

# PROCEEDINGS

Of the

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST  
ANNUAL SESSION

## **New Hampshire State Grange**

*Of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry*



Held at

Nashua, NH

October 23, 24, 25, 27, 2014

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary

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**STATE GRANGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Organized December 23, 1873

Incorporated July 2, 1875

**ROLL OF HONOR  
PAST MASTERS**

1873	Dudley T. Chase*	Claremont
1879	George A. Wason*	New Boston
1883	William H. Stinson*	Goffstown
1886	Charles McDaniels*	Springfield
1891	Nahum J. Batchelder*	East Andover
1903	Herbert O. Hadley*	Peterborough
1909	Richard Pattee*	Laconia
1913	Wesley Adams*	Londonderry
1917	Fred A. Rogers*	Meriden
1921	Herbert N. Sawyer*	Atkinson
1925	James C. Farmer*	Keene
1929	John A. Hammons*	Gilford
1933	Arthur W. McDaniel*	East Barrington
1937	William J. Neal*	Meredith
1943	Charles A. Rollins*	West Alton
1947	Charles R. Eastman*	Kensington
1953	J. Thornton Tripp*	Rochester
1955	George F. Clement*	Landaff
1959	Asa H. Morgan*	Bow
1963	Carl S. Adams	Lebanon
1967	John L. Saturley*	Chichester
1971	E. Norris Hall*	Nashua
1975	Alton F. Carpenter*	Canaan, VT
1977	B. Franklin Hayes*	East Rochester
1980	Philip A. Shattuck*	Brookline
1984	Everett H. Poore*	Littleton
1988	Philip J. Estes*	Rochester
1990	Paul W. Davis, Sr. †	Loudon
1994	Richard W. Patten †	Concord
1998	Daniel P. Bascom †	Rochester
2002	John H. West*	Chichester
2006	Beth Merrill †	Antrim

\* *Deceased*

† *Present during Session*

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
OF THE ORDER OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY  
CROWN PLAZA ~ NASHUA, NASHUA, NH**

**Thursday, October 23, 2014**

The officers of the New Hampshire State Grange marched in to officially open the 141st Annual Session at 4:00 PM.

Officers present were:

Master	James Tetreault
Overseer	Christopher Heath
Lecturer	Hannah West
Steward	Robert Trombi
Assistant Steward	Arthur Merrill
Lady Assistant Steward	Jane Trombi
Chaplain	Matthew Clark
Treasurer	Daniel P. Bascom
Secretary	Gerald J. Leclerc
Gatekeeper	Kathy Yardley
Ceres	Tricia J. Taylor
Pomona	Ida Hutchins
Flora	Ann Leger
Executive Committee	Beth Merrill
	Donald R. Ross
	Mark Collins
	Wilber Heath
	Robert Haefner
Musician	Lester Gibbs

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

The Grange was then lowered to the Fourth Degree.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

State Steward Robert Trombi announced Leroy Watson Trademark Protection Manager for the National Grange is our guest and in waiting. The Assistant Stewards escorted him to a seat at the Master's station.

Leroy Watson was called on for a few words. He brought the greetings of the National Grange. Personally he has been involved on a professional level with the National Grange for 30 years and enjoys advocating for the Grange and what it stands for. While here in New Hampshire he is looking forward to spending time and serving as our advisor and counselor he encourages anyone with questions to please stop him if they have some thing to ask.

The secretary informed the delegates about the delegate packets and that the binder and inserts are to be returned to the credentials table following the session. Any grange whose binder is not returned will be charged five dollars for a replacement. It was also announced what the program would be for the evening. All were encouraged to return for the 7 pm program.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed in the fourth degree at 4:45 pm

### **Evening Session**

Jim Tetreault began the evening welcoming everyone to the Public Program. He led us in the salute to the flag and singing of America the Beautiful.

The evening was turned over to Dick Patten Community Service director.

Dick gave a brief description of the Awards presented annually to members in our communities and the quality of the nominees this year. Because of the caliber of the nominees, the judges had a difficult time making their selections.

**Granger of the Year ~ Female** was presented to Ida Hutchins from Baker's River Grange for her years of service to the grange a her community

**Grange of the Year ~ Male** was presented to Steve Durand from Wicwas Grange

**Public Service Award** presented to Sheryl Covey from Brookline Emergency Medical Service.

**Community Citizen Award** was presented Joe Undercofler for his commitment to the scouts and the town of Hudson.

**Police Officer ~ Part Time** was presented to Kevin Kay from the Wentworth Police Department. The award was accepted by the representatives of the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department

**Firefighter of the year** was presented to Brian Saltmarsh the award was accepted by the Concord Fire Chief.

**Group Award** went to the Town of Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department. Several members of the department were present to accept the award.

The Alvirne High School Jazz band under the direction of Gerry Bastien, Coordinator of Music for the Hudson School district entertained the 180 in attendance.

The evening program closed at 8:45 pm.

**Friday, October 25, 2013**

The second day of the 141st Annual Session opened at 8:00 am with Worthy State Master James Tetreault presiding.

Calling the roll of officers found all present

Calling the roll of granges found a quorum present.

Leroy Watson was escorted to the master's station. He brought the greetings of the National Grange. An update was given on some of the happenings at National Grange.

Brother Watson stated that in order for our granges to prosper we need to continue to bring in new members. We as members need be ambassadors of the Grange.

An update on the Grange trade mark protection was given he spoke of the expense of this and the importance of protecting our name. Over 120 cases have been dealt with. Most of which have not been cost large amounts. As a result the national grange has now issued licenses to several businesses mostly in the restaurant industry. As more licenses are granted the fees will hopefully off set the cost of other trade mark litigation.

After 20 years the National Grange will be coming out with a New Grange Cookbook that will reflect the dietary trends of today.

The minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved.

The Secretary read three additional resolutions that were received following the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

*Resolution #*

*Submitted by ~ Hudson Grange #11*

*Subject ~ Serving of Alcoholic Beverages at the State Grange Banquet*

**WHEREAS**, the New Hampshire State Grange has had a policy prohibiting alcoholic beverages being served and/or sold at Grange functions, and

**WHEREAS**, alcoholic beverages have not been allowed or available for sale at our State Banquet at the Annual State Grange Session, and

**WHEREAS**, a banquet facility will often adjust prices for meals being served when beverages (alcoholic as well as non-alcoholic) are available for purchase, and

**WHEREAS**, it is assumed that the liability regarding the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages will rest with the banquet facility and not in any way with the NH State Grange;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved the New Hampshire State Grange Master, Executive Committee and the State Session Coordinator research this matter in regards to cost savings and liability and report their findings at the next State Grange Session;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** if the findings are favorable and reveal a cost savings and/or no liability on the part of the NH State Grange that the NH State Grange consider allowing the sale of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages at future banquets hosted by the NH State Grange.

*Resolution #6*

*Submitted by: Stratford Grange #238*

*Subject: NH State Grange Session*

**WHEREAS**, the NH State Grange budget is strained and,

**WHEREAS**, Grange membership is aging and on a fixed income and,

**WHEREAS**, the working members are dealing with a struggling economy and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Session is one of the larger items in the NH State Grange budget,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NH State Grange look into less expensive and opulent venues for State Session in an effort to increase attendance and decrease expenses of members and State Grange

*Resolution #7*

*Submitted by: Stratford Grange #238*

*Subject: Rural Water Quality*

**WHEREAS**, we have had two incidents this year where drinking water for large metropolitan areas have been found polluted and then quickly rectified and

**WHEREAS**, we have entire rural counties whose groundwater and underground aquifers are polluted by agricultural poisons but nothing has been done to rectify the situation forcing poverty stricken Americans to drink this water causing sickness and death and,

**WHEREAS**, drinkable water is becoming scarce on this earth due to pollution and droughts caused by current agricultural practices and may not support life for our great-grandchildren,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Grange promote restraints on agricultural poisons and that the drinking water situations noted above be rectified in the rural areas as equally well as in the metropolitan areas.

The resolutions were accepted and referred to the Resolution Committee for review.



**Standing Rules of the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Session  
New Hampshire State Grange of the  
Order of Patrons of Husbandry**

Crowne Plaza ~ Nashua  
2 Somerset Parkway  
Nashua, NH 03063  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- All persons, except special guests, must be registered. Nametags and programs will be issued at the Credentials table.
- Admission to the meetings shall be by nametag and password only. Upon giving the password, the meeting Deputy will provide a colored sticker for your badge indicating that you are a member in good standing and will not need to give the password again. If you are not wearing your nametag you will be refused admittance. The password will need to be given for admission to the Conferral of the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree.
- As a common courtesy to all members, cell phones are to be turned off, or set on vibrate. If your phone makes a sound during the meeting you will be expected to pay a fine of **\$5.00** to the State Gatekeeper. The fines will be donated to the Junior Grange Department.
- At least fifteen delegates shall constitute a quorum of the State Grange.
- Every Subordinate and Pomona Grange in good standing shall be represented by the Master or his/her alternate and one other delegate from said Grange.
- The voting body of the State Grange shall be all registered delegates.
- Members attending as non-delegates may take part in discussion, with permission from the chair, but shall not make motions and shall not vote.
- A member wishing to speak shall wait for recognition by the Master, and upon provision of a working microphone shall announce his/her name and Grange he/she is representing.
- When two members rise to speak at the same time, the chair will first recognize the member standing the furthest distance from the Master's station.
- No delegate shall speak more than two minutes on any question under discussion nor may speak a second time until all others who wish to speak have had the opportunity to do so.
- All reports and other materials for the permanent record, immediately on presentation, shall be given to the State Secretary, via a Scandisk which the State Secretary has provided and a paper copy or any report.

- The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the meeting in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws and the Standing Rules.
- These Standing Rules shall be presented to the members for adoption; a 2/3 vote shall be required for adoption.

*The standing rules excepted as presented.*

Ken Berry, Session Coordinator, was called upon to present his annual report

**State Session Coordinator  
2013-2014**

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters,

The NH State Grange hosted the National Grange last November at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester. This was the largest convention for the hotel for 2013. Due to the large demand for rooms some Grange members had to stay at the County Inn & Suites in Bedford. As I said right from the start the Radisson Hotel is the only hotel in New Hampshire that could host the National Grange.

In 1994 the NH State Grange was held at the Holiday Inn in Concord. At that time the hotel was too small for our group. Now that we have fewer Grangers the hotel worked out very well for our State Session this past October 2013 in Concord. We did get a larger response to the surveys that were handed out at last year's session. However the numbers did not change. The only difference was I had more amusing comments to read. I learned a long time ago you can not satisfy everyone.

I did get a little late start making plans for the 2015 State Session. I found not only did I have a 2015 State Session to plan for but I also had to contract a hotel for the Northeast Leaders Conference in January 2015 as it was NH's turn to host the conference.

Since the Leaders Conference had been at the Best Western in Portsmouth back in 2008 it would be an easy contract. However, I found out that they did not have the last contract so I had to start all over again. This time the conference will be a lot better as the hotel now has the Roundabout Diner. The Roundabout Diner will be catering a luncheon and banquet. The date of the Northeast Leader's Conference will be January 9 – 11, 2015.

At an early 2014 NH State Grange Executive Committee meeting it was stated that the National Grange will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November of 2015. Usually the National Grange is the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in November. As this was the case I did something different this year. I went out and got two hotel proposals. The first one was for the Fireside Inn & Suites in West Lebanon for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October 2015. The second proposal was for the Town and County Motor Inn in Gorham for the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in October 2015. Both proposals were presented at a Executive Committee meeting earlier this year. The NH

State Grange Executive Committee awarded the contract to the Town and Country Motor Inn. The dates for next years State Session will be October 22 – 24, 2015.

For this years State Session here at the Crowne Plaza, I would like to thank Kirsten Sea Perry the Crowne Plaza Meeting Director. I have been working with her for well over a year. I had to locate a hotel that could accommodate the NH State Grange State Session. I also have to have a full service hotel and a lot of space for exhibits. The Crowne Plaza Hotel surely met the needs of our State Grange. At the time the contract was signed I didn't think the room rates where that great. As of two weeks ago the hotel was almost full for the weekend. The room rates are now \$141.00 to \$200.00 per night. As it turns out I did pretty well after all.

I would like to thank our State Master Jim Tetreault for allowing me to be the NH State Grange Session Coordinator during his 4 years of being the NH State Grange Master. Also many thanks to Trisha Taylor for her work in handling the banquet ticket reservations. Thank you Trisha for putting up with all of my phone calls and e-mails.

In closing, "if you have a positive attitude and constantly strive to give it your best effort eventually you will overcome your immediate problems and find you are ready for greater challenges".

Fraternally,

Kenneth L. Berry  
NH State Grange Session Coordinator

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Sherrill Bokousky was presented to the Masters station to present the Fundraising report.

### **Fundraising Report**

Worthy Master, Guests, Brothers and sister Patrons

I am here to report on our fundraising projects and activities for this year. Fundraising is a much needed part of our organization's life. We had a 50/50 raffle and silent auction during state session in October which helped to start out the yearly activities.

We had three major projects this year. Our first project began right after state session was completed in October. The project was the 1/20 club which helps us to raise funds which people can buy a ticket for a weekly drawing held each week for 20 weeks.

Next we participated in the Blueberry Pie Day at the Big E in Springfield, Massachusetts. Getting the dates, asking for volunteers, worrying we would have enough people was the hard part. We worked a 12 hour day, volunteers taking shifts to sell Blueberry Pie with ice

cream and other ice cream treats. The final project this year is the Silent Auction here at State Session. There are lots of great items on the table if you haven't seen them yet.

So we look to projects for next year. The plan is to start off with the 1/20 club and Blueberry Pie Days in September, Silent Auction at State Session and 50/50 raffles.

For anybody who has volunteered for any of these projects, thank you. We all make it happen. As we move forward we need to continue fundraising in order to remain successful in our work. We are always looking for ideas or projects that we can do.

Worthy Master thank you for asking me to work on these projects. I really did enjoy the time spent.

Fraternally

Sherrill Bokousky

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Bob Trombi was presented to the master's station to present the Family Weekend report and visioning report.

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

It is with pleasure that I present to you my reports for Family weekend and Visioning.

### **Family Weekend**

2014 Grange Family Camping Weekend was held on July 24-26 at Gunstock Campground. It was a great weekend of fun and fellowship. We had 31 Grangers and friends, in 9 Campers, and 3 tents.

On Saturday, a few members of our group braved the "Treetop Adventure", an elevated course located in the trees onsite. Some of the obstacles were as high as 100' up. On Saturday evening, we had our traditional potluck supper and a group campfire.

Join us for another relaxing weekend of fellowship in 2015, on July 24-26 at the Gunstock resort.

### **Visioning**

Last year I reported that it was a lonely year for the Visioning Deputy, with only one request. This year I had a similar experience, with only two requests (the second one will be scheduled soon). I am not sure what the future of this program will or should be. More information on the fate of this program will be available at a later date.

Before I go, I would like to take a moment, as Steward, to express my gratitude to all of my regalia elves, who set up everything you see here. If you helped in any way in setup, please stand. Without these people, we would not have this wonderful meeting space. A

special thank you to Mark Collins with his hard work, sound system expertise and the loan of his trailer to get it all here and back. Thank you all.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert Trombi  
Family Weekend Coordinator,  
Visioning Deputy

Representatives from Rochester, Park, Antrim, Concord, Rockingham, Daniel Webster, Manchester Community, Gilman and Arlington Granges gave examples of what they have done in their communities to give the grange a positive influence and bring awareness of the grange.

*These reports were accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Diane Collins, Chairman of the Trust Fund was called on to give the report the Trustees of Trust Funds

#### **Trustees of Trust Fund**

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

The Trustees held their annual session in May at the home of Paul and Rhoda Davis. We gave a hearty welcome to Joy Perkins as the newest member of our committee. Diane Collins was elected Chairman, and Ann Leger was elected Secretary. The new policy voted on last year to limit a member to a total of \$1,500 in aid during a five year period was updated with a starting date of Jan. 1, 2014.

During the past year we helped 2 Grange members totaling \$1,000.00 in aid. We also collected \$170.00 in donations.

Fraternally,

Diane L. Collins, Chairman  
Ann Leger, Secretary  
Rhoda Davis, Vicki Hussman and Joy Perkins, Trustees

*The report was accepted and printed in the journal.*

Matthew Clark was call upon to present the Eastern State Trustees report

**Eastern State Trustees  
New England Grange Building 2014**

This is only a partial report from Linda Sanderson and Steve Logan for the state sessions this fall.

The fair attendance was 1,498,605 and there were 4 record breaking days. The major record broken this year was for Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> with 170,612 in attendance, it was gate to gate packed with fair goers. People were parking on off ramps and every side street with 2 miles of the fair. The fair parking lot had been shut down at 11 am and didn't open back up at all that day. As of last year with their record fair attendance, the Big E is now the 5<sup>th</sup> largest fair in North America. Outstanding!

We hosted the FFA Stars again this year and there were 32 candidates for their 4 programs, Steve and Claire attended the FFA awards luncheon and were well praised for what the Grange does for the FFA here at the Big E.

The juniors had a very nice exhibit with recycled items, though we would like to see more states participating.

Grange Store: Calvin Chase ordered several new products for the store this year. Amish Peanut butter and the return of the mint jelly.

Home Crafts: our New England members have been very generous in supplying us with crafts. Thank you Thank you! A few areas that we could use more items in are Christmas tree decorations, baby items, afghans, lap robes, mittens, socks & slippers and of course scrubbies. Income from store and crafts was \$25,365. This is down from record sales last year, but many vendors sales were down.

Grange Day: We had 3 bands that played on Sundays this year. We started with Santa Croce (the family band that played at National last year) they were a big hit. Followed by Big Maple Tree-o band and the last one to play was "Off the Cuff". Music draws fair goers into the building. Many new fair goers have passed through this year and commented on the building.

Raffle: New York made the quilt this year and the money raised will go to St Jude Hospital. \$2,238 was raised this year but the raffle table was not staffed a third of the time.  
Building: Tom and crew were able to install the upstairs windows, put a new counter and sink in the men's bathroom and hot water was added for them.

One sink in the ladies bathroom was removed and a shelf added. Still many projects to be done, the columns were delivered during the last week of the fair so will be installed this fall. The outside of the building looks good with the shrubs and berm gone so now the building really stands out and some cosmetic work needs to be done on the outside of the building.

State rooms: only a few states had host/hostess in their rooms a few days this year. Volunteers are few and with most states and expense if they spend the night.

Fraternally submitted,

Steve Logan  
Linda Sanderson  
Co-Managers  
New England Grange Building

Following the report the trustees from NH gave an update on some of the improvements that have been done to the building the last few years.

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Robert Haefner, Director Legislative/Agriculture was called upon to give the report of the Agriculture and Legislative Department

### **Agriculture and Legislative**

Worthy Master, National Representative, Fellow Officers, Delegates and Grangers all,

Your Legislative and Agriculture Department had a year in which we wrote a number of letters taking position on Legislation or rules both state and national. We drafted letters endorsing HB 110 Reporting Cruelty to Livestock, opposing Labeling of Genetically Engineered foods on several grounds. We submitted comments on two sets of federal rules, WOTUS and FSMA. We also wrote to Senator Ayotte asking her to support the continuation of the federal gas tax.

We arranged to get Senator Ayotte to the National Grange to Speak. Although not formally the Legislative and Agriculture Departments Tara Sad and I, members of the Department, made the arrangements for the Salute to Agriculture Breakfast at National Grange, with all local foods and included Steve Taylor, former Commission of Agriculture as the featured speaker. We held, with the significant help of Dick Patten, our fourth Grange Day at the State House that included lunch and observing part of a session day.

