Health Care
  - Youth education, service, responsibility
  - Community Service: feed poor, adopt roads, clean parks, visit elderly, toys to tots, improve infrastructure
  - Temperance

# ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GRANGE

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Dinners, Plays, Parties

Recitals & Concerts- 1920-\$6 piano

Round & Square Dances

Club Meetings

Wedding Reception

Art exhibits

Basketball Game & Field Day



# GRANGE GIFTS BUILDING TO TOWN

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- September 13, 1977
- Stipulates that Grange can use building for meetings
- Town appraisal reveals renovations to office space too costly
- Grange drops its charter July 17, 1982 due to low enrollment and financial burden
- Town returns building to Grange ownership May 15, 1984- \$1
- Building deteriorates until 1989



# 1989 “SAVE THE GRANGE COMMITTEE”

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- 18 volunteers
- Refurbished hall, Held dinners
- South Bristol Building Savers created as not-for-profit organization
- New furnace, stove, wiring, sink, doors, sidewalk
- 1992 Western NY Merit Award for Renovating Building



# SOUTH BRISTOL CULTURAL CENTER 1992-2002

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- Sub-committee of “South Bristol Building Savers
- 20 classes 9 special events April- Holiday Ball
- 1997: 52 local artists, poets, musicians & lecturers
- Collaboration with Bristol Valley Theatre, [Eastman School of Music](#), [University of Rochester](#) and the Naples Art Network.
- Wine 101, “Culinary Arts Once More,” Etiquette 201, “The Fine Art of Entertaining”
- Adult art classes, Acting/play production,
- Kite flying, South Bristol Cinema
- Special events: coffeehouse & poetry reading
- Horticultural quips and tips-Doc and Katie Abraham
- The average cost for classes was \$35, and for special events, \$5.



# 1996 SOUTH BRISTOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDED

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## SHARED SPACE 1996-2002

- Grange renews charter and resumes 1107 but disbands in 2002
- Deeds: furniture, dishes, original artwork, files, Grange records, piano, and the Marie Standish Bills Memorial Park to historical society

## BUYS GRANGE – OCTOBER 2002

- South Bristol Hist. Society begins museum collection
- National Register of Historic Places Designation 1997
- 2018-2020 Merger with Bristol Historical Society into...

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