I as a Granger and State Representative co-chaired with Representative Sad the Centennial Celebration of the NH Department of Agriculture Markets and Food and I also was a member of the committee to plan the Celebration of the UNH Cooperative Extension Centennial Celebration. At the DAMF celebration, we had a Grange booth and arranged for pies, with local fruit to be baked by Grangers and the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau.

Last year at Session, we presented the Legislative award to Representative Guy Comtois, who attended the Banquet with his family. We also gave our Agriculture awards at local Granges in November. The Young Farmer award went to the Woosters at Arlington

Grange and the Century Farm Award to Forbes Dairy and did that at Riverside Grange in Dalton.

The Grange continues to have a seat on the NH Farm Bureau's Government Affairs Committee that I fill. We are there helping set Farm Bureau Policy and bring the State Grange and the State Farm Bureau closer together; I spent three days at the NH FFA convention again this past April. I always notice how much the FFA opening and closing ritual resembles ours. Wilbur Heath has also filled the newly created Grange seat on the FFA Foundation.

Although not Directly Grange, but legislative organizations, I learn things I can use as your Legislative and Agriculture Director; and never miss an opportunity to promote Grange, while at the Council of State Governments and the State Agriculture and Rural Leaders annual Agriculture Chairs Summit.

Fraternally,

Bob Haefner, Director  
Legislative & Agriculture Committee

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

The annual Memorial Service was presented by State Chaplain, Matthew Clark accompanied by the Flora, Ceres, Pomona, Secretary and Master.

### **2014 Grange Memorial Service**

Call to Worship: Psalm 121  
Opening Prayer  
Reading: "For Our Troops"  
Song: This is My Country  
Prayer for our troops and country  
Message: What is a Memorial  
Song: In The Garden  
Reading the Roll  
Reading "Family Chain"  
Song: God Be With You  
Closing prayer



## Memorial List 2014

Ina Andersen	Past Master Rumney Grange #188, Past Master Grafton County Pomona #13, Charter member Freedom Grange #193 Past member of the State Home Economic and Fair Committees
Reginald Amazeen	Past Master Tuftonborough Grange #142, Past Master Carroll County Pomona #8, Past Pomona and Subordinate Deputy
Lewis Bartlett	Husband of Past Master Dorothy Bartlett
Howard Bemis	Past Master Sugar River Grange #190
Rita Blakslee	Wife of Past Master Charles Blakslee Riverside Grange #137
Olive Bourque	Past Master Jaffrey Grange #135, Miller Grange #34 and Grand Monadnock Pomona Grange #22, Past State Membership Director, Past Chairman of Deaf Activities, Past members of the Youth and Publicity Committees.
Lester Bradley	Past Master West Thornton Grange #253, Past Subordinate Deputy
Raymond Burton	Past Master Pine Grove Grange # 298, Past Member of the NH State Grange Youth Committee
Herbert Capron	Past Master Golden Rod Grange #114 and Marlboro Grange #118, Past Master Grand Monadnock Pomona #22
Philip Chase	Past Master Rochester Grange #86
Annie Eckerman	Past Master Sullivan Grange #8
George Farewell	Past Master Mont Calm Grange #70
Stuart Gile	Past Master Pembroke Grange #111
Virginia Hayes	Past Master Rochester Grange #86, Past Master Henry Wilson Grange #205, Past Master Eastern NH Pomona #2, Past Junior Deputy Past State Junior Director, Past State Ceres, Member of the Assembly of Demeter
Norman Heath	Husband of Past Master Esther Heath, Mont Hope Grange #77

Marjorie Huntoon	Past Master Blazing Star Grange #71, Past Master Lake & Valley Pomona #17, Past member of the Home Economics, Membership, Youth, Publicity, and Community Service Committees, Past Subordinate Deputy, Past State Pomona.
Marion T. Jones	Past Master Daniel Webster Grange #100, Past Master Merrimack County Pomona #3, Past member of the Youth, Ways & Means and Eastern States Committees, Past State Lady Assistant Steward Past State Flora, Past State Pianist, Past Member of the State Grange Executive Committee, Past State Lecturer, Recipient of the 2013 Grange Founders Award.
Muriel Kenneson	Past Master Rumney Grange #188
Bradley Lacross	Husband of Past Master Loraine Lacross, Sunapee Lake Grange #112
Clinton W Patten	Past Master Pineconia Grange #322, Past State Grange Agriculture Committee, Past Membership and State Grange Building Committees
John Pepau	Past Master Groveton Grange #255, Past Master Pilot Grange #229 Past Master Androscoggin Valley Pomona #15, Past Master Upper Coos Pomona #14 Past member of Committee of Men's Activities
Gilbert Pinkney	Past Master Silver Mountain Grange #196
Mary Reardon	Past Master Mt Forest Grange #351
Dorothy Robie	Past Master Community Grange #329
William Rooney	Past Master Baker's River Grange #290, Past Master Grafton County Pomona #13
Eva Smith	Wife of Past Master Richard A Smith Sr., Wingold Grange #308
Irene Spaulding	Wife of Past Master William Spaulding Merrimack County Pomona #3
Roy Taylor	Past Master Granite Grange #7

Phyllis J Taylor	Past Master Blazing Star Grange #71 Past Chairman of State Grange Resolutions Committee, Past Education Committee member, Past Subordinate Deputy
Eleanor Tedford	Wife of Past Master Harold Tedford, Arlington Grange #139
Sue Ann Tingley	Wife of Past Master Everett Tingley, Joe English Grange #53
Christine Woods	Past Master Pine Grove Grange #298, Past Master Northern NH Pomona #5, Past Junior Deputy, Past member of the State Youth and Home Economics Committees
Ruth Young	Wife of Past Master George A Young Coheco Grange #81

Session recessed until 1:30

State Historian Richard Patten hosted an Historian Luncheon where he honored the following with Grange Founders Award: Past State Master, Carl Adams; Past State Master and State Ceres, Paul and Rhoda Davis; and Richard Currier.

Session reconvened.

Steward Robert Trombi announced that Lorraine Merrill Commissioner of Agriculture for New Hampshire was our honored guest and in waiting.

The Assistants escorted the Commissioner to the master's station for a few words.

The Commissioner thanked the Grange for its continued support of the farms and rural heritage in the state of New Hampshire.

State Overseer Christopher Heath introduced James Tetreault to present his final annual address.

### **State Master's Address**

Fellow State Officers, Honored Guest and Brothers and Sisters:

As I sit here in my office at the Winchester Town Hall to ponder the last four years, I seriously thought about not writing this final address but its tradition and part of the State Masters job is not only to provide direction and inspiration for the organization but to maintain the relevant traditions that don't hold the organization back from growing. In 2014 we celebrate 140 years of tradition, advocacy and fraternity. When I was twenty years old my dream was to become Master of the New Hampshire State Grange. Thank you to all who contributed to my dream. It's been an amazing experience to lead an

organization that has given me so much to me and helped me to become the person that I am today! You all had a hand in my development as a leader and person.

My mind also goes back to October of 2010 at the Winchester Town Hall and the beautiful fall day when I was installed as Master of this State Grange. I was proud to have had many members of my family present, many friends and coworkers, and my oldest and closest friend, David Corliss. His being present meant the world to me.

I must take an opportunity to mention my dearly departed sister, Kristine Carle. A year and a month from that installation she would be gone at the age of 43. A day does not go by that I don't think of her, especially when I see her two sons who; are now young men learning to become contributors to society with the advice and guidance of an uncle who was never a parent, and only has his own raising to draw from. Thankfully our family has expanded to include many good friends who also offer guidance.

In 2010 when I became your State Master, my predecessor Sister Beth Merrill, had begun the process of positioning our State Grange for growth! Under her leadership we enjoyed discussions about the role of Pomona Granges in our organization today. A group of us even attended a Pomona Grange Growth Seminar in Pittsburgh PA sponsored by the National Grange. We also held several Grange Growth Seminars and began the process of encouraging our members to ask people to join our wonderful organization.

So what have we accomplished during the last four years? Our mission to grow the Grange began with a plan to encourage Pomona Granges to create Grange Growth Teams to be the leader in Grange Growth in their specific areas of the State.

A State Wide Grange Growth Seminar was planned for early 2011 and Rusty Hunt, National Grange Membership Leadership Director, came and spent the weekend with us to conduct our training. The weekend was a great success, but what really came out of that weekend was that we needed to alter the plan. Several Grange Growth Teams were created to help individual Grange but they were no longer Pomona specific. Other opportunities to grow the Grange have included the NH Farm and Forest Exposition. We appointed a Special Outreach Deputy whose role was to find communities interested in organizing or reorganizing Granges.

We created the statewide Grange Growth Team whose role was to plan and to strategize Grange Growth. All of this work over the last 4 years finally netted us the first net gain in membership in seventy years!! "Well Done Good and Faithful Servants!" However, the work is not done. We have to continually work and encourage our members to ask their friends and associates to join the Grange. I ask you to remember what the Grange has done for you. Aren't your friends and associates entitled to the same benefits? During the last four years we have lost some Grange, but I am proud that we have re-organized some Granges as well. The city of Manchester now has a Grange, Hinsdale again has a Grange that is struggling, and Claremont after a ten year absence again has a Grange.

We have tried to target each geographical area of the State to give the members a chance to meet together and to have training from the National Grange for Membership Development Department under the direction of Michael Martin, the current Director, who put on G.O.A.L. Seminars. We collaborated with the State Granges of CT, RI, Me and NY to again use the skills of Rusty Hunt to train members to organize and revitalize Granges. What a great day at the Grange Building at Eastern States. NH had the largest delegation present that day.

In 2013 we created a Grange Growth booth that has been going around to Old Home Days and events in local communities to bring the Grange message and to assist local Granges in the membership promotion. Since the introduction of this Grange Growth booth we have had the opportunity to meet members of the community from Peterborough, Walpole and Concord. Thank you for the opportunity to assist you in recruiting new members for your Granges.

During the last four years we have also taken the opportunity to revisit our ritualism, Deputy inspections and instructions of the opening and closing, and balloting as well as the secret work. Thank you to General Deputy Arthur Merrill and all of the Deputies, for sharing my vision and helping to expand it with your love and understanding of our fine ritualism.

We have also had the opportunity to expand the media presence of the Grange in NH through the fine work that our webmaster Wayne Turcotte has done as well new media platforms of Facebook, and Twitter. The Grange was pleased to have been profiled on WMUR's "Chronicle" as well as a multi page write up with colored photos in "NH To-Do Magazine" and a drive time interview on the radio. The Union Leader did a piece on the revitalization of the Grange.

The Public Awards sponsored by the Family and Community Committee under the Direction of Past State Master Richard Patten and Past State Ceres Debbie Patten have brought public prestige to the Grange by recognizing outstanding public service of individuals in the Community. How many times have we heard "my parents loved the Grange!" How honored they were to be recognized by the Grange.

We are also pleased to have had an active social component during the last four years, our State Lecturer Hannah West, promoting the variety show socials with the Penny Sales and luncheon. In 2012 Hannah hosted the Northeast Lecturers conference at Rivier University in Nashua.

I have had the great opportunity to work with three State Youth Directors Patrick Bailey, Co Directors Allisa Estes and Andrea Goulet during my first term. Sherrill Bokousky stepped up to the plate during my final two years as State Master. During this time we have again had June Youth Rally as well as participation in Northeast Youth conference, with contestants participating in Sign-A-Song, Public Speaking as well as Drill. In 2014 we again hosted the Northeast Youth Conference again at Rivier University in Nashua, congratulations to Sherrill and her committee for an outstanding job!

Junior Director Joanne Brandt, chartered the NH State Junior Grange and has worked hard to bring the Junior Grange experience to a new generation of members.

As you all know I have a love and an appetite for politics. My dream would be to one day run for the US House of Representatives! Being your State Master has given me the opportunity to participate in this world. I have attended the Legislative Fly-Ins held in Washington DC, during the last four years. When we talk about the Grange being a non partisan, my Legislative Director Bob Haefner and I enjoy jabbing back and forth over the partisan headline of the day! In reality when we actually sit down and talk about the issue we find that we actually agree on more than we disagree on! I would encourage us to take our political leaders to task for their unwillingness to engage in conversation, to compromise and move the country forward!! We have enjoyed “Grange Day at the State House” over the last few years; we have worked hand in hand on selected pieces of state and federal legislation bringing the voices of our members to both Washington and Concord. I have written an opinion piece for the NH Market Bulletin this year, and this year I lobbied the State Senator concerning the GMO labeling bill.

During the last six years I have had the opportunity to serve on the Northeast Connection board, which oversees the planning and execution for the National Grange session held in the Northeast region. Our convention in Manchester was an awesome convention. I truly believe that we as a region have now set bench mark higher for National Grange conventions. Brothers and Sisters we did it right! Also for the last eight years I have served as a Trustee of New England Grange building, I am pleased to have been part of the team that moved the building forward and made it more welcoming to guests of the fair.

Tomorrow you will elect a new State Master! For the first time in many years when you elect State Officers my name will not be amongst those considered for a leadership position when you select leaders for our organization. It now time for me to focus on my family and my own Grange. A long standing tradition has been for the Past State Master to us their knowledge and experience to continue serving the organization as a member of the Executive Committee, because of family issues I don’t feel that I can commit the time and effort necessary to be an effective member of the Executive Committee.

On Sunday Morning when that newly elected State Master takes the obligation and has the sash placed over them my time in the spotlight will end.

I look forward to supporting the agenda of the new State Master and ask that you all do the same.

I want to thank all of the officers and the members for the warmth and hospitality you have provided me during the last four years.

In this report I have mentioned a few names, and if your name wasn’t mentioned please accept my gratitude and personal thanks for all the things each of you has done for the

Grange and your willingness to serve as part of my team during the last four years. I thank my family for their understanding when I was not around.

I thank my own Grange, who supported me when I was unable to complete the tasks that I hoped to complete to move our Grange forward.

I also want to give recognition to my friends Jody Cameron, Steve Logan and Vicki Huff for having the opportunity to serve with them as individuals and as a State Master. They made me a better State Master and gave me the confidence to move our organization forward. I now count them as friends, and we have a bond that can never be broken. Thank you all for your friendship.

I close this report today with this request, if we have had a difference of opinion over the last four years I ask that we leave our disagreements in the past. I leave this office with only warm memories and affection for all and a positive outlook for the future of our organization.

Fraternally Submitted,

Jim Tetreault, Master  
NH State Grange 2010-2014

*The address was submitted to the masters address committee for review.*

State Master James Tetreault introduced the following:

Ruth Gray, Past Master of the Florida State Grange  
Paul and Rhoda Davis, Past State Master and Ceres  
Walter and Norma Elwell for Rhode Island State Grange  
Roslyn Heath, Treasurer Florida State Grange

Steve Tracy Outreach Deputy was presented to the master's station to give his annual report.

### **OUTREACH DEPUTY REPORT**

Good afternoon Grangers, State Master, Pink Sash family and National Representatives.

Although we did not organize a new Grange this year I understand we had a gain in membership state wide and that is because of you and your efforts. Congratulations. Let's keep up the good work and keep those numbers climbing.

A few years ago when I was Membership Director I asked for help and you gave it in the form of the new membership boosting team. That team has met several times and then

worked in communities with and without Granges and I have been able to work with them in person, via email and phone. Their efforts show in the growing number of members.

When I attend other than Grange functions I wear some Grange memorabilia to initiate conversation and sometimes I speak to the group and make some connection with Grange and it pays off. In the last month alone I have gotten interest from 4 people for 3 different Granges. So talk about the Grange positively and be sure to have applications and a pen handy.

As I speak in communities and follow-up with individuals, I find people researching the Grange online, attending meetings, etc. Through these conversations I find this is sometimes a detriment. What I am finding is that we need to change our ways, actions, directions and attitudes. We need to heal ourselves from within. You spent money to send me around the country for training and one of the big things Rusty taught us was to listen to prospective members and fit the Grange to them. Hopefully you will listen to what I say and not waste your investment.

Let's start at the subordinate level. In some subordinates we have people who feel and act as if 'they are the Grange'. They make decisions for the Grange. Example comments I have heard are "We don't want to do that" when the subject has never been discussed and voted on in the Grange meeting. Another; "If the Grange votes to do that I will quit the Grange!" Officers and committee chairs who receive communications and decide not to read them at a Grange meeting because they feel the Grange will not be interested. The Grange is a group of people, not an individual. Attitudes need to change.

As for State and National levels, I've heard people say they do not want their names on the rolls of an organization that promotes 'business as usual' agriculture, etc. With a growing number of people realizing that we are destroying the earth and seeing it in the 'earth changes' and are moving toward the non-GMO, non Monsanto camps and promoting localvore movements and small farms we need to change also in order to gain members and possibly grow like the Grange did in the beginning. We need to give the people what they want.

Also with more and more people dealing with a strained economy and budgets we need to take a hard look at our finances in order keep our dues, etc. down. With the increase in dues people are saying 'what are the benefits?' The Grange is supposed to 'enhance rural life' but the benefits are geared more for an urban life. How about a group buy of organic seeds?

As I did a few years ago, I have joined a new group to learn what it is like to be a new member again. I am now a member of the NH Chapter of the Patriot Guard. We honor veterans and first responders at here funerals standing in formation holding American flags and a flag of their military branch or flags representing whatever first responder team they were a member of. We also protect the family and other people attending the wake, funeral and burial from harassing and protesting groups. I always wear some Grange insignia and this initiates conversation. I will be proud of these community service hours also.



The Grange needs to become more welcoming. There is a Grange in NH who has twice tried to reword the By-Laws to do this and it has failed. Since I have personally been publicly denounced in a previous NH State Grange Session for my Native American heritage I believe we need to get this done and I personally offer to take a section of the By-Laws and look for each place where the words in the resolution need to be inserted. Are there any others willing to step up to the plate to work on this much needed change?

I recently had the opportunity to attend a meeting at Riverside Grange in Dalton that was organized as a Membership Booster Night to cover the plan to the plan to surprise and honor Deputy Jean Abbott with Granger of the Year and 40 years as Library Trustee. I asked the people present that since they were here to honor Jean they could really honor her by joining the Grange to keep her joy alive. There is a good feeling of that of the approximately 30 people attending that there will be some new members there.

We speak of Granges across the state that we don't hear much from at the state level. I can speak for the North Country Granges; they are too busy in their communities to be active on the state level. Imagine that a community organization too busy in their community. Townspeople know there is a Grange in their community. This is better than in some communities who don't even know there is a Grange in the community. There is a display in the exhibit room showing their work.

There is a push in the North Country to 'go local' and encouraging local organizations to break away from their state and national entities that promote an agenda that 'are not a fit with North Country ideals.' I forwarded the Editorial promoting this in the local paper to our State Master and Chair of the State Executive Committee for discussion on how to counter this.

North Country Granges were struck with a major blow this fall. John Pepau, along with his wife Frances, has been very active in Grange for many years. John had a brain aneurysm and died leaving a big hole in the fabric of our Fraternity. I am very proud of the small but dedicated Stratford Grange. The moment word spread members were sitting with Frances at John's bedside, phone calls to other members to see how they were handling this and then when John passed over, Grangers continued in action by cooking and serving food after the service, did a Grange service and offered assistance to travelling family members. John and Frances's family said they feel comfortable going home knowing that the Grange family would be watching over Frances. This looks good in the community and 2 people have stepped up to answer the plea for someone to join the Grange and bring Frances to future Grange meetings.

Even though Stratford Grange is small and struggling and has weathered losses, Deputy Jean Abbott said 'You never quit.' Although it is hard for some people in the north to accept change, these members have accepted new ways to promote the Grange in the community that are bringing responses from non-members of "We are considering joining the Grange." Stratford Grange's Community Citizen Recipient (a youth) is considering joining along with several of her family members.

I have spoken of the need for advertising the Grange. (Display banner) So I ordered this banner for use on Grange halls, fair booths and floats. I was kindly reminded that there are 2 sides to every hall, etc so I was asked to order a 2<sup>nd</sup> one. These are available to share with other Granges and I encourage others Granges to consider getting some.

A Colebrook health clinic awards a community organization and an individual for their work throughout the year. This year Haven Haynes of our State Community Service Committee was the individual award recipient and Mohawk Grange received the organization award. Kudos to them. The work of Stratford and Mohawk Granges shows well on the Grange in the community.

I have worked on reorganizing a Grange in Stewartstown but there is a lack of public meeting places in the community. I have interested parties so we may have to start by meeting in someone's home.

Another situation that is making it difficult to grow the Grange in Coos County is that some influential people publicly denounce the Grange and its members. One day while I was in the library one of these people was talking loudly to the librarian about how 'we need to close all these Granges and warn our young people to stay away.' This person went on about that man who just moved up here from down country to build the Grange; he needs to be pressured into moving south again. "He's lowering property values up there in Stewartstown Hollow!" The librarian knew it was me this person was talking about and that I was hearing this, so she kept the person talking. The librarian decided that she didn't want to join her organization for fear she would start talking about her in the same manner. I have emailed Jim and Chris on this matter also to see how to deal with it.

Now, on a personal note; I have been blessed. One evening while doing my prayers I had a yearling bear cub come to my front door. He was close enough so I could see each individual hair. I said "Huh!" he said "Huh!" and took off. In Native culture having a bear visit your lodge is a blessing from Spirit.

1<sup>st</sup> blessing-I'm living and breathing. That may not seem like much but I was in the hospital for an overnight sleep apnea test. I flunked horribly. I stopped breathing for over a minute.

2<sup>nd</sup> blessing-After 15 years of separation, my son has come back into my life. He had been searching for me for years while I was always sending out prayers for him to find me. It has been a glorious reunion.

3<sup>rd</sup> blessing-On July 3<sup>rd</sup> a funnel cloud was seen growing over my home (2<sup>nd</sup> time in my life) and it uprooted a large tree and dropped it into my home while I was bathing. The only warning I had was the usual sound of a train coming. There never have been train tracks laid through that hollow. It all happened so fast that I do not remember leaving the house but I was standing on the front lawn rinsing with washcloth in hand looking at the damage. I looked up and said thank you Great Spirit. I do not know what you have planned

for me now but I await your plan. I had an instant overwhelming feeling that all will be ok. It has been. The only thing I have had to ask for was to use the neighbor's phone to call the fire dept., all the rest has come to me.

After giving thanks I had to go back into the rubble to get some clothes (someone was watching my every footstep as I didn't step on a nail) after dressing I then went around checking on the neighbors. Due to heartfelt prayers, donated labor, money and materials by Grangers and neighbors I was back in my home in time for post knee surgery recovery. Thank you, thank you, and thank you. I am about 95% rebuilt while I save up for cosmetic repairs. Hopefully then people will not be able to say 'I'm lowering property values' and we now have something more to speak about as a Grange benefit.

Although I have been on a temporary leave of my duties as your Outreach Deputy because of my home situation, I feel I am now ready to get back to work for you and I know that together "We will survive."

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Tracy  
NH State Grange Outreach Deputy

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Dan Bascom State Treasurer gave his annual report.

### **Treasurer's Annual Report 2014**

Worthy State Master; Brother Jim Tetreault, National Rep. Brother Leroy Watson, State Officers, Brother & Sisters all:

In presenting you my second report as Treasurer I have some exciting news to share with you this year. We have completed our second year with NO withdrawals from principal. Now I am going to deviate from the norm and share with you current account figures. As you know the Executive Committee has charge of the invested funds of the Grange. In 2009 at Gail Turcotte's urging, the Executive Committee looked into changing investment firms. Of the three tested (they gave \$100,000.00 to each firm to invest for a year.) Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney & Edward Jones were basically equal. We went with Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney as they agreed to also keep track of our sub-accounts. As a result, this past year our invested funds past the \$1,000,000.00 mark. The current market value of our invested funds as of September 30, 2014 is \$1,003,684.99. That sounds like a lot of money but I need to show you how it all breaks down. Thanks to our computer guru, Mark Collins, he has created a pie chart which is in your packet. The invested funds are as follows; Escrow Accounts \$537,825.90, (these belong to subordinate Granges), Educational Loan Fund \$143,949.21 (used for educational loans and grants), Trust Funds \$61,499.43 (used to assist fellow Grangers in need), Randel Richardson Youth Fund \$24,697.55 (used for youth travel expenses), Northeast Connection Fund \$ 16,568.27

(belongs to the Northeast Region) , Defunct Grange Account \$ 39,277.06 and Operating Fund \$179,867.57. The last two funds are the only ones that provide income to our budget. We use 3.5% based on a three year rolling average, so only \$7,348.77 is used as income for our budget. The 3.5% was voted on by the Executive Committee as our spending policy.

The reason for the spending policy is to help rebuild the principal in the operating fund. Enclosed in your packet is a graph showing the operating fund from 1999 to 2014. In 1999 we had \$219,760.66 and as you can see for many years our operating fund declined. This happened for many reasons, we had a new State Grange Building and the operating and repair costs were more than expected. Unexpected costs related to closed Grange halls, legal expenses and expenses in general. In going with the new investment firm it took 4 years before the accounts turned around and started rebuilding. We are still not back to where we were in 1999 but we are getting there. As the operating fund increases so does the available funds we need for our programs and departments. The Executive Committee has worked very diligently to accomplish this and I commend them for their work.

In July Gail Turcotte, Don Ross and I met with John Habig at Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney for our annual review. This was another good year for our investments and Mr. Habig recommended we continue with our current investment and spending policy. This was approved by the Executive Committee.

This is what I call my house keeping paragraph. We continue to carry the value of the State Grange Building at the purchase price of \$87,500. Our accounts receivable still carries the loan to Halloween Grange for \$345.00. The balance in the checking account on September 30, 2014 is \$9,017.19 and a new Defunct Grange account was opened with the closure of Warren Pond Grange. All my accounts were audited by the Executive Committee on October 19, 2014.

Two years ago I said many, many times I must be crazy to accept this position. I have to admit to you today I have actually enjoyed myself. It is a pleasure working with the Executive Committee and our secretary, Jerry Leclerc. There is still much work to be done we must curb the bleeding caused by Granges in arrears for dues. It also costs these Granges as they are being charged for members that are no longer with them. I feel confident that the Executive Committee and the new Master will be tackling this in the coming year.

It has been a pleasure serving under State Master Jim Tetreault and I wish him well in his National endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Bascom,  
Your totally insane Treasurer

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Gerald Leclerc State Secretary gave his annual report.

### **Secretary's Report**

Worthy State Master, State Officers, National Representative, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great enthusiasm that I present my second report as your State Secretary. Before I begin I would like to ask all Secretaries in the room to please stand. Brothers and Sisters these ladies and gentleman have one of the most arduous duties in the Grange; without them, the history of your grange would not be documented for all those who come after us. It is probably safe to say that many of these secretaries have been holding the position for many years. Please help show our respect and thank them for all that they do to keep our history alive.

The condition of the New Hampshire State Grange is as follows:

As of June 30, 2014, the New Hampshire State Grange has 11 Pomona Granges, with a total membership of 633, of which 174 are Golden Sheaf members. The largest Pomona is Merrimack County Pomona #3 with 104 members.

As of June 30, 2014, the New Hampshire State Grange has 62 Subordinate Granges, with a total membership of 1725, of which 357 are Golden Sheaf. The largest Subordinate Grange is Wicwas Lake #292 with 81 members.

Lost by death: 75; Lost by suspension; 61; Initiated: 51; Net loss of 85 members.

Blackwater Grange #152 consolidated with Blazing Star Grange #71 following the June 2013 quarter. Warren Pond Grange #47 surrendered its charter as of June 30, 2014. It is important to note that no members have been lost as a result of the consolidation and closing of the previously mentioned granges.

Although we had a loss in membership, we need to celebrate the 51 NEW members that were initiated this past year. Grange Growth still remains our number one priority. We can do nothing about those members who have gone on to the Great Grange above; however, we do have some control on those that are lost due to suspension. We need to do a better job at trying to get members to pay dues and not be so quick to suspend them for non-payment. For some members, the annual fee may be too high for them to pay all at one time. Suggest that they pay quarterly, or work out some arrangement that works for them and your Grange. If we are creative and find ways to keep our members, we can see a gain in membership.

State Grange Database: In my annual report last year, I reported that the Membership Database was just about as accurate as it could be. I am happy to report that with the exception of a few Granges who have not been reporting, the Membership Database remains up to date. This not only makes my job easier, but it also ensures that we pay National Grange the accurate amount owed.

Currently, the National Grange is instituting a National Grange Member Database Site. This site has been developed as a tool to help all local, state, and national users by providing a consolidated, comprehensive online database site which includes all relevant member and grange information. At this point in time the New Hampshire information on the site is not current. The initial data loaded into the site was done by National Grange headquarters using member data available at that time. The data uploaded was very out-dated and contained wrong information. I am currently working on formatting our current database so it can be sent to National Grange to be uploaded. Once that is done I can make the final adjustments and hope to have it ready by spring.

By order of the National Grange, I have issued the following Membership Awards:

12 Silver Star Certificates:

Robin (Decatur) Best, Wingold Grange #308  
Scott Blay, Blazing Star Grange #71  
Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic Grange #36  
Faith Clark, Wicwas Lake Grange #292  
Beverly Goodrich, Lake Shore Grange #128  
Raeburn Hodgdon, Tuftonborough Grange #142  
Wendy Nelson, Lake Shore Grange #292  
Chris Pike, Tuftonborough Grange #142  
Tiffani Price, Blazing Star Grange #71  
Frances Sprague, Blazing Star Grange #71  
Jonathan Standley, Watatic Grange #36  
Kathe (Twiss) Wolf, Watatic Grange #36

8 Golden Sheaf Certificates:

Wayne Blake, Wicwas Lake Grange #292  
Joann Brandt, Wingold Grange #308  
Judy Boulet, Mount Hope Grange #77  
Nancy Butson, Mount Hope Grange #77  
Terry Hines, Blazing Star Grange #71  
Radford Messenger, Crown Point Grange #65  
Jerry Titus, Mount Hope Grange #77  
Marion Viasner, Mount Hope Grange #77

4 Thirty Year Seals, 6 Thirty-Five Year Seals, 9 Forty Year Seals, 4 Forty-Five Year Seals, 9 Fifty-Five Year Seals, 11 Sixty Year Seals, 19 sixty-Five Year Seals, 13 Seventy Year Seals,

4 Seventy-Five Year Certificates:

Dorothy Campbell, Warren Pond Grange #147  
Charlotte Coffin, Rockingham Grange #183  
Rita Corson, Lake Shore Grange #128  
Glenn Stewart, Wingold Grange #308

2 Eighty Year Letters:

Albert Bickford, Rochester Grange #86

Chesley Hall, Concord Grange #322

Communication: As the secretary's installation charge instructs we "become the organ of the grange and through us communication is maintained with the Granges throughout the land". This was and remains one of my priorities. I am an advocate for using the US Postal Service as my number one means of communicating with the Granges. I am not opposed to the internet and social media as this is also an effective tool in communicating, we just need to realize that not all areas of the state have access to electronic communications. We must use every means possible to inform the members of all Grange activities.

The State Grange Operating Budget has a postage and printing line. This is in the budget so that more information can be sent from the various Grange departments through the State Secretary's office. Some of this added information is included with the quarterly packets to the secretaries. The secretaries are asked to distribute the materials to the various committee chairmen for them to report about at the appropriate time during the meeting. This method of mailing is effective; however, I felt that at times the quarterly packets contained too much information and were a bit overwhelming for the secretaries. At times, it is necessary to limit what is included in the quarterly packets, so the department information is sent at a different time. I hope that this helped with the dissemination of Grange information to the members. I welcome any suggestion you may have on how to best keep the members informed. We need to remember that communication is key to a successful organization. Let me assure you, this is not the last time you will hear about communication.

The Supply Department is always open for your grange material needs. I tried to get the orders out as quickly as possible. I must say, working next to a US Post Office is convenient. For your convenience, I have brought the supplies with me to this session. If your Grange is in need of something, you may purchase it at the credentials table. If you purchase it here, you will only be billed for the supplies and not the postage and handling as you will be able to take it with you.

As State Secretary, it is also my responsibility to make sure that all information and materials needed for the Annual Session are properly ordered and prepared. Last year I made changes to the how the credentials were presented to the delegates. I received many favorable comments on this and have continued with this format. Each delegate is given a binder which includes all the information needed in a uniform fashion, complete with a table of contents. The resolutions have been printed using line numbers and leaving space between the lines to make notes or changes to a line during the deliberation process. I hope that the delegates continue to find this to be beneficial and useful.

New this year, I have printed all materials using a larger print for those who have difficulty with small print. If any one would like one of these larger print versions please request a copy at the credentials table. Packets have also been prepared for the non-delegates. Although it is not in the binder, it still contains all the same information allowing all in attendance to follow along while action is being taken on the resolutions and budget.

As my second year as State Secretary comes to a close, I would like to take the time to thank all the secretaries in the state for all of your tireless efforts in keeping the records of your grange and performing the duties of the office bestowed upon you. I would like to ask all the Masters to please communicate with your secretary and offer assistance when needed. Many times, too much responsibility falls on to the secretary, and they become overwhelmed and won't say anything.

Thank you to my wife, Francine and daughters, Sarah and Emilie, for your love and support. Thank you for your willingness to help when needed. I am so blessed to have you in my life.

Thank you Worthy State Master for your support, it has been a pleasure to serve as your State Secretary. Thank you for all that you have done as our State Master. I wish for you much success and happiness as your Grange journey continues.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
New Hampshire State Grange

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Christopher Heath was called on to present the report of the State Grange Executive Committee

**State Executive Committee**

National Representative, State Officers, Pink Sash family members, Delegates and patrons all.

I am pleased to present you my fourth report for the State Executive committee. This last year has been a busy one for the committee. We held meetings eight times over the past year and I am proud to report that those meetings were carried out efficiently. Your Grange should have received copies of all the minutes from those meetings, with the exception of the last two and I will not be reading them to you now.

At our most recent meeting we discussed the budget, which will be presented tomorrow, audited the Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees books and discussed final preparations for State Session.



Your State Executive committee has been and is continuing to work on a policy book for future members to have for reference when making important decisions concerning the Grange. We have tried to consider the Good of the Order when making decisions and have confidence that our choices have been the best thing for Grange in New Hampshire. We are proud to report that we have a weekly renter of the State Grange Building and now have a steady income because of said renter.

We received a request from Warren Pond Grange in Alstead requesting permission to close and this was honored with regrets. We hope that the next administration has an easier time dealing with future issues because of the ground work that we have covered over these past four years.

We thank the delegates for having the confidence in us to run the State Grange when it is not in session and wish the best of luck to the new members that will be elected this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher E Heath  
Chairman of the Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Saturday, October 26, 2013  
Holiday Inn ~ Concord

Present: Beth Merrill, Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, James Tetreault, Christopher Heath, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc, Donald Ross, Wilber Heath

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 10:30 pm

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Donald Ross to elect Christopher Heath as the Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee. Vote was favorable.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Donald Ross to elect Gerald Leclerc as the Secretary of the State Grange Executive Committee. Vote was favorable.

State Master James Tetreault read an E-mail he received earlier in the day from Gail Turcotte, Chairman of the Trustees of Trust Funds submitting her resignation. Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the resignation with regrets. Vote was favorable.

Before a replacement can be appointed it was felt that the Executive Committee needed to review the current make up of the Trustees and the guidelines. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to table the appointment of Gail Turcotte replacement until our next meeting. Vote was favorable. Dan Bascom will contact Rhoda Davis (Trust Secretary) to get a copy of the guidelines.

Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mark Collins to have the Executive Committee approve the minutes of Saturdays session. Vote was favorable.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 7:15 PM. Chris and Jim will contact the directors to have their books ready for auditing.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, December 12, 2013  
State Grange Building

Present: Beth Merrill, Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, James Tetreault, Christopher Heath, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc, Donald Ross, Wilber Heath

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 7:30 pm

Minutes of the October 26, 2013 meeting were reviewed and slight corrections made. Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Donald Ross to approve the amended minutes. Vote was favorable.

Minutes of the final day of the 140<sup>th</sup> annual session were read and approved.

Report on Granges:

- Pleasant Valley Grange #272, Last report was submitted for June 2011. They are currently behind nine quarters and owe \$522.00 in past dues.
- Riverhill Grange #346, Last report was June 2013. Still behind six quarters and have a past due amount of \$652.50
- Hooksett Grange #148, The Grange Growth Team will be contacting them to see what assistance they could give in membership growth.
- Blackwater Grange voted to consolidate with Blazing Star Grange #71.
- Halloween Grange #318, Reports are current but behind on dues totaling \$224.75. It was suggested that they have a Visioning Session to help them see where they are. The secretary will send a letter letting them know of this possibility.
- Brookline/Wilton Grange #211, Last report was submitted for June 2011. They are currently behind for nine quarters and owe dues totaling \$652.50. Jim Tetreault will contact Sherrill Bokousky to see if she has been able to assist

Brookline/Wilton Grange #211. It was suggested that they consider consolidating with Granite Grange #7.

- Hinsdale Grange #358, Reports are current but still owe dues for two quarter totaling \$290.00

#### Masters Report:

- National Grange up-date: Delegates voted to approved a \$2.00 dues increase, the second vote will take place at next years session
- Charter fee resolution submitted from New Hampshire and Connecticut State Granges failed in committee.

#### Secretary's Report:

- With there not being a Deputy/Leaders School this year the State Secretary Jerry Leclerc informed the Executive Committee that all 2014 Rosters will need to be mailed using the US Postal Service. The cost will be \$547.00
- The Journal of Proceedings for the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual State Session is just about completed and will be ready for distribution by the end of January. Due to the size and the rise in postage the price for those wishing a copy may be increased. Once the journal is completed the secretary will make a copy and have it weighed to determine the final cost.
- The secretary asked for guidance as to how to draft the letter to Verizon in reference to the resolution passed at State Session about larger print phone directories. It was suggested that the State Secretary send a letter outlining what the resolution requested and hope that Verizon responds.

#### Treasurers Report:

- Orkin Pest Control did a service call at the state grange building following our cancellation. Dan Bascom will send another letter along with the bill to cancel the service. It has been reported that there is still a problem with mice. It was discussed and decided to cancel the service and if signs of a pest problem reappear than the service will be reinstated.
- State Treasurer Dan Bascom will be meeting with the auditor to begin working on the year end reports.

Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Masters, Secretary's and Treasurers report. Vote was favorable.

#### Old Business:

- Minor changes were made to the contract that will be signed by KJV Bible Baptist Church

Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Haefner to use the contract that Wilber Heath prepared with the recommended changes. Voted was favorably with 1 no vote.

- Trustee Guidelines: These were received from Gail Turcotte as requested so a replacement to the committee could be selected.
- Prentice Hill Grange Hall: The assessor will be going to the hall to determine what the land and building is valued at. The abutter who wishes to acquire the land will pay to have the building removed and also pay the title and transfer fees.

New Business:

- KJV Bible Baptist Church would like to install a timer on the thermostat to turn on ½ hour before they arrive so that the building is comfortable when they arrive. After some discussion a motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Donald Ross to have this done. Vote was favorable.
- The church has also requested that we allow them to place a sign/message board outside the building. Jim Tetreault will contact the church and ask what type they are looking at and when or how long the sign will be out side. Once more information is received an e-mail vote will be conducted.
- Ellen Wiest from Manchester Community Grange spoke with Beth Merrill about a possible fundraising activity with St. Paulies Textiles. After much discussion it was decided that Ellen can compose a letter explaining the program and send it along with all the supporting information to the State Secretary who will then send it to the granges for their consideration. This is intended to help the subordinate granges. The motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath. Vote was favorable.
- FFA Donation Request: after a very lengthy discussion about this request a motion was made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Bob Haefner to donate \$100 to the Leadership Scholarship Fund. Vote was favorable with one abstention.\
- Trustee to The Trust Fund: Jim Tetreault made a motion to appoint Joy Perkins as a Trustee to The Trust Fund pending her acceptance seconded by Donald Ross. Vote was favorable. Jim Tetreault will contact Diane Collins to set up a meeting with the Trustees for the purpose of selecting a chairman.

With no further business to discuss and no items for a private session a motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Mark Collins to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 10:15 pm

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm at the State Grange Building

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J Leclerc, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 20, 2014  
State Grange Building

Present: Donald Ross, Christopher Heath, Robert Haefner, James Tetreault, Mark Collins, Beth Merrill, Wilber Heath, Gerald Leclerc, Daniel Bascom.

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 7:30pm

Minutes of the December 12, 2014 meeting were reviewed with some corrections made. Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the minutes as corrected. Voted favorably.

Report of Granges needing immediate attention:

- Pleasant Valley ~ No change
- Riverhill ~ No change
- Hooksett ~ No change
- Blackwater ~ Consolidated with Blazing Star Grange
- Halloween ~ Reports and dues are current

Reports:

Masters

- West Thornton Grange has requested that with the death of Lester Bradley they wish to surrender their charter.
- Brookline/Wilton, no change since the last report Jim will contact Sherrill Bokousky to inquire as to their status.
- Prentice Hill Grange Hall: A letter has been received from the town of Alstead, they have lowered the valuation of the Grange Hall. They are respectfully requesting that we make a decision on the sale of the property to Mr. Watson.
- Thanks to Diane Collins the Trustees of the Trust Fund will be meeting on Saturday March 22, 2014. They will be doing their annual organization. Joy Perkins has accepted the appointment to the Trustees.
- State Master Jim Tetreault reported on some of the past and upcoming events, most notably the Grange Growth Summit in January and the hugely successful exhibit at the Annual Farm and Forest Expo.
- Received a request from a Scout that did an Eagle Scout project at Londonderry Grange Hall for a letter that he can submit with his packet to complete his project. Jim sent a letter.

Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Masters report. Voted favorably.

Secretary's Report:

- Current count of subordinate members is 1812, 384 of those are exempt Golden Sheaf members. It is important to note that the number of new members reported equaled the number of those reported as lost.
- Brookline/Wilton last report submitted June 2011. Ten quarters behind past amount due \$768.50
- Hinsdale ~ Reports but no dues for two quarters (march & September 2013) No report for December 2013 Past due amount \$435.00
- Londonderry ~ no report or dues payments for last two quarters. Amount due \$826.50
- Manchester Community ~ No report but paid dues for September 2013 quarter. No dues or report for December 2013 quarter.
- Pleasant Valley ~ Last reported June 2011. Ten quarters behind. Past due amount \$645.25.
- Riverhill ~ Last reported June 2013. Still behind six previous quarters and the last two. Past due amount \$783.00
- National Grange has announced a National Grange Membership Database that they hope will replace the reporting procedure for States each quarter. The State Secretary is currently going through the training of the new system. The information is currently being updated so that the correct information will appear in the new system. More information will follow as the kinks are ironed out.

Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the Secretary's report. Voted favorably.

Treasurers Report:

- IRS and Charitable Trust reports have been filed.
- Received a request from the FFA inviting Dan Bascom to serve on their Board. Dan has regretfully declined the invitation but will be happy to forward the name of any one who may be interested in the position.
- Reported that no money has been received from the 2013 20/20 raffle, 2013 Blueberry Pie Days and 2013 State Grange 50/50 and Silent Auction events.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> requests were sent to several granges that have yet to pay the Bonding Fees as well as those who have not paid the 2013 National Grange and Northeast Connection Fees.
- Tax exempt paperwork for the State Grange Building has been completed and sent to the town of Hooksett

Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the report as presented. Voted favorably.

Old Business:

- Trustees of the Trust Fund meeting (see Masters report)
- 3 month review of rental agreement with the Baptist Church. Discussed some issue of concern and the impact on the heating and electric bills. Some concerns with the cleaning after each use some time is better than others. We need to do a better job at policing this. Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Donald Ross to continue with the rental agreement.
- Auditing of books. It was discussed that at the last auditing of the department account book that some directors are not consistent on how deposits and checks are recorded. Chris Heath will connect with some of the directors and review how best to record the information.

New Business:

- Received a letter from Chris Heath regretfully resigning his position as Custodian for the State Grange Building effective July 1, 2014. Motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Donald Ross to accept the resignation with regrets. Voted favorably. Chris was thanked by the Executive Committee for his years of dedicated service.
- Custodian for the State Grange Building. With the position soon to be vacant it was discussed as to how many hours need to be given and the amount needing to be spent for the cleaning and up keep of the building. The current custodian spends 30 hours a quarter cleaning the building. The current budgeted amount for this position is \$1200 per year. With the increased usage from the church and other potential renters more time and money needs to be allotted. Motion made by Jim Tetreault and seconded by Bob Haefner to increase the budget amount to \$2400. Voted favorable. The secretary will send a letter to Marty Boisvert Building Chairman informing him of Chris's resignation and allow him to hire a new custodian at or below the budgeted amount.
- Prentice Hill Grange Hall: In response to the letter from the Town of Alstead and following a discussion a motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Haefner to allow Prentice Hill Grange to transfer the deed of the property to the abutter as long as he (the abutter) pays for the removal of the building and the transfer fees. The vote was favorable with two abstentions.
- The information for the 2014 State Grange Banquet has been sent from Kenneth Berry. Jim Tetreault made a motion and seconded by Mark Collins to not have a State Grange Banquet. Discussion brought up many ideas as to why and what to do with it. Vote on the motion did not pass.

- The previous item brought up some ideas for future planning of State Grange Session. It was suggested that we try and contract with a facility for multiple years in the hope of receiving better rates. Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mark Collins that the Executive Committee drafts a survey to discuss options for future State Grange Sessions. Voted favorably.
- Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Donald Ross to accept the banquet menu presented. Voted favorably.
- State Secretary announced that National Grange is currently conducting training session on the New National Grange Membership Database. One of the goals of this is to have a better way of reporting the membership numbers in each state. More information to follow as it becomes available and understood.
- Reported that a second vote will be held at the 2014 National Session that could raise the dues an additional \$2.00 per year effective January 1, 2015. Discussed that we hold a special State Session prior to the Annual Session in October to vote on this. Also put an article in the GSG announcing that this change could happen. A motion was made by Donald Ross and seconded by Beth Merrill to table the discussion unit our next meeting. Voted favorably.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the State Grange Building at 7:15.

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 26, 2014  
State Grange Building

Present: Donald Ross, Christopher Heath, Robert Haefner, James Tetreault, Mark Collins, Beth Merrill, Gerald Leclerc, Daniel Bascom.

Excused: Wilber Heath

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 7:26pm



Minutes of the March 2014 meeting were reviewed with two corrections being made. Motion made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Mark Collis to accept the minutes as corrected. Vote was favorable.

Granges needing immediate attention  
(Held for private session)

Reports:

#### Master' Report

- Warren Pond Grange #47 ~ received an E-mail from them stating that they met on May 24, 2014 and voted to close as of June 30, 2014. They have been instructed to close all accounts and send checks to the State Secretary. The regalia and roll books are to be turned over to the State Master. All demits need to be sent prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- West Thornton Grange #253 ~ after meeting with Mark Collins the members have decided to try and grow. Some members have ideas as to how to gain new members and would welcome any assistance the State Grange can provide.
- Prentice Hill Grange Hall ~ the leaders of Prentice Hill Grange are continuing to work with Mr. Watson (the buyer) and the Town Administrator to facilitate the transfer of ownership.
- Ossipee Mt ~ Chris Heath and Steve Tracy have been meeting with the locals to see if there is enough interest in re-organizing a Grange in the area.
- Several State events have been held since the last meeting with some good and not so good turn outs. Planning for the upcoming State Grange Session is underway.

Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the Masters report. Vote was favorable.

#### Secretary's Report

- Brookline/Wilton Last report submitted June 2011. Eleven quarters behind.
- Hinsdale - Reports but no dues for two quarters March and September 2013. No report since December 2013.
- Londonderry – Last report was submitted June 2013 three quarters.
- Manchester Community Last reported June 2013. Dues paid for September 2013. Two quarters behind.
- Pleasant Valley - Last reported June 2011. Twelve quarters behind.
- Riverhill - Reported June 2013 still behind six previous quarters and the last three quarters.

- Letter was sent to Verizon in reference to the resolution voted on at the previous State Session requesting larger print directories.
- NH Arms Collectors who use the State Grange Building has been sent a bill for the use of the hall. It is suggested that we re-visit the contract and request that payments be made on a monthly basis as it is standard with all other renters.
- The funds for the 2013 Fundraising activities have been sent to the State Treasurer. The question was asked who the winners were for the 20/20 club. In the past they were on the web site but for some reason they are not listed. The Master will contact Sherry to see where the list of winners is.
- National Grange Data Base ~ The information currently available is very out dated and much of the information regarding Grange numbers are incorrect. The State Secretary will work with Mark Collins to see what can be done to correct this. Once this is accomplished it can be made available to the Granges.

Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the Secretary's report.

Vote was favorable.

#### Treasurer's Report

- 10-90 is complete
- Federal Savings Bank ~ changes need to be made for the signature on the escrow accounts.
- Income and Expense Summaries were presented and Dan welcomed any comments or questions.

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the Treasurer's report. Vote was favorable.

Grange Radio ~ discussion as to the continuation of Grange Radio. It is assumed that this will continue as they are currently working on funding. The question was raised about the equipment needed to participate and should we still go ahead and order it. Mark Collins advised the Executive Committee that this equipment would still be useful even if Grange Radio no longer exists.

FFA Foundation Representative ~ Wilber Heath presented the following report:

June 22, 2014

I attended the FFA Foundation meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. I was elected as a member of the Foundation at the meeting. I met the members that were there. There was discussion on the last fund raising event that they had and that it was a success. Their next fundraiser

was a golf tournament that was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Nippo Lake Golf course. I attended this in the pouring down rain. I also assisted in getting things set up in preparation of the golfers attending and was also able to participate in the tournament itself. Our next meeting is June 24<sup>th</sup> and will not be able to attend as I will be out of the country.

#### Wilber Heath

State Grange Survey ~ in an effort to better plan for and meet the needs of our members for future State Grange Sessions the idea of conducting a survey suggested. Each member of the Executive Committee is asked to submit questions to the Secretary on any part of State Session; no event or activity is off limits. The secretary will consolidate and combine questions to be presented at the next meeting. The Executive Committee will review and select the questions to be asked. This survey will be sent to all Granges in the September quarterly packet and will be available at state session.

Special State Session ~ at the next National Session a second vote will be taken on the possibility of a dues increase. If this vote is favorable this would change the by-laws of the NH State Grange. Due to time of year and the expense of conducting a special State Session for the voting of the increase Mark Collins will write a resolution that will be presented at State Session regarding the possible dues increase.

#### New Business

2015 Northeast Regional Leaders Conference ~ NH is hosting this event January 9~11, 2015 at the Best Western Plus Wynwood Hotel & Suites in Portsmouth, NH. The contract has been received and was discussed. A motion was made by Robert Haefner and Donald Ross seconded it to accept the contract. Vote was favorable.

2015 NH State Grange Session ~ Ken Berry provide a quote from the Fireside Inn & Suites in West Lebanon and from the Town & Country in Gorham. Both locations were discussed. A motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the quote from the Town & Country in Gorham. Vote was favorable. Ken Berry will contact the Town & Country for a contract.

Dan Bascom received a Pre Buy Request from Lavallee Oil. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Robert Haefner to pre buy 600 gallons of oil for the 2014~2015 heating season. Vote was favorable.

Escrow Checks ~ Dan Bascom State Treasurer reported that there are some issues with escrow checks because the word escrow has been placed on the checks. He will be meeting with the representative of MSSB and will have this issue corrected.

Closed public session and entered Executive Session at 9:42 PM.

Re-opened in public session at 10:10 PM

Christopher Heath announced that Adam Paquin-Varnum from Antrim Grange will be assuming the responsibilities of the Custodian for the NH State Grange Building effective July 1, 2014. Chris Heath was thanked for his many years of service as custodian.

Next meeting will be August 21, 2014 at 7:15 PM at the State Grange Building.

A Motion was made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Mark Collins to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 10:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, August 21, 2014  
State Grange Building

Present: Donald Ross, Christopher Heath, Robert Haefner, James Tetreault, Mark Collins, Beth Merrill, Daniel Bascom Wilber Heath.

Excused: Gerald Leclerc

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 7:19pm

Minutes of the June 2014 meeting were reviewed with four typo corrections being made. Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the minutes as corrected. Vote was favorable.

Granges needing immediate attention

Pleasant Valley, Riverhill, Brookline/Wilton, and Peterborough were deferred to the Secretary's report.

Reports:

Master' Report

- Brookline/Wilton #211: No change; I did not have the opportunity to work on this. Will be on my radar for this quarter.
- Warren Pond Grange #47: Demits were issued effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. I have had a brief conversation with Bob and Jane Trombi, and they plan on making sure that their Exempt Golden Sheaf members are placed into

membership. The charter is on loan to the Alstead Historical Society and I have the Regalia at my house.

- Peterborough #36: I have been unofficially informed that they are having some struggles right now. Reluctant to put a lot of effort onto ritual, fear it will weaken their current agenda.
- Hinsdale #358: Deputy Jane Trombi is scheduled to work with the Master to get the quarterlies caught up and assess where they are.
- Pleasant Valley #272: They have a new secretary and Chris Heath is working with them to get current.
- Bonding: Three Granges are behind on bonding; Pleasant Valley, Riverhill and Londonderry.

#### Happenings:

- Northeast Youth Conference; at Rivier University was well attended. Sherrill Bokousky and her department did a wonderful job in planning and execution of this event. Several State Masters who were present made complimentary comments about the weekend.
- Northeast Lecturers Conference; was well attended overall. New Hampshire had a small delegation, but a good time was had by all.
- Grange night at the Fisher Cats ball game; was a great success. We had 20 members in attendance. Family and Community department gained \$130 profit from the 50/50 raffle. The Fisher Cats said that we had the most successful 50/50 of the season.
- Carroll County Pomona #8: This Pomona is down to 12 members. I had a conversation with General Deputy Arthur Merrill about the proper way to proceed with this. I think we are going to open a dialog with Carroll County based on the 25 mile ruling in the Bylaws and determine what they want to do.
- 1/20 Club: The final prizes have been drawn and the results are posted on the website.
- State Grange Schedule: The final schedule has been completed and copies will be available. I will send copies to all State Officers by US Mail.
- National Representative: Our National Representative this year will be Leroy Watson.

Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the Masters report. Vote was favorable.

#### Secretary's Report

- Warren Pond Grange closed. Report and voucher sent to State Treasurer for payment.

- Based on vote of last meeting, the following action was taken: Letters were sent to each member of Brookline/Wilton, Pleasant Valley, and Riverhill. Copy of letter to be attached. Return letters from some of the members state that they want to remain active, request demits or asked to be dropped. As of August 14th the results are listed:
- Pleasant Valley: Of 28, 7 have replied. 5 want demits, 1 wants to be dropped and 1 has passed away. A phone call from the Master who is concerned stated that they found a new secretary who will work with Chris Heath to get current.
- Brookline/Wilton: Of 16, 6 have replied. 3 want demits, 3 want to stay active. A letter was returned from a GS member in FL with no forwarding address.
- Riverhill: Of 15, 3 have replied. All three wish to remain active.
- Hinsdale has only reported 3 times and paid twice since they were organized.
- Londonderry is currently showing 55 members of which some have transferred to Manchester Community.
- Cocheco is three quarters behind
- I have updated the State Session Evaluation form and this is attached. Any comments on this would be appreciated. I will get these printed for the delegate packets.
- I have updated the Standing rules for State Session.
- At the last meeting we voted to conduct a survey for upcoming State Sessions. This will be sent out with the September quarterly letter. Ask secretaries to copy and distribute to members at their meeting. Survey attached.
- Questions on ballots for elections to be referred to Carolyn Ross.

Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Jim Tetreault to accept the Secretary's report. Vote was favorable.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Income and Expense Summaries were presented and Dan welcomed any comments or questions.
- Dan to make up expanded report on income and expenses on State Grange building for a better look at budgeting.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Treasurer's report. Vote was favorable.

## Old Business

Pleasant Valley situation was reviewed and deferred to report from secretary. Letters to Pleasant Valley, Brookline/Wilton and Riverhill were also deferred to secretary's report.

## New Business

A card will be issued for our National Representative to cover gas expenses. This will be charged to State Session line item in budget.

A request was made by Jim to fund entertainment costs for Thursday's evening program and for Saturday's banquet. Cost would be \$500 for Thursday and \$250 for Saturday. Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to submit resolution for spending money for entertainment. Motion passed

Suspending Granges – We reviewed the guidelines from National Grange. Discussed. Articles 4.5.1, 4.5.3 and 4.5.10 which cover this. The question was asked about the time frame and there is non specified. At the discretion of the State Master. The Executive committee specified a response by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Chris working with Pleasant Valley secretary to have their funds by September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bonding: Three Granges behind on bonding as mentioned in Master's report.

National Assessment: Five granges behind on payment from 2013. Five Pomona's behind on 2014 payments.

MSSB meeting: Dan, Gail and Don to have responsibility of reporting. Recommended continuing current policy.

Education Loan Fund. Secretary to research records to establish the Ray Sargent Loan guidelines.

Resolution submitted for dues increase by Executive Committee. Attached.

Motion made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Don Ross to accept Resolution with changes discussed. Motion passed.

Budget: Changes were made in the presented expense budget as follows:

Accounting Services decreased to 2000.

Community Service Awards (Paid by National) increased to \$250.

Family and Community Department increased to \$750.

Youth Department increased to \$600.

Dues-National increased to \$19152.

Leaders School increased to \$100.

Masters Expenses increased to \$4500.

NE Leaders Conference increased to \$250.

For a final expense budget of \$71,931.

Budget changes were made to the presented income budget as follows:

Dues and Fees decreased to \$40090.

Operations-Fundraising was changed to \$2460.

Northeast Leaders Conference was added at \$250.

For a final income budget of \$71686.

A review of the Executive Committee Worksheet found no changes since last meeting.

Next meeting will be October 19, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the State Grange Building.

A Motion was made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Mark Collins to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 10:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Wilber Heath, Secretary Pro Tem  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Hannah West State Lecturer presented her annual report

### **State Lecturer's Report**

Brothers and Sisters,

The State Lecturer's yearly events begin with Bowling in March. Again this year I thank our Worthy Overseer Chris Heath for organizing this event. A good crowd of bowlers, young and old, was present, and all had a very good time.

Twenty-five Grangers and a representative from Sam's Club attended the State Lecturer's Penny Sale and Variety Show on April 26. The crowd could have been larger, but what a wonderful group the attendees were! Everyone pitched in to help and seemed to have an enjoyable time. Nearly all of the Penny Sale items went home with someone, and the day realized \$140 for the Talent Fund. Mary West was Best of Show with her vocal rendition of "Adelaide's Lament" from the musical "Guys and Dolls." Did you know that Sam's Club sells decorated cakes? Well, they do, and everyone at the Variety Day enjoyed a delicious sample.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who helped to make the Penny Sale and Variety Show run so smoothly. Linda Booth and Carolee Davison of Chichester Grange worked to set up the Penny Sale on Friday afternoon. Kevin Belval did the food shopping. Sherry Bokousky ran the kitchen. Stu Light and Lois Enman served as judges. Mary West and Shelley Huntoon sold Penny Sale tickets. Rodney Huntoon organized the Variety Show paperwork. Matt Clark and Chris Heath stepped up to pull the Penny Sale numbers and move the tables around. It humbles me that when I ask for help people respond so willingly. I truly do appreciate it.

The North East Lecturers' Conference was held this year at Keuka College in Keuka Park, New York. The college is located on the shore of Keuka Lake in the Finger Lakes region of New York, a beautiful setting. The food was delicious, the dormitory was comfortable, the programs were excellent, and the company was stimulating. It was one of the most enjoyable lecturer's conferences I have ever attended, and I have been to many. Given the distance to travel, I was not expecting a large attendance from New Hampshire, so I was surprised to find there was considerable interest in attending. Our State Master, who is also the National Lecturer, offered to drive a rental van. Plans were laid for a "Road Trip," but as the registration deadline grew closer people began to drop out. In the end the State Master drove his own car with two passengers, and my two daughters, granddaughter, and I took another vehicle. The final count was seven people from New Hampshire, including three-year-old Rebecca. If we count our Grange herd animal, Noel the hamster, we can say there were eight of us.

We were a small delegation, but we made a great impression. The New Hampshire program was very well received, and the copies I had made to sell were snapped right up. My Lecturer's workshop went smoothly and received compliments. The National Lecturer had a chance to mix and mingle with Lecturers from the North East Region. Many thanks to all Granges and Grangers who donated toward the State Lecturer's gift presented to me at the North East Lecturer's Conference. It was very helpful in defraying some expenses of our family road trip to and from the conference, which was treasured family time for me.

Next year the North East Lecturers' Conference will be held in Maine. It will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lecturers' Conference, which was started in 1915 for Lecturers in the New England States. You might want to plan now to attend in August, 2015. More information will be forthcoming, after the State Lecturers meet at the Leaders Conference in January.

Thank you to the Lecturers who took the time to fill out and send in the yearly Lecturer's report. Antrim Grange submitted a fancy notebook which I have taken the liberty to display on the membership table. They have worked extremely hard this year to make their presence felt in their community and in Grange circles. Go to the membership table and look at all the things they have done.

This seems a good segue into the Lecturers' work for next year. I am introducing a new program called "Out and About." It is designed to help Grangers interact with people who

may become future members. It asks you to gather a group of five or more Grangers, wear something that will make it obvious that you belong to the Grange, and step out of your hall to have fun. If you are attending a play or a basketball game as a group, you can enjoy yourself and attract positive attention for your Grange. You are also asked to take a picture with a camera or cell phone (“Selfies” are big these days.) and at the end of the year make a collage as a way of evaluating the program. There is also a component for inviting future members into your Grange Hall. Please look at the Lecturer’s packet for your Grange before you hold your planning meeting, so you can program in this new activity. I hope you will all try it out, because I’m very curious to know how it will work.

Participation in the Lecturer’s Contests was good this year. I was delighted to see some names I had never seen before. We even had three Junior entries in the Create-a-Card contest. Please take the time to admire the display in the Exhibit Room. I was particularly pleased to receive more entries in Creative Writing. Photography and Create-a-Card are holding their own. The Art Contest did the least well. We will try it again in 2015, but after that the Art Contest may die out. Perhaps there is no longer a place in today’s world for hobbies that demand time and space and require specialized materials.

A list of winners in all the Lecturer’s contests is appended to this report. The winners for Bowling and the Variety Show have received their prizes and been recognized in the Granite State Granger. I will now read the names of the other contest winners, who should come and collect their prize money from me at the next available session break.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah West, State Lecturer

### **Bowling Scores**

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#### **Men**

Class A – High Single - David Hewes 112  
High Triple – David Hewes 287  
Class B – High Single – John Russell 107  
High Triple – John Russell 280  
Class C – High Single – Jerry Leclerc 90  
High Triple – Jerry Leclerc 250  
Class D – High Single – Ed Decatur 87  
High Triple – Ed Decatur 249

#### **Women**

Class A – High Single – Lois Enman 97  
High Triple – Dianne Hoitt 260  
Mary Dowes 260  
Class B – High Single – Judy Bailey 89  
High Triple – Judy Bailey 250  
Class C – High Single – Jessie Bailey 89

High Triple – Jessie Bailey 243  
Class D – High Single – Paige Beckert 79  
High Triple – Allissa Estes 216

Teams

1<sup>st</sup> - Rochester Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Halloween Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Henry Wilson Grange

**Variety Show**

Instrumental

1<sup>st</sup> – Bob Haefner, Hudson Grange

Vocal

1<sup>st</sup> – Mary West, Chichester Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Matt Clark, Prentice Hill Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Stephen Tracy, Stratford Grange

Best of Show

Mary West, Chichester Grange

**Art (6 entries)**

Oil

1<sup>st</sup> – Ruth Pelton, Hampton Falls Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Gloria Davis, Antrim Grange

Pencil

1<sup>st</sup> - Roberta Sliva, Hampton Falls Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Russell Fabian, Wicwas Lake Grange

Water Color

1<sup>st</sup> – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange

**Photography (42 entries)**

People

1<sup>st</sup> – Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Anne Boisvert, Chichester Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Lucia Savage, Wingold Grange

Farm Animals

1<sup>st</sup> – Carolyn Ross, Gilman Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Shelley Huntoon, Concord Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Bonnie Lampman, Rockingham Grange

Churches

1<sup>st</sup> – Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Shelley Huntoon, Concord Grange

3<sup>rd</sup> – Carolyn Ross, Gilman Grange

**Create-a-Card** (34 entries)

Thanksgiving  
Handmade

1<sup>st</sup> – Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic Grange

Computer Generated

1<sup>st</sup> Shelley Huntoon, Concord Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange

Stamped

1<sup>st</sup> – Jane Trombi, Walpole Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ida Hutchins, Baker's River Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Laura Ward, Meriden Grange

Birthday

Handmade

1<sup>st</sup> – Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Camilie Twiss, Watatic Grange

Computer Generated

1<sup>st</sup> - Shelley Huntoon, Concord Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange

Stamped

1<sup>st</sup> – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jane Trombi, Walpole Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange

Sympathy

Handmade

1<sup>st</sup> – Lois Enman, Rochester  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic Grange

Computer Generated

1<sup>st</sup> – Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Shelley Huntoon, Concord Grange

Stamped

1<sup>st</sup> – Marion Wentworth, Rochester Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jane Trombi, Walpole Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Sandra Marcoux, Watatic Grange

### **Cards by Junior Members**

Age 5-7

1<sup>st</sup> – Alayna Twiss, Watatic Grange

Age 8-10

1<sup>st</sup> – Genevieve Twiss, Watatic Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Ava Twiss, Watatic Grange

### **Creative Writing**

Tell the Story (4 entries)

1<sup>st</sup> – Pat Izzo, Gilman Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Stephen Tracy, Stratford Grange

3<sup>rd</sup> – Dawne Hugron, Antrim Grange

Read the Book (6 entries)

1<sup>st</sup> – Sharon Stickney, Antrim Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Stephen Tracy, Stratford Grange

3<sup>rd</sup> – Camilie Twiss, Watatic Grange

Cinquains

Grange (11 entries)

1<sup>st</sup> – Camilie Twiss, Watatic Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Judy Bailey, Rochester Grange

3<sup>rd</sup> – Lois Enman, Rochester Grange

Nature (19 entries)

1<sup>st</sup> – Stephen Tracy, Stratford Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Adam Paquin-Varnum, Antrim Grange

3<sup>rd</sup> – Judy Bailey, Rochester Grange

and

Carrie Sweetman, Wicwas Lake Grange

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

### **New Hampshire Grange Foundation**

The New Hampshire Grange Foundation held its annual meeting with foundation Directors and Officers present

Worthy Master, National Representative, Fellow Officers, Delegates and Grangers all,

The Foundation you created is alive and well. To comply with the request of the National Grange to have a connection to the State Grange we again are holding our annual meeting at the State Grange Session for the second year and will continue to do that. Six of our twelve Directors are in fact Grange members. I also want you all to know that it has been my pleasure to chair such a professional group of directors. I will stack them up against any board of directors.

Our Foundation had a good year for our invested funds with Smith Barney, which allowed us to be able to provide more scholarships than we will be able to do every year. This year we were able to provide seven scholarships of \$1500 each to the following students:

Earl Brady	Cornell Veterinary Medical School
Jacob Brady	SUNY, Cobleskill
Jordan Shurtleff	Morrisville State College
Sierra Saari	Plymouth State University
Erva Barnes	UNH
Jenna Brown	UNH
Tristan Smiley	Gettysburg

I have never seen such a great group of young students. These are all great kids with outstanding academic records. This is the second year we have award a scholarship to two of the recipients. We advertise the scholarship through both the State Grange and the Farm Bureau. Preference goes to Grange youth should a tie breaker be required and we are looking for both Education and Agriculture majors, although other majors are accepted.

The Foundation was able to help Blazing Star Grange with their curtain restoration. We accepted donations for the restoration and distributed to Blazing Star Grange a similar donation to restore the curtain. Our charter statement with the IRS allows us to be a 501 – C3 to provide: Post-Secondary Scholarships Local Agriculture Projects with a learning component fix old Grange halls.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Haefner – President  
NH Grange Foundation

State Historian Richard Patten presented his historian report.

### **NH STATE GRANGE HISTORIAN REPORT**

Worthy State Master, State Officers, National Representatives, and Patrons all!

Once again, the NH State Grange is holding its 141st annual session in Nashua. The State Grange has been visited the second largest city in the state of New Hampshire several times in recent years. The city of Nashua featured two Granges for many years, being Nashua Grange and Gate City Grange. Both of these Granges were very successful for many years until they found they needed to close and merge with neighboring Granges.

This has been a very busy year for your Historian. Once again, I have been delivering or sending Grange Secretary minute books to Historical Societies or Libraries in towns throughout the state. They have been thrilled to get these. I have many more to get to

new homes. It is a shame because these books contain so much history of Granges that have since closed. It is amazing what some of these Granges did, or tried to do and how many people were affected by their actions. I was pleased to deliver or mail Dover Grange, Pequawket Grange, Northwood Grange, Contoocook Grange, Honor Bright Grange, Frontier Grange, Hiram R. Roberts, and thanks to Ida Hutchins for delivering Wentworth Grange's records. Please let me know if anyone can assist me with this project. There are many more to be delivered but due to the cost of mailing or price for gasoline to drive to these towns, I would appreciate any help.

I have been reading the Journal of Proceedings in 1944 and found the Sixth Degree conferral included the following names announced by the Secretary. She had the applications of William McKenzie age 15, who was Steward Elect of Mont Calm Grange; his sister Shirley, age 14, who was Lecturer Elect of Mont Calm Grange; and Congressman Elect Sherman Adams along with 219 more candidates for the lessons. I also found in that class of candidates the following Elizabeth Currier Cotsibas, Richard Currier, Annie and Philip Estes, Harold Frost, Ruth Goodwin, Everett & Mildred Poore, and Dorothy Gillingham. Did you recognize some of these names? The four largest Pomona Granges in the state were: Eastern New Hampshire, 1,204 members; Merrimack County, 1,091 members; Hillsborough County, 984 members; and Belknap County, 724 members. The five largest Subordinate Granges in 1944 were: Rochester with 536 members; Nashua Grange with 321 members; Capitol Grange of Concord with 303 members; Narragansett Grange of Bedford with 255 members; and Sullivan Grange of Newport with 248 members. The downside in 1944 was the report of uncollected dues reported in the amount of \$10,618.68. The highest degree score went to Patuccoway Grange of Nottingham; 2nd highest, Kensington Grange of Kensington; third, Lake Grange of Sunapee. The Literary Scores, highest was Osceola Grange of Campton; 2nd, Bartlett Grange of Salisbury; third, Winnepesaukee Grange of Meredith. The Highest percentage of attendance went to Olive Branch Grange of Hebron; 2nd, Greenville Grange, Greenville.

The Grange members, who serve in the State Legislature, organized the annual Grange Day in late April at the State House. I was very pleased with the attendance of Grange members who came. We didn't have 125 Grange members serving as State Legislators like they did in 1925, but we do watch very closely the proposed bills to make sure the Grange is in line with the proposed legislation. Thank you to State Master Jim Tetreault for arranging the lunch for us to enjoy. I hope this can continue as members of the House have made many nice comments about the Grange and how they either belonged in years past or their grandparents were members. I was honored to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and I had Bob Heffner, Tara Sad, Henry Parkhurst and other members of the Grange who are State Representatives with me reciting the pledge. I hope to continue educating the House about the Grange and its history.

History is so important and this past year we lost a lot of history in this state Grange. The Great Master of the Universe must have felt that he needed more members. It was sad to lose more but I am sure they are all keeping busy. I was pleased and much honored to have been asked to give the eulogies for several of them.

Dorothy Robie belonged to Community Grange of South Hooksett and although she did not serve on a State Grange Committee, she was a legend in the town of Hooksett. She and her husband owned Robie's Country Store and many famous people mostly politicians would make a visit to this country store. They served fresh food including home cooked doughnuts, sold penny candy, was a must place for local citizens to stop and get the local news. She and her husband also kept a close watch of the Grange Building. Robie's Country Store has been sold several times and is not like the way the original owners operated it.

I am sad to say I never met Robert Burrill, who was a member of Mohawk Grange of Colebrook. I read his obituary and what a history this brother left for Mohawk Grange and agriculture in general. He attended University of NH and majored in agriculture. He not only grew up in farming, but worked at the Bohanan Farm in Contoocook when he was younger. He returned to Colebrook to teach at Colebrook Academy and was a mentor to many students and faculty members of Colebrook Academy. He chaperoned many Future Farms of America trips to Kansas City. He was nominated by the national board for Future Farmers of America to receive an Honorary Farm Degree. He not only was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, but a 65 year member of Mohawk Grange. He was also a Past Master of Mohawk Grange.

Pine Grove Grange of Bath suffered more than its share of losing members to the Great Grange Above. I couldn't believe reading about a Grange losing some very important members. Ernest Roy was a past Master of Pine Grove as well as Mount Gardner Grange of Woodsville. The Roy family is a very large family and Ernest was one of several members to belong to the Grange. He was very active in Woodsville and Bath in several organizations as well as church. Then Nathalie Grimes, another longtime member of Pine Grove Grange and a Past Master as well. She filled several other officers as well.

Esther Cass was a member of Hooksett Grange. She was 100 years old when she was called to the Great Grange Above. She was active in Hooksett Grange when this Grange held yearly fairs or public suppers. She held various offices in year past. I remember she was very close to Elizabeth Bailey and helped out when asked.

George Farwell was another total surprise by his passing. I had just seen him at the funeral home for calling hours for Phyllis Taylor. He and his wife April are very dedicated Grange members. He was always there with April to travel to different Granges and to State session. They are very active members of Mont Calm Grange and April will be lost with Walter going onto the Great Grange above. Walter was the current Master for Mont Calm Grange.

Walter Parker was another quiet guy but someone was very dedicated to the organization. I first met him when I organized Moosilauke Junior Grange. He and his wife Priscilla were active members of Moosilauke Grange of East Haverhill. When I approached Moosilauke about starting a Junior Grange, Priscilla and Walter served as Matron and Patron as their son, Matthew would be an active member. This Junior Grange would be a very active and



successful unit within months. They would be a powerhouse with a large membership and became very involved in projects and ritualism. However due to medical reasons, Walter had step down but continued to assist Priscilla when he could. Moosilauke Subordinate Grange gave up their charter and soon the Junior Grange was lost. However, Walter and Priscilla continued to be members of Pine Grove Grange of Bath. Walter was serving as Gatekeeper for Pine Grove Grange when he was called to the Great Grange.

Irene Spaulding who passed away two weeks ago was my mother's sister and my last aunt. She was a 69 year member of Pineconia-Concord Grange. Her husband William, my uncle was Past Master of Pineconia, Merrimack County Pomona Grange and Patron of the Juvenile Grange. She couldn't go to meetings as she worked the 11 p. m. to 7 a.m. shift. She was totally deaf and in a wheelchair but lived to 92. Whenever the Grange needed something she would bake pies, donate for yard sales, always willing to do what she could. She always wanted to know what the Grange was doing.

William Rooney was a member and Past Master for Baker River Grange of Rumney. He may have been different from a traditional Grange member but he was a very dedicated and served his Grange to the best of his ability as Master. He joined Mt Livermore Grange with several other members.

Christopher Hillsgrove was 42 years old when he was called to the Great Grange above. I mention him because he was a Past Master of Pineconia Junior Grange and joined the Subordinate Grange for several years. Chris, when he was 4 years old became a member of my family. My parents looked at Chris like he was a grandson or like a nephew. Chris's death hit my family hard especially after losing Dad. He was diagnosed with cancer last September and was admitted to Exeter Hospital and went through chemo and radiation. He seemed to be in radiation and then when my dad died he wanted to be a bearer in the worst way. He seemed to be in remission, then within weeks, cancer returned and went to his brain and within a few weeks, he left this world. Chris made many friends in the Junior Grange and loved a family that he didn't have in his life. He left behind three children, one who was 5 years old. He worked so hard trying to give his daughters something that he didn't have, a family.

I read the obituary for Alice French of Deerfield who passed away recently. I mention this because Alice was the superintendent for the Grange Building at Deerfield Fair for many years. She became superintendent when Martha Southmayd, who was a Past Master of Deerfield and Candia Grange, passed away. Alice was a Grange member herself belonging to Deerfield Grange and not sure if she transferred to Candia or another Grange in the area.

Howard Bower and his family belonged to Rochester Grange and were very active members. Although in New Hampshire, Howard didn't serve on the state, but when they moved to Florida, he did hold an officer on the state level in the Sunshine State. I will remember Howard, Tosh and Kim for their smiles and always willing to help wherever.

John Pepau was a long time Grange member who was well known in the Northern New Hampshire area. He and his wife Francis very active in Groveton, Pilot, and Stratford Granges. The both of them worked very hard to keep Grange active and interest among the members in the Northern Sector. His passing will leave a major void but hopefully new members may keep the interest alive. John not only served as Master many times. He also was very instrumental in organizing Pilot Grange.

I have enjoyed talking about members who may or may not have served on the State Grange level whether as a committee member, director, deputy, or a state officer, who have been called by the Great Master of the Universe. They worked very hard in their Subordinate or Pomona Grange and help write history that will be remembered for many years. The following members I will be talking about is very difficult because they not only served the State Grange in a variety of positions but I knew some of them personally. Some of them were related to me, which was even more difficult. I can say that in some cases, I was asked to give the eulogy, of which I was extremely honored. It is something that meant very much to me.

It is sad when a Grange closes and their members might or might not receive their demits and they don't know who to contact or a neighboring Grange to continue their membership. This is especially true for those members who have reached their Golden Sheaf membership or more. This is what happened to Frederick Adams of Bartlett Grange of Salisbury. Frederick passed away recently and not sure what happened why he didn't transfer to Daniel Webster where most of Bartlett members went. Frederick was a Past Subordinate Deputy for several years in the 1940's and early 1950's. He was also a Past Master for Bartlett Grange. Even though, he won't have a candle lit in his honor, I felt it was important to remember the history he created for the town of Salisbury and the NH State Grange.

I think many of us were very saddened and surprised when we heard that Christine Woods had passed away. She was a valiant member of the Grange never letting her medical condition keeping her down. She served on the State Youth Committee and served as a Junior Deputy. She was a past master of Pine Grove Grange and did a great job. She was also very active at Woodsville High school, presenting the scholarships from Pine Grove Grange on Graduation Day. When her dad passed away a few years earlier, Christine took his passing very hard. Christine developed a medical condition that made it difficult for her to stay home. She had to move to the Grafton County Home where she could get round the clock care. She didn't let the move keep her down, as she would participate with the residents in many activities and often leading them.

It was a true sadness when she had left our world to join her dad and her many Grange friends in the Great Grange above.

Raymond Burton was a true legend and icon in the town of Bath and in the government circles of the Granite State. I first met Ray at a Grange District Meeting in 1967. He was serving as a candidate in the degree for the Deputy District Meeting. He was very friendly, smiling, and just seemed like a good person, very down to earth. He played the piano for

his home Grange and served on the State Youth Committee as well as being a Past Master. He became involved in politics serving as a member of the Grafton County Commissioners and then being elected to the Governor's Executive Council. He served many terms at the State House. He helped so many people regardless of the situation they might be in, he was there to try and make a difference. Ray was a fixture with his antique automobile in many Old Home Day Parades. He traveled so many miles in his district which went from the Lakes Region to Pittsburgh. You would see him at public suppers, church gatherings, as well as Grange meetings. Raymond Burton will be missed by so many people in the largest district he represented in the state.

I was in total shock when I found out that Marion T. Jones had passed away. Her son, David called me himself because he didn't want me to read it in the newspaper and how much she meant to my family. He also asked me if I would give a Eulogy about her activities. I first met Marion at a Youth Night at Pineconia Grange, Concord Heights in 1967. When I wrote this report to think that several members of the same Youth committee also passed away, it was unreal.

Marion was asked to serve as Lady Assistant Steward for this evening at Pineconia Grange. I would see Marion many times whether it was at Pomona, State Grange or at the Hopkinton Fair working on displays in the Grange building or working in the church booth. She was famous for her doughnuts along with other goodies.

Marion served in many roles in the State Grange, State Youth Committee member, State Lady Assistant Steward, Flora, Lecturer, Executive Committee member, and Pianist. She had an installing team that installed many Granges no matter what part of the state they were located Marion would speak to everyone, she would never ignore anyone. She would sell her gifts she got from her daughter in law from the Golden Pineapple, especially her paring knives. It was very rare for her to say no to any request of her. She had a devastating fire in her home in Webster. Standing outside while it was on fire, the woman who started it stood right next to her saying, Marion how could anyone do this to you? Not knowing Marion was standing next to the lady who did it. When she was arrested, Marion, I am told, forgave her. I don't know if this was true as the lady was at the funeral and someone said "how can you be here and that was the answer that was given." Knowing Marion, she probably would have said that. I was so proud to have given her the first Founders Award at last year's State Grange Banquet. She was so happy to see so many friends last year. Marion, I am sure you playing the piano, giving a recitation, or planning a program right now in the Great Grange above and everyone is enjoying every minute of it.

Lester Bradley left our Grange world too quickly. Many of us will remember Lester and his family singing at many Grange functions. He and his wife Sharon traveled to many places. They entered the State Grange Talent Contest and went to National Grange. He served as Master for West Thornton Grange and Pemigewasset Valley Pomona Grange. He was appointed a Subordinate Deputy and served in that role for several years. He traveled many miles and never complained. He had a favorite song that he would sing out behind the Barn, which he would sing in many places. He and I talked a lot about cancer after my dad was diagnosed with it. He supported my efforts in trying to resume the

Grange in meeting at the Legislature. He sat right in front of me the last two years in the Legislature. He told me that cancer was on the move again but never gave up hope. It was sad when he passed away because just before he did, another lady legislator passed away and she sat in front of him. Lester will be missed very much by all who knew him.

Virginia Hayes, Past State Ceres & a member of the Assembly of Demeter, also Past State Junior Director passed away in Florida several months ago, I will always remember Ginny as she was the State Junior Grange Director when I was appointed by Past State Master Alton Carpenter. I was the first man to be a Junior Deputy and it was a pleasure to work for her. Ginny always had that smile; the first time I met was at Youth Night at Catamount Grange in Pittsfield in 1969. I can remember there were several pink sash members who decided to let her carry their pink sashes around after the meeting while they went to enjoy refreshments.

I saw Frank and her again at the next State Grange Session in Colebrook. They sat across from my uncle and me for the Home Economics Luncheon and spoke to us like she remembered us from Catamount. She and her husband B. Franklin Hayes, who had passed away, last year had traveled many miles while he served as State Master and National Secretary. I think of the nicest traits that I will always remember about Ginny was that she always spoke to everyone no matter who it was. I can remember her at Family Weekend at Hopkinton Fairgrounds and she would come around to all the campers and say hello.

In addition to being a past Junior Deputy and Junior Director, Ginny was a member for over 70 years in the Grange. She served as Past Master for Henry Wilson, Rochester, and Eastern New Hampshire Pomona Granges. She also served as Past Master for Zephyrhills Grange in Florida. She was also a member of the Assembly of Demeter.

Phyllis Taylor served as a State Subordinate Deputy throughout her Grange membership. She belonged to Blazing Star Grange in Danbury as well as Lake & Valley Pomona Grange. I was so surprised to find out at a Daniel Webster Grange meeting that we were related through the Patten family. It was while we were talking about the Patten's in Bristol and Alexandria as that's where my family is from. I had met Phyllis before that at a Youth Night meeting at Wilmot Grange when she sang with her daughter Tricia playing the piano. I would see her at state Session and then I found out how she was related to the Patten family. My mother thought Phyllis was wonderful. She loved her singing as she would sing The End of a Perfect Day, which was my mother's favorite. Whenever Phyllis came to our Grange, she would ask her if she was going to sing. Phyllis was a teacher and also very active in the town of Danbury doing many activities. Phyllis would always give me encouragement when I was going to take on a new project or office. I will miss calling her and hearing say Hi Cous, what's up.

I first met Marjorie Huntoon in 1967 when she represented the State Youth Committee. Pineconia Grange was observing Youth Night and Marjorie was asked to serve as Master for the evening. Many times Marjorie and her husband Willard and her mother Ardena would be traveling to meetings no matter if it was Youth, Home Economics or just a regular meeting.

Marjorie served as Master for Blazing Star and Lake & Valley Pomona Grange as well as Blackwater Grange of which she was an affiliate member. Marjorie also served on the State Home Economics Committee and as a special deputy. How excited she was when she was elected as State Pomona. She held the position for four years and brought honor to the position. I remember the wonderful poem she wrote about me when I was retiring as State Master. It was printed in the 1998 Journal of Proceedings.

Marjorie and Phyllis both helped on Past State Master's Carl Adams Installing team. I was surprised when I found out from my father that Marjorie and Willard were both related to the Patten family. They managed to have a very active farm but despite their responsibilities they always found time to do Grange and other town activities. I remember seeing Marjorie working in the Visitor Information booth near Newfound Lake or working at the Danbury Inn. How ironic that she and Phyllis would be transported to the same hospital the same day and within hours, they both were called to the Great Grange above.

Reginald Amazeen was a very active member of Tuftonborough Grange. I first met Reggie at State Grange when I was serving as a Junior Deputy. He was serving as a Pomona Deputy and then Subordinate Deputy for the State Grange. He was also a Master of Tuftonborough Grange and Carroll County Pomona Grange. Reggie was also very active in the school system. He taught 4th grade at the school and served as Principal for the Tuftonborough School. He also arranged to have deputy school held at Tuftonborough School with the Grange serving lunch at their hall. This was the first time moving the Deputy School and Leaders Conference from Boscawen where it had been held for many years.

Ina Anderson, whose late husband Anbarth Anderson served as a Deputy for the NH State Grange, was very active herself. She not only traveled with Anbarth to his deputy visits, but also served as Master for Rumney Grange and Grafton County Pomona Grange. She also served as a member of the State Grange Home Economics Committee and as a member of the State Grange Fair Committee. Following the closure of Rumney Grange, she and her family joined Baker's River Grange. They were a very active family. I remember meeting her son Gregor at a youth night of Blazing Star Grange.

I was surprised when I read the Union Leader and saw where Olive Bourque had passed away. She was a major fixture in the Jaffrey area. She served her Grange and community very well. She served as Master for Jaffrey Grange and Grand Monadnock Pomona and also became an affiliate of Miller Grange. She served the State Grange serving a member of the State Membership Committee and as a member of the Youth Committee. I remember when we had chartered busses to go to the National Grange in Portland, Maine to take the Seventh Degree and someone said something to her and she stood up and said that she was she was the mouth of the south. She was very funny with her answers. She would always fill her vehicle up with people from her grange to attend a meeting either at Jaffrey or to go to another meeting. Olive took it very hard when her granddaughter Jody Thomas Bailey passed away due to cancer at such an early age.

Clinton Patten, this is the hardest one to write about. I knew two years ago at our session in Hampton Beach that Dad was not good, but he wanted to go in the worst way. He came and enjoyed himself so much. Like he would say so many times, it is not the same with my mother gone and some of the Grange friends he had met now no longer with us.

He would enjoy Wally Verge, Roy & Marilyn Machia, Betty Cournoyer, Elwyn Chamberlin, Marion Jones (whom his oldest sister were best friends in school, and she didn't realize she had passed away) and most of all John Saturley, whom he worked for 20 years at Concord Lumber. Dad surprised me when he took Master at Pineconia Grange. He served as an officer for Merrimack County Pomona Grange. He was so honored when he was asked to serve on the State Membership Committee and then the Agriculture Committee.

Past State Master Paul Davis then appointed him Chairman for the Agriculture Committee following the death of Wally Verge. He also worked very hard as janitor for the State Grange Building. Dad was lost when my mother passed away in 2008, and he never got over his dad dying when he was 10 years old.

He loved the Grange first joining Bartlett and then got married and dropped his membership. He came back in a year after I joined in 1967. Last year when we met in Concord, he didn't make it down for most of the session except the banquet. He enjoyed himself so much. He heard his great nephew, which he had never knew he was a singer. I was so thrilled to have him there. We spent every Saturday doing errands and lunch. He always asked about Grange, what was new, did I see this person, or what will happen in time. Cancer is a terrible thing and believe me, Dad fought a hard battle. He wanted everything done so that he could live. However, in the end what took him was not what we expected. Thank you Dad for all you did for me and my sister. It doesn't seem right to look out and not see you sitting there.

When you think that what you did in the Grange didn't do much or make an impression, remember it did. You wrote more history while you were here on this Earth than you realize. Whether it is in Grange, your community, church, employment, or your family, you are writing history as we speak.

I would like to thank everyone who reached out to my family and myself this year. It has been a very tough year. I thought sure 2014 would be a good year, but boy was I wrong. I appreciated so much the State Officers and Committee members who were able to come and do the Grange Memorial Service at the calling hours for my dad. Little did we realize he would leave us so soon? We appreciate the cards, telephone calls and flowers that were sent.

I would like to thank State Secretary Gerry Leclerc, State GSG Editor Hannah West, State Master, and James Tetreault for all they have done. Like I said, it was a terrible year, we know that we will be called by the Great Master of the Universe, but when is a mystery. I would like to thank everyone who sent me historical information items that will be on file in the State Grange Museum. I have enjoyed being State Historian so much. I always seen

to find more information or interesting stories to share. Remember the Grange is writing history on all levels, no matter what level, be it Junior, Subordinate, Pomona, State or National. I have started to write sequels to the History book I have written. I have resumed my writing on the first book as I wanted to update some things that I had written about. I am also writing a book about past members of the Pink Sash Family and what are they doing, where are they now. I have enjoyed writing to Rolf Staples and remembering the old days.

In closing, thank you for all your support and a special thank you to my wife Debbie, who gets tired of seeing all my clutter but once I start reading the journals, I can't stop. I hope you all have a great 2015 and thank you for everything.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Patten, State Historian

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Arthur Merrill was presented his General Deputy Report

### **General Deputy**

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters:

This is the 135th annual report of the General Deputy. Much has changed in those years, including the role of the Deputy. From organizing Granges, to scoring granges doing degree work, to some of the present duties of giving advice and seeing that the Granges are following the By-Laws. The Deputies have made their visits and filed their reports.

We began the year with 11 Pomona's and end the year with the same.

We started the year with 64 Subordinate Granges and end with 62. On November 8, 2013 Blackwater Grange of Andover consolidated with Blazing Star Grange of Danbury. On June 30, 2014 Warren Pond Grange of Alstead closed.

I would like to thank the entire Deputy force for their efforts this year.

### **Pomona Granges**

We have 11, one has only 12 members, one had no legal meeting this year. The Pomona's range from 12 members to 104 members. Dues go from \$5 to \$15, and value from \$447.62 to \$16,065.35. There was not any Pomona Grange in the state this year that conferred the fifth degree. Hopefully, next year at least on Pomona will do the degree.

## Subordinate Granges

Wicwas Lake Grange is the largest in the state with 87 members. Dues are from a number of Granges who do not collect any to \$40. Many of these Granges have not held any legal meetings this year. Value of our Granges range from less than \$1000 to nearly \$700,000.

## Degree Day

We held one degree day this year, and a big thank you to the Deputies who took part as we worked the fourth degree.

## Ritualism

Ritualism is not as important to many of our members today as compared to years ago. I believe we need to get back to doing more. To be a Grange means doing some ritual work at each meeting. A Grange that does not do the formal opening and closing is no more than "The Village Improvement Society". One solution may be to have the Pomona Granges in charge of doing the first four degrees each year.

## Officer Visits

Many times in my travels in the last 4 years, members ask where is the State Master and the other officers. Why don't they visit Granges? Each State Officer should visit 3 or 4 Granges each year, hopefully some will be Granges they don't get to often. Being a State Officer means you MUST be willing to make some sacrifices in your own personal life to visit Granges. If you are not willing to do this, you should step aside.

## Leadership

The decision was made last year not to have a December Deputy School. This turned out to be a huge mistake. The Deputies did not have a chance to meet to discuss issues and ask questions of each other.

## Top Scoring Granges

The top Pomona Grange is Pemigewasset Valley. The top Subordinate Grange for the fourth year in a row is Wicwas Lake Grange.

## Communications

Communications from the various State Grange Departments to local Granges remains an issue. We cannot rely on only forms of social and/or electronic media to inform our members. Many times "snail mail" is still the best way.



## Conclusion

The position of General Deputy is one of both great satisfaction and great frustration. Seeing the comeback of Wicwas Lake Grange. The opening of Claremont, Hinsdale, and Manchester Community Granges. We have worked hard to get Upper Coos Pomona Grange active again.

I have traveled over 25,000 miles in the performance of my duties in the past four years, I would like to thank the State Master for asking me to fill this most important position. This has been the best "job" I have ever had in serving the State Grange. Thank You.

Fraternally Submitted,

Arthur Merrill  
General Deputy

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Session closed in the afternoon session closed in form at 4:35 pm.

## Friday Evening

The Friday evening session was called to order by State Master James Tetreault at 7:30 pm, preceded by the marching in of the State Officers. Roslyn Heath served as Flag Bearer for the evening.

Roll call found all present.

Prior to the opening General Deputy Arthur Merrill obligated the Fifth Degree on 3 candidates.

State Secretary Gerald Leclerc read the application of Glen Badger, Wicwas Grange and 7 other candidates: Kristy Badger, Wicwas Grange; Erick Todd, Manchester Community Grange; Lotte Winter, Granite Grange; Edith Jennings, Joe English Grange; Laura Sevens, Sunapee Lake Grange; Robert Glover, Granite Grange; Carl Shattuck, Sunapee Lake Grange.

The Sixth Degree was exemplified by the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange.

Special Court:

Pat Bailey, Patrice Lawlor Debra Patten, Richard Patten, Diane Collins, Virginia Clark, Rodney Huntoon, Dot Haskins, Ruth Gray, Joanne Brandt, Carolyn Ross, Marie Hall,

Court:

Flora Ann Leger

Male Attendants:

Andrew Savage

Norman Brandt

Court Ladies: Sarah Leclerc

Emilie Leclerc

Larissa Grant

Rachel Scanzani

Lynn Clark

Ann Boisvert

Pomona: Ida Hutchins

Attendants: Doris Mitton

Jean Abbott

Ceres: Tricia Taylor

Attendants: Kerriann Heath

Laurie Heath

Rose Drill Participants: All members of Wicwas Lake Grange

Steve Durand

Dawn Durand

Kim Durand

Nick Durand

Mollie Durand

Kristen Schwartz

Glen Badger

Kristy Badger

Dennis Boulanger

Cookie Boulanger

Jean Lowry

Bob Burack

Russell Fabien

Linda Phelps

Barry Ladd

Charlie Norwood

Alternates:

Ralph Ford

Carrie Sweetman

Coach:

Beth Merril

Soloist: Mary West

State Master James Tetreault introduced and presented a carnation to the Members of the Assembly of Demeter.

Adam Paquin Varnum and Joyce Martin escorted the General Deputy and the Deputy force to the front of the hall and thanked by the State Master for their service.

Leroy Watson from the National Grange complimented Flora on her court and the Officers for an outstanding exemplification of the sixth degree.

A letter from Past State Secretary Wayne Ingals was read thanking us for the invitation to attend the degree.

With no further business to conduct the grange was closed in form. Following the close of the meeting the State Officers formed a receiving line.

### **Saturday Morning**

The Saturday morning session of the New Hampshire State Grange opened 8:00 am by the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange Youth Association.

Youth Officers:

Master: Adam Paquin-Varnum

Overseer: Emilie Leclerc

Lecturer: Anne Boisvert

Steward: Stuart Light

Assistant Steward: Norman Brandt

Lady Assistant Steward: Lynn Clark

Chaplain: Robert Paquin-Varnum

Treasurer: Rachel Scanzani

Secretary: Sarah Leclerc

Gatekeeper: Larissa Grant

Ceres: Mary West

Pomona: Kerriann Heath

Flora: Davi Penny

Executive Committee: Allissa Estes

Amy Schunemann

Kevin Belval

Pianist: Lester Gibbs

Roll call of officers found all present.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum.

Leroy Watson from National Grange was escorted to the master's station for remarks. He congratulated the youth for their march in and the open ceremony.

Sherrill Bokousky, State Youth Director was introduced and presented her annual report of Youth Activities

## **Youth Report**

Worthy Master, Guests, Delegates, and Grangers all.

I am here to give you my report of this year's activities for the Youth Department. Event dates were set and youth programs were given to all granges and all forms and program were put on the state grange website to make sure that the information was available.

The year began with a period of time spent on planning, phone conversations, emails, and Facebook notifications to bring the NH Youth the information about what is available in the program. The first event held was the Winter Youth Rally held on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> and it was the first meeting for the Youth Association this year. We gathered at the State Grange Building in Hooksett for the day and began the youth work for NH. The agenda for the day started with Youth Officer testing and people had time to take the Grange knowledge test. The results are as follows: Tie for 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to Beth Merrill and Cam Twiss it is customary that the winner writes the next test. As there was a tie the responsibility of writing the test will be given to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place person which is Jerry Leclerc. Drill team sign ups were also held through the day at the registration table. Workshops on the agenda that day were one for Youth Achievement Awards and one for Sign a Song. The Community service project which we shared with the Junior Department was started during the morning hours. The junior grangers that were present decorated lunch bags with a valentine theme and the youth sorted and bagged treats for the lunch bags. We made 100 bags to be donated to the NH Food Bank. I went to the NH Food Bank and our donation was enthusiastically received. Watatic Grange prepared and served a terrific lunch of soup and sandwiches. The afternoon was spent with the completion of the Community Service work and following that we had time scheduled for the Department heads to give details of each of their programs and answer any questions.

Dinner was at 5:30, and I give a large thank you to Watatic Grange for cooking and serving great meals throughout the day. The meeting was conducted after dinner with Adam Paquin-Varnum as Master. During the Lecturer's program we had a youth raffle drawing and included the first drawing the NH State Grange Fundraising 1/20 club

I am disappointed to say the numbers present at the Rally this year were lower than last year. If you couldn't be there we missed you. There are a few things in the program that are for youth only but a lot of it is for ALL.

The next Youth event was GLOW BOWLING which was held on March 22. This is a fundraiser for community service and anyone who participates will be eligible for a youth achievement seal for the Caroline Hall Granges Care. Anyone who bowls and has sponsors will help raise money to give 75% to the NH Food Bank and 25% will go to the National

Youth Leadership Fund. We had 8 bowlers and were able to make a small donation to both this year.

As spring arrived and we began to enjoy great weather. It was easier to travel and get out to Youth Nights around the state. I missed a few but did try to get out whenever I could. In April I attended Spring Fling in Tilton and presented a workshop about the National Achievement Awards. I was able to explain the program highlights and show some certificates received. The one thing I continue to say is that there are a few things in the program that are for youth only but a lot of it is for ALL.

The Youth Program had contests and rules listed for them. The two state contests are Recycled Art and Christmas Ornaments. Everyone can participate in these contests. This year's winners are

Recycled Art:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beth Merrill
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry Leclerc
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jane Trombi

Christmas Ornament:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sandra Bokousky Marcoux
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ida Hutchins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sharon Stickney
- Honorable Mention Beth Merrill

We also have the 2014 Photo Scavenger Hunt. Clues to twenty locations in and around the community allows grangers to plan a fun activity .This contest can be done by a grange or by an individual. The winners for this year are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wingold Grange
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Fowler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gilman Grange

The Youth Department has had a very busy summer. In June we had a Summer Rally weekend on June 6, 7, and 8 at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia. The agenda for the rally started out on Friday evening with folks arriving and spending time getting settled in. As this was a joint event with the junior department each group had their own agenda with lots to do. We had 11 adults and 5 juniors staying for the full weekend Saturday's Youth activities included time spent working on the contests entries for recycled art. A sign a song workshop was done by Kathy Yardley with the group. The group sign a song will go on to the regional youth conference in July. Later that day we had the Public Speaking Contest Saturday evening we had a campfire meeting and election of officers was done. Youth Officer Contest this year was announced before elections and Youth Master named was Adam Paquin Varnum. For all present installation was done as well. Any not installed

will be done at a later date. Plenty of s 'mores and great time to relax and enjoy the great weather we had during the whole weekend.

#### Youth Officers

Master	Adam Paquin Varnum
Overseer	Emilie Leclerc
Lecturer	Anne Boisvert
Steward	Stuart Light
Assistant Steward	Norman Brandt
Lady Assistant Steward	Lynn Clark
Chaplain	Robert Paquin Varnum
Treasurer	Rachel Scanzani
Secretary	Sarah Leclerc
Gatekeeper	Shawn Scanzani
Ceres	Mary West
Pomona	Sandra Bokousky Marcoux
Flora	Davi Penny
Executive Committee	Alissa Estes
Executive Committee	Amy Schunamen
Executive Committee	Emmanuel Gooding

On July 11, 12 and 13 New Hampshire was the host state for the Northeast Regional Youth conference. This was held at Rivier University and had a great attendance for the weekend. Friday night was to gather, renew old friendships, welcome new people and get settled in. As a community service project the group made and decorated bookmarks that later were delivered to folks around NH. Saturday we had workshops in the morning and Public speaking and sign a song contests in the afternoon. We had Grange Jeopardy and one minute games to end the evening with a raffle for tickets received during the conference. Drill competition followed on Sunday morning with 5 teams entered. Massachusetts placed first with New Hampshire placing fourth. I am very proud of the NH team for all the planning, practicing and time they spent to perform a really great drill. Special thanks to Andrew Savage for his work as coach.

#### Team members were

Sarah Leclerc  
Emilie Leclerc  
Mary West  
Anne Boisvert  
Christopher Heath  
Norman Brandt  
Stuart Light  
Adam Paquin Varnum

Now we come to the time for review. As I received reports and contest entries I found that participation has increased. I was thrilled to have to find judges for the many items I received for each category which means we have a great participation in the program. We

will continue to send emails, Facebook posts, and try to contact as many folks as possible to make sure that all information is available. I look for more to participate in the coming year.

The youth reports I have received show that some granges are telling me they have no youth in their grange, and some still participate by working with young people in their communities. I have also received more reports in booklet form this year as well and say thank you for the time spent on reports. This helps to plan a program for the coming year. The youth score award is the highest total points from the reports. The Subordinate grange with the highest score for this year was Antrim Grange. The Pomona grange with the highest score was Hillsborough County Pomona

Worthy Master, I want to say thank you for asking me to do this very important work. I have worked hard, completed the task, and had a good time doing what I enjoy. Thank you

Fraternally,  
Sherrill Bokousky  
Youth Director

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

During the report the members of the group sign a song performed the song that presented at the Northeast Regional Youth Conference.

Joann Brandt Junior Director was escorted to the Masters Station to present her annual report.

## **JUNIOR REPORT**

Worthy Master, State Officers, Distinguished Guests, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters

It is an honor to serve as your Junior Director. The Junior Grange has been growing and activities have differed with all the Juniors scattered around the state.

The year began shortly after State Session with National Grange in New Hampshire. The Junior Grangers came from all over the country. I worked with the crafts, games, Junior Tour and Talent Contest for them. It was amazing all the talent our young people have and enjoyed watching them all perform.

I traveled to Hinsdale in December with Sherry Bokousky to see the Juniors at Hinsdale and brought graham cracker (Gingerbread) houses with all the fixings for them to make. We expected 12 and 5 attended this fun time, so Sherry took the remainder to Watatic Grange for the Juniors there.

I attended the Northeast Leaders conference in Rhode Island in January, and this coming years' craft for Eastern States Exposition for 2015 will be a Duct Tape craft.

We had a great day at February Youth Rally with 5 Juniors attending along with a future one. Kathy Yardley showed the Juniors, Youth and Young at Heart how to do a Sign a Song. After the workshop, Juniors separated out and made the No-bake Oatmeal cookies for all to try. The Juniors assisted the Youth by decorating paper bags for the Youth to fill with goodies to be taken to the Food Bank as our community service project. The afternoon session was making bean bags and Gloria Davis was at hand watching the needles and fingers once they filled them with beans. We sat in with the Youth for the floor work workshop, as we need to learn how to go around the hall like everyone else. Thanks to Norman Brandt for supplying marching music for us. Watatic Grange put on lunch and Supper. We thank them for all their time in the kitchen for us.

The bowling is a fun event, we were able to fill two alleys with Juniors. As this is a family organization, Justin came with his Grandmother and I obligated him as a member of Junior Grange from Hampton Falls Grange. I wish to thank Chris Heath for assisting in the bowling for Juniors. T-shirts were given each Junior bowler.

Spring Fling in Tilton on April 5, two juniors attended with their family. We worked on crafts at the back of the hall and later made an Easter hat with a paper plate and did an egg hunt.

The Summer Youth Weekend included Juniors at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia. Events and camps were separate most of the time. We watched the contests in Public Speaking and Sign a Song hoping to get courage to do the one we practiced but ... Maybe next year. The nature walk was over run with all the lady slippers they found in their woods and many took photos. Collecting leaves and ferns we made an egg craft. The camp raised the flag on Saturday morning with Juniors taking part and all enjoyed the campfire that evening. Camperships assisted all our Juniors this year and I thank all Granges and individuals who sent donations.

Invited to attend Harmony Grange to obligate Jamie, we also saw her mother become a member of the grange at the same time.

The Northeast Youth Conference was held in Nashua this year and there were Juniors from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I had crafts available for times the Juniors looked for an alternative activity. Our National Youth Director, Charlene Espenshade led workshops. It was great seeing the Youth perform Drill competition.

Fair displays were placed at Stratham, Cheshire and Deerfield Fairs this year and my hope is that it shows the Junior Grange coming back.

Junior Grange is a great learning time for all young children. Encourage them to tell of their activities and maybe even to give a demonstration on a project they have had at school. This gives them practice speaking in front of people and will assist them with their future endeavors.



Thank you to our Youth Director, Sherry Bokousky, and Youth for allowing the Juniors to take part in activities.

I know we have a lot more work to grow our Junior Grangers and I welcome your assistance and ideas. I have chosen for this year's theme "As Flowers grow, so do Children in Junior Grange"

Attached is a list of all contest winners in the Junior Contests and I will have the list on display in the Junior Display.

I have Junior Grange Booster ribbons for \$2.00 for anyone wishing to be a Junior Booster. This money will be earmarked for the June Camp weekend to be held with the Youth.

This year I would like to recognize those Granges that have supported us by bringing in Juniors and working with them.

*Watatic Grang #35,  
Prentice Hill Grange #267,  
Hinsdale Grange #358,  
Wicwas Lake Grange #292,  
Rochester Grange #86,  
Wingold Grange #308,  
Harmony Grange #99,  
Hampton Falls Grange #171.*

As children grow, they also Graduate out of Junior Grange as they turn 15. They will be able to become your Subordinate members and assist your Grange further. We have four that are Graduating from Junior Grange: Jordan Durand, and Makena Kimball of Wicwas Lake Grange, Rebecca Marcoux, Watatic Grange and Logan Burnor, Hinsdale.

In closing, I want to thank Jim, our Worthy State Master for having supported me with the Junior Activities this year. Also thank you to all the Grangers who have assisted with the Junior program. It has been wonderful to see the many children working on projects and becoming winners.

### **2014 Junior Contest Winners**

Plastic Lid Cover Contest:	Age:	Place:
Genevieve Twiss	9	1st
Ava Twiss	8	1st
Alayna Twiss	5	1st
Isabell Brandt	5	2nd
Madison Brandt	3	3rd
Recycled Something from Nothing:		
Ava Twiss	8	Waterer 1st

Isabell Brandt	5	Bookmark	1st
Bowen Brandt	2	Bookmark	2nd
Natalie Brandt	10	Bookmark	2nd

Make a card for a Special Person:

Ava Twiss	8		1st
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Art Drawings:

Genevieve Twiss	9		1st
Ava Twiss	8		1st
Alayna Twiss	5		1st

Fraternally submitted,

Joann Brandt  
Junior Director

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Representatives from the Granite State Association of FFA were escorted to the Master's station and presented a slide presentation on the work of the FFA.

Hannah West Editor Granite State Granger presented the annual report

### **Granite State Granger**

Brothers and Sisters,

Another year in the work of our Order has passed, and again four issues of the Granite State Granger were mailed to members. It is my goal to have the paper in the mail close to the first day of the month on which it is dated. With the exception of the December issue I have come fairly close to meeting that goal this year. Each issue is also posted on the NH State Grange website.

As always I must recognize my family members for the help they provide. Anne Boisvert helps with proofreading and formatting the pictures. She also is there when it is time to create pdf files and load the finished product onto the FTP site. Mary West and Kevin Belval have been the chief folders this year. They can fold, wafer, and label 800 papers in less than half the time it takes the rest of us to do the other 500.

The State Grange directors helped to fold and wafer the March issue this year. Our state secretary prints the labels and mails them to me. Together we try to keep addresses up to date, but it really helps to have Grangers notify me when addresses change or when a loved one passes away.

I am grateful to all the Granges and individuals who have sent donations to help with the costs of printing and postage. I try to acknowledge them personally, but I think I have

missed a few this year. Thanks also to the Granges and Grangers who send in news and pictures. This is your paper and I am happy to recognize your successes and advertise your events, but I need to know what they are.

The quarterly newspaper is supplemented with the e-mail service I call the “Grange Grapevine.” Because of spam regulations I can only send one message a day, so bear with me when I become back logged. I generate my address lists from the State Grange Roster, but I can always add addresses of Grangers who aren’t listed in the Roster. Just send an e-mail to [gowest@tds.net](mailto:gowest@tds.net) and ask to have your name added. If you receive the messages, please share the news with those who do not use e-mail. Many notices are time-sensitive and need to be passed along.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah West, Editor  
Granite State Granger

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Ann Bosivert presented the Building Committee Report.

### **State Grange Building Manager Report**

This report starts off right after our 2013 state session when we promptly had a new spiffy sign custom made to replace the old “Home of the New Hampshire State Grange” sign. Our hope in doing this was to present a fine image to the visiting delegates of the National Grange session. It was a great sight to see Facebook updates from the Grange herd critters in front of the sign. Manchester Grange helped showcase the building to the other State Masters when they arrived for breakfast on the day of their delegate tour. A little organizing of the museum room was done by us in preparation for this, but all the credit for cleaning the building goes to Chris Heath and his team.

In July Chris stepped down as custodian and at this time we would like thank him for all his hard work. Luckily for us Adam Paquin-Varnum took up the challenge of this position. Adam has grabbed this bull by the horns and wasted no time making a difference at the building. You can find Adam there once a week, even going so far as trying to tame the wild and wooly gardens surrounding the building. We think he deserves an honorary NH State Grange pith helmet!

Hannah West has continued with taking reservations for the use of the building and arranging for the pick-up and drop-off of keys. Several groups have used the building for baby showers, birthday parties, and other such gatherings. Other events such as Winter Youth Rally and the Lecturer’s Variety Show were held there. The church group who inquired about using the building is now using it a couple of times a week for services and

Bible study. From the view point of the managers, this was a good endeavor for the building as it brings in income and the building is being used on a regular basis.

During the summer, it was noted that the American flag was in a sad state of repair so a replacement was foraged. The State of NH flag was replaced just before National Grange last year. New ropes were put on both flagpoles at that time. We have several more such small renovations planned for the ensuing year.

As for regular building maintenance, the assembly permit was renewed with the Town of Hooksett. We passed the inspection again without incident. Eastern propane serviced the AC unit this summer. The fire extinguishers were inspected. A furnace cleaning appointment has been scheduled with LaVallee Oil. We found out shortly after our last report that the Orkin Pest Control contract had been cancelled by the Executive Committee without our knowledge. There is considerable concern on our part about this decision, but no major issues have been reported yet.

In closing we'd like to again thank Chris, Adam, and Hannah for their help in maintaining and managing the building. A thank you also goes to State Historian Richard Patten who continues to remove records from the basement and find them more appropriate homes. Respectfully submitted,

Ann and Marty Bosivert  
Building Managers

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Lois Enman presented her report

### **Grange Services Committee 2014**

Worthy State Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters all.

I am pleased to give my report as director of this committee.

The financial information for the **Educational Loan Fund (ELF)** is as follows:

#### Education Loan Fund Balance Sheet

<b>October 1, 2013 at Peoples United Bank</b>		\$1,416.14
<b>Contributions:</b>		
5 Pomonas	\$115.00	
10 Subordinates	\$315.00	
Total Contributions		\$430.00

<b>Income:</b>		
Interest Paid	\$120.00	
Principal Paid	\$2,000.00	
Interest on Bank Accounts	\$ .59	
Morgan Stanley	\$4,000.00	
Total Income		\$6,120.59
<b>Total Available Funds</b>		\$7,966.73
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Scholarships	\$4,500.00	
Postage	\$66.20	
Printing Annual Appeal Letters	\$7.50	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$4,573.70
<b>Balance Sept. 30, 2014 at Peoples United Bank</b>		\$3,393.03

We are grateful for the donations we have received this year. Without your contributions the availability of funds will be greatly diminished.

#### Scholarships

These are available to Grange members in New Hampshire who has belonged to a Grange for at least one year. This scholarship/grant does not need to be repaid. The amount of available funds depends on the interest earned from our invested funds. The following members were awarded a scholarship at our annually meeting. Emmanuel Gooding-Nashua Community College; Karl McDerby-Clarkson University NY; Andrew Perry-Lyndon State College VT ; Hillary Ward-Plymouth State University and Kathe Wolf - Southern NH University. The State Grange wishes them well as they continue their education.

#### National Grange Benefits

Many benefits are available to you from the National Grange, because you belong to a Subordinate Grange. To mention some there are, Visa Reward Credit Card, Travel Center, Choice Hotels, Comfort Keepers Inns, American Income Life, Life Line Screening, US Pharmacy Card (Scrip), RX Pharmacy CVS Caremark, Hertz Rental, Med Air Services also Beltone Hearing Aid, True Hearing and a Prescription Drug Coverage. Plus Wire fly – cell phone services, VIP Pet Insurance, MetLife Home & Auto and Office Depot. These programs are updated regularly through the National Grange web site at [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org) and I hope Grange members will share this information at their regular meetings. A property and liability insurance policy is offered by National Grange to the Granges that own their buildings.

This committee has been able to help our members learn about the AIL American Income Life program, Sam's Club membership Partners' Program for themselves or their Grange. We worked with the Membership Committee and created a 3 fold Membership Brochure that you or your Grange could download and print to help increase your membership. I hope individuals and Grangers were able to take advantage of these programs.

In closing this report I need to thank my past and present committee members, David Boynton, Mary Tyler, Patrice Lawlor, Rodney Huntoon, Norma Neary, Linda Phelps, Lester Gibbs and Christopher Heath for their work through out the past four years, by helping to inform Grange members of the programs offered on the State and National levels.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois L. Enman, Director  
Grange Services Committee

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

#### **Election of Officers**

Master	Christopher E. Heath	Centennial Grange #185
Overseer	Robert Trombi	Walpole Grange #125
Lecturer	Jane Trombi	Walpole Grange #125
Steward	Arthur Merrill	Antrim Grange #98
Assistant Steward	Adam Paquin-Varnum	Antrim Grange #98
Lady Assistant	Kathy Yardley	Walpole Grange #125
Chaplain	Matthew Clark	Prentice Hill Grange #257
Treasurer	Daniel P. Bascom	Rochester Grange #86
Secretary	Gerald J. Leclerc	Hudson Grange #11
Gatekeeper	Norman Brandt	Wingold Grange #308
Ceres	Kerriann Heath	Centennial Grange #185
Pomona	Sarah Leclerc	Hudson Grange #11
Flora	Lois L. Enman	Rochester Grange #86
Executive Committee		
	Tricia Taylor	Blazing Star Grange #71
	Mark Collins	Claremont Grange #9

Mark Collins presented the Web master report for Chairman Wayne Turcott.

## State Grange Webmaster

Worthy State Master, State Officers, National Grange Representatives and Grangers All:

In December the New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee voted to move the physical location of the New Hampshire State Grange website to a new web hosting service and to build a new website. Over the next four weeks a new website was created and set up on the new web hosting service. The next six months were spent finding and correcting errors.

I would like to remind the Directors to include the State Grange Webmaster in their distribution lists, so that I will receive current information that can be posted on their webpages. I also request that the Directors view their webpages periodically to ensure that the posted information is correct and current. The NH State Grange website cannot be kept up-to-date if I do not receive the information.

There is a link on our website to Google maps that shows the location of the State Grange Building. If you click on either the picture of the State Grange building or the address below it, you will be taken to a map with the location of the State Grange building indicated thereon and from there you can click on “get directions”, enter your current location and get directions to the building.

I would like to remind everyone that the National Grange has provided us with guidelines for websites and social media sites connected with the Grange. I ask those Granges who have their own website or social media site to review the National Granges guidelines, available on the home page of the New Hampshire State Grange website, and ensure that their site complies with the rules.

You can send information, to be posted on the website, to me at [webmaster@nhgrange.org](mailto:webmaster@nhgrange.org) or mail to Wayne Turcotte, 107 Oak Hill Rd., Barrington, NH 03825.

Fraternally submitted,

Wayne Turcotte  
Webmaster, NHSG

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Ann Boisvert, Membership and Promotion Director was escorted to the Master’s Station to present he annual report

## 2014 Membership Report

The 2014 Membership department year began with the Farm and Forest Expo in early February. This year the Grange again had a double booth. The background of the exhibit was largely the work of Beth Merrill and showcased the Expo theme of “Celebrating Agriculture, Education, and Forestry” with the added Grange category of community. The

exhibit featured our balloon tree and an interactive fundraising goat named Dudley, both created by committee member Norman Brandt. The egg identification display Norman brought was also popular. Beth and Norman of my committee worked very hard to make things come together. Thank you to Adam Paquin-Varnum, Steve Tracy, Beth and Arthur Merrill, Norman Brandt, Cherylann and Larry Pierce, Valerie Merrill, Jim Tetreault, Trisha Taylor (and granddaughter), Dot Haskins, Chris Heath, and Omer Ahern who staffed our booth. Noel the Hamster, the State Master's mascot from National Grange, was also present to help out. He and Jim Tetreault were pleased to accept the Joseph Battles award for the top educational display, earning us a free booth space for next year's Expo. More importantly the weather for the Expo weekend was much better than last year, so attendance was way up, and we hope many members of the public learned more about the Grange.

The next event was the degree day on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Walpole Grange. Gwen Yardley and her team put on a fine lunch and were the most prepared with degree props of any group who has hosted so far. Thank you to the following groups who were in charge of finding officers for the degrees: 1<sup>st</sup> – Antrim Grange, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Youth, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cheshire County Pomona, 4<sup>th</sup> – Deputies. Lester Gibbs brought his keyboard and played for all four degrees, which was wonderful and very much appreciated. We initiated two new members.

In June I sent out a mailing which included a list of fair dates and contacts as well as some tips for fair exhibits. Exhibiting at a local fair is a great way to make your Grange known and perhaps to tell passers-by a little about the Grange as well. A local farmers' market may also let you set up a small info table. The membership department tried to set a good example by exhibiting in five fairs ourselves.

You may have seen the display at the membership table featuring New Hampshire Granges who had a net gain in membership in the year ending June 30, 2014. Congratulations to Blazing Star, Centennial, Concord, Joe English, Lake Shore, Manchester, Mount Hope, and Wicwas Lake. That is considerably fewer than the last few years, but we did have seventeen other Granges who held their numbers steady, so the numbers may not be as bad as they seem. All the same, we can't take our focus off membership for a moment.

You may recall that at State Grange last fall Master Jim Tetreault announced a membership promotion running for the membership year which began July 1, 2013 and continuing to June 30, 2014. Anyone who asked someone to join the Grange simply needed to fill out a postcard stating who they asked and what the result was. These postcards were sent to me and put in a drawing for a weekend at the Philbrook Farm Inn in Shelburne. There was not as much response as Jim might have hoped, but we did make double digits on the postcards received. And, at this time, we will be drawing the winner.

In closing I would like to thank the State Master for asking me to serve for the past four years in this capacity. I would like to thank the Jim and the Grangers of NH for their understanding as I made a valiant attempt to do my part as membership director while dealing with the extreme distractions of being a new mother, an issue I had not realized would exist until after accepting the mission. I was blessed to have Beth Merrill and



Norman Brandt as extremely helpful and supportive committee members. My committee and I did our best to play to our strengths, consisting mostly of our creativity and ability to be prepared for or adapt to just about anything on the fly. We hope our fair displays, Farm and Forest displays, State Grange membership displays, and innovative degree day tableaus have at least put a smile on some faces and perhaps inspired a local Grange to try something new or a passer-by to stop for a moment and consider the Grange in a current and positive light. Finally, I would like to thank my family for their support, ideas, and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Boisvert,  
Membership Director

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Deb Patten, Family Service Director, presented her annual report

### **FAMILY SERVICES REPORT**

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers and Patrons All:

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2014 Family Services report. It has been another busy year for Family Services. We put a lot of thought into the program in the hopes that we would get a great deal of participation in our various contests and projects. Hopefully there is something for all grangers to work on.

I am so thankful to all of you who have done such great work this year. We began our year with filling bags of goodies for 120 residents of Glencliff Home. This is such a rewarding project. I have received many positive comments from the staff at Glencliff as to how much the residents look forward to these goody bags. We will continue with this project this year. My sister Elaine and I took a trip up on a Saturday to deliver these to the activities director. She was very grateful and explained that these are given to the residents on Christmas morning and for most of them they snack on it all day long.

We continued our year with many letters and reminders to grangers to continue their projects and keep the knitting needles going for contributions to our Mountain of Mittens. Also many reminders to keep going with Needlework for the needlework contests. We had entries in most of the categories but not all. I have to admit I am disappointed that there wasn't as much participation and I can only hope that whatever prevented grangers from entering these contests don't continue to this year. The needlework entries were judged by a professional who is not associated with Grange. Believe me she knows what to look for. Thank you to Shelley Huntoon for helping me with the judging this year. It went smoothly and quickly. There was some beautiful work done by many grangers. It is inspiring – even sent me to JoAnn Fabric to stroll through the aisles thinking maybe I could find something to be creative with but I came up with nothing! Thank you all for your participation.

The winners of the Needlework contest are as follows:

Afghans

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Hill - Rockingham
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Esther Herrick - Concord
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marie Hall - Gilman

Baby Afghans

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carolyn Ross – Gilman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ida Hutchins – Bakers River
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Roberta Sliva – Hampton Falls

Doilies

- 1<sup>st</sup> Katherine Umberhind – Hampton Falls
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Leger - Winthrop
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alta Lawn - Watatic

Embroidery

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dawn Hugron – Antrim
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Leger - Winthrop

Plastic Canvas

- 1<sup>st</sup> Betsy Bean - Antrim

3 Piece Baby Set

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ida Hutchins – Bakers River
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Griffiths – Wicwas Lake

Counted Cross Stitch

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marie Hall – Gilman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Leger - Winthrop

Latch Hook

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Leger – Winthrop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Claire Gagnon- Hudson

Quilted Wall Hanging

No entries

Stuffed Toy

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beth Merrill – Antrim

Adult Garment

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Leger - Winthrop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cam Twiss - Watatic
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joann Brandt - Wingold

## State Contests

Other: Any other craft that didn't fall in another specific category

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Landry - Quilt

The first place winners of the New England contests were sent off to judging at Eastern States. Thank you very much to Beth Merrill who helped me out by getting the entries safely to Eastern States and back.

We were fortunate to have some winners at New England. They are as follows:

Afghans  
2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Hill

Baby Afghan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn Ross

Adult Garment  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Leger

Latch Hook  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Leger

Congratulations to these three ladies! Keep up the good work for 2015.

Speaking of Eastern States, I was so happy to once again get so many items to turn in for sale at Eastern States. I had many items from several granges but a very large boxful of items from Gilman Grange. Again my thanks to Beth Merrill for also delivering these for me. Thank you very much too all the Granges who donated items.

The Baking contest this year was No-Bake Pies. Thank you to all the granges who participated. I was so pleased to hear about the participation with this contest this year. The State Master called me to tell me they had 100% participation from his grange. I know my own Grange showed a lot more participation this year. The lucky winners at their respective Pomona Granges have brought their winning entries to State Grange. Thank you to our judges. The winners are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Mary West, Suncook Valley Pomona  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jonathan Standley, Hillsborough County Pomona  
3<sup>rd</sup> Arlene Fall Eastern, NH Pomona

Next year's contest is No Bake Desserts. I know it sounds like a repeat but there are many options for no-bake desserts. These can be in the form of a pie, 8X8 pan or 9X13. Since there are so many options, I will be choosing 4-6 recipes and will send them out to all granges right after the first of the year. I will ask that your members choose one of the recipes and I hope we get a lot of participation.

Our projects – Mountain of Mittens and Galoshes from Grangers are hopefully going to help warm the hands and feet of many children throughout our State. I am so hopeful that this continues to grow. Last year we didn't seem to collect as many but we had the competition of the mittens being collected for National Grange as well. So hopefully we can continue to expand our numbers so we can fill this very strong need in our state. The Galoshes from Grangers got off to a great start last year. We collected about 25 pairs of boots last year. I am hopeful this doubles this year and we can continue to grow this project as well.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of those who donated. Just think of all the warmth we are spreading!

Many Granges fulfilled their obligation and submitted the report form. So many of you did so much good work. Thank you for completing these reports as this is our way of knowing what your Granges are working on.

Now – like all the politicians this year – let's take a minute to talk about raising money. We all have to be budget conscious. The Family and Community Services committee struggles with fundraising because everyone is out there trying to sell something. We were able to do the 50/50 raffle at the Fishercats game in July and after pacing the night away selling tickets with the help of Robbie Izzo, our State Master Jim Tetreault and State Overseer Chris Heath, we earned \$131 for the Family & Community Services committee. Since our budget is joint, Family & Community, special thanks to Norman Brandt for doing the fair displays. This added \$150 to our committee from 2 fairs. We are still selling the Rada cutlery so please let us know if there is something you would like to order or purchase from the supply we have. I am very grateful to all granges and individual grangers who made donations to Family & Community Services. I know many granges struggle to make ends meet so to those who did send in their annual donation we sincerely thank you.

In closing I would like to thank my husband, Dick, for his never ending patience with me and his constant guidance. Thank you to our State Master for your continued support as well. I want to mention a special thank you to my Mom and my Sister Elaine. Although they are not grangers they do so much to help me – putting packets together, filling goody bags for Glencliff, fixing the favors for our State Banquet – whatever I ask they are there to help.

Thank you to my committee – Ann Leger, Connie Carr, Virginia Clark, Doris Mitton, Pat Izzo, Cam Twiss, Shelley Huntoon and Sondra Farrell. Although we got together only once or twice, we work well together and I am very grateful for all of your support. Thank you for keeping in communication with your granges and with me.

Fraternally submitted,

Deb Patten, Director, Family Services  
NH State Grange

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

The letter from the National Master were read

October, 2014

Delegates, Officers, and Members,

One hundred forty one Annual Sessions of the New Hampshire State Grange and counting! Your State Grange has the obligation to serve the citizens of your state by both aiding your Community Granges and representing our Order state-wide. By meeting this obligation you have accomplished much in the past and will make your fellow members proud by your future actions.

We offer our sincere congratulations to every Grange that has achieved a net gain in membership in the 2013-14 membership year. Every Grange should seek to be represented on the Grange Honor Roll as that means you've added the talents and energy of new members to your Grange. I also want to thank every Grange that took the time to fill out the Distinguished Grange application.

One great way to share the Grange story is for each Grange to host a candidate's forum for their community this year. Your Grange has the opportunity to invite every candidate and show your community that the Grange is a place of civil discussion and debate.

Each Grange should have received a letter from the National Grange about the challenges we face. Trademark protection remains a priority with more than 116 cases resolved successfully since January of 2008. We currently have no cases in Federal Court, Four cases before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (the administrative court that registers and regulates trademarks) and 21 cases of infringement in general commerce. It should be a moment of reflection for each member to realize that so many see value in our name, both in reputation and in financial gain.

I thank each member who has aided in our Trademark protection efforts this past year or over the past six years. Our Community Granges are the primary beneficiaries of the Grange trademarks and your National Grange remains committed to protecting our organization from those who would take our name for their own profit.

The second challenge is that members of our Order in California decided last fall to disaffiliate or leave our organization. While leaving the organization is every member's right, as we are a purely voluntary organization, they chose to continue to use our name claiming to be the Grange, they have kept Grange property and the monies earned by generations of members, and in addition, have notified some Community Grange members that they are now former members. All of this is contrary to the obligation that each member takes upon joining, it conflicts with our mutually agreed upon Grange rules and state and federal law.

This situation has serious repercussions for not only our Order, but for every organization that charters subordinate units, yet this is primarily our fight as it is our former members challenging our right to have binding rules created through a democratic process. I ask that each member take a look at the information that has been provided, ask questions and decide what our organization is worth, to yourself, to your community, and to those who have not yet joined our Grange family. These issues will affect each Community Grange and impact the future for every member.

Please take time today to consider a donation to assist in protecting our Order if you have not already done so. The California legal battles will end and with your support we'll be successful in reaching that end. Just as your efforts ensure the success of your Community Grange, through our united financial support our National Order will prosper far into the future.

I have faith in my fellow members and request that each member take ownership of the ideals and principles of the Grange and ensure that we meet the challenges facing us and have a bright future.

As we begin to gear up for the 150th anniversary of our great organization, I hope that each Grange will look for ways to share the important role that our members have played in creating the history of their community and our nation. Our heritage is one of educating people, both in and out of Grange meetings, helping those who are in need, and strengthening the bonds of family and friendship.

Your State Grange Session should be the example of how business should be conducted. Debate the issues with vigor and without anger, learn from others, and make new friends. Each should live the principles of the Grange for your entire Session and make the lessons of the Grange part of our daily lives.

Your National Grange officers wish you a successful New Hampshire State Grange Session and a year of exciting events and achievements for each Community Grange. Fraternal best wishes,

Edward L. Luttrell, Master  
The National Grange

Richard Patten, Community Service Director; presented his Community Service Report

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT**

Worthy State Master, State Officers, National Representative, Delegates, and Patrons all it is a pleasure to stand before you to present the 2014 Community Service report. It amazes me and makes me proud to report how many community service hours and projects Granges did this year. Whether it was a small project such as collecting food or a major project as dedicating a flagpole or sponsoring a Red Cross Blood drive. Community Service is an important part of our Grange work.

We started the new Grange year with a American Red Cross Blood Drawing during the National Grange Blood Drawing. I would like to thank members of the committee for their help. It was Very successful with Kevin Scarupa from WMUR 9 as our honorary Co-chair. I would like to thank the Granges for their support for Liberty House, a place for homeless veterans in Manchester. This next year I am hoping to add a couple more places in different areas of the state so Granges can assist our Nations heroes. It is a shame to see our beloved veterans put their lives on the line every day to keep our country safe from terrorists and dangers they possess. There are many who go in to the military and help and protect our country but they come home and find they lost their families, their jobs, and their homes. I have received many nice notes from the staff at Liberty House for the Grange remembering everyone.

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Grange Night at the Fisher Cats Game in Manchester. Although the attendance was down from last year, we still had 30 members go on to the field to unfurl the very large United States Flag for the opening ceremonies. It is quite an honor to do this.

I also would like to thank Robbie Izzo, Chris Heath, Debbie, and Jim Tetreault for helping to sell the 50/50 raffle tickets. We received \$131.00 for our portion of the proceeds. I also sold, but Deb seemed to sell more than I did. The guys really sold tickets going into areas where I hadn't thought of to sell and did very well. I am hoping that someone else or another committee will take this on as a fundraiser.

I am so excited about our next new project. I had thought about this project last year during the Holiday season. I sat and wrote this many times, talked to many people and decided this project would be a great one for the Grange. I am talking about teenagers, who many times are forgotten at Christmas. I go to church or to the grocery store and I see artificial trees with many paper stars with ages from infant to 18 years old, male or female, and what their holiday wishes are. However after The first two weeks, there are tags left waiting to be taken. Those tags are usually for teenagers who have not been taken. By the fourth week, those left are the responsibility of the Church or business. Many times, I have heard the comment, "teenagers don't care if they get a gift or not, Christmas is for kids." How wrong they are, I know when I was a teenager, I looked forward to a card and gift. I appreciate Grange members supporting this and I hope you will go out into your community and ask for assistance. Teenagers look for gift cards from McDonald's, Burger King, Best Buy, Movie tickets, Super Cuts, Wal\*Mart, Target, to mention a few.

I was so pleased to have WMUR TV 9 Kevin Scarupa and WNEC News Joe Joyce is honorary Chairmen. I have several newspapers and radio asking to partner with us. Thank you for what was brought in to this session and to Deputy's School and Leaders conference if there Is one scheduled. I hope Grangers will get behind this next year as we continue to build on this.

I would like to thank Norman Brandt and Pat Izzo for putting a display for the Community Service Committee at Deerfield Fair and at Stratham Fair. It was goal to try and do every

fair, but due to people being busy with their own lives and trying to line up what was needed, it was impossible. I am hoping that next year we can try to do more fairs.

Each year, the National Grange presents money prizes to the top four notebooks submitted by Subordinate Granges. The books submitted are excellent and the judges had a very difficult time to judge them. They couldn't believe the amount of volunteer hours reported by the Granges and the projects that have been completed. They are excellent, the time placed on putting them together with photography, and news clippings. This is history of what your Grange did in your community. Granges who submitted booklets for judging showed just how involved they were in their community.

Here's a sampling of what some of the Granges did:

Watatic, they partnered with St Joseph Hospital Parish Nurse Program by donating a bountiful food Basket and gift cards for an immigrant family whose 4 year old daughter was being treated at Boston Children's Hospital. They provided 16 lap robes to St Joseph's Community Services, Meals on Wheels;

Blow -Me -Down Grange members made chemo hats for children with cancer; many hours of volunteer work with senior citizens;

Joe English Grange bag ladies met once a week from October to May to make 80 sleeping bags and donated them to various shelters. The sleeping bags contained mittens, socks, scarf, towel, wash cloth, and toiletries.

Hampton Falls Grange was busy do many activities including involved with the Pease Greeters at the Pease Air Base when members of the military come back home from being in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Dorchester Grange held a Baby Shower with items collected donated to Dennis House and to a Pregnancy Center.

The results in the booklet to be sent to National Grange

First Place: Wicwas Lake Grange, # 292

Second Place: Concord Grange# 322

Third Place: Gilman Grange # 1

Fourth Place: Hudson Grange 11

Fifth Place: Pembroke Grange # 111

Sixth Place: Antrim Grange, #98

The winning book will be sent to National Grange for further judging. Please take time to look inside the books and see what the Granges did. It might give you ideas for your Grange to do. I have also judged the single page reports as some people don't have the ability or knack for doing a Booklet. These Granges did excellent reports and shows how much can be accomplished.

The results are as follows:



First place: Mohawk Grange # 217  
Second Place: Dorchester Grange # 280  
Third Place: Rockingham Grange # 183  
Fourth Place: Stratford Grange # 238  
Fifth Place: Rochester Grange # 86  
Sixth Place: Claremont Grange # 9

The Grange new project this year goes to:

First Place, Concord Grange # 322 = raising funds to replace a flagpole in a city park and organizing a dedication celebration complete with a band concert and refreshments.

Second Place: Blow Me Down Grange, Chemo Hats, Attic Place

Third place: Watatic Grange, Little Dresses for Africa

Fourth Place: Hampton Falls, Pease Greeters

The Pomona Grange reports received were few this year but appreciated the ones that were sent in. New Year, the Pomona Granges will have a small program for them to complete.

First Place: East Rockingham Pomona # 11  
Second Place: Pemigewasset Valley Pomona # 18  
Third Place: Hillsborough County Pomona # 1

The Recognition Awards continue to be a great program to honor individuals throughout the Community and State. When you realize the men and women, who place their lives on the line every Day for us to be free and safe, it isn't too much to honor them. How many of us are here today because a police officer or firefighter gave their life in an emergency situation. Or How about the children or College students who go to classes every day to learn more education and don't realize they may not Make it to their next class because of some crazed or disturbed person has decided to fatally wound The teacher or fellow students. Some of the awards have been presented on Thursday evening but the remainder will be honored tonight. I had more entries than ever this year and I was so pleased, so thank you for sending in nominees for this. I hope more Granges will do this next year.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their support this year. This has been a rough year for Deb and me. I would like thank all the Granges for their support for the Community Service Program this year. You have gone beyond the call of duty in helping to make life a little better for those less fortunate or those who have no reason to smile.

Many thanks to State Secretary Jerry Leclerc for mailing out my correspondence to all everyone. I feel that many Granges do not have computers or email and it is important to get the word out.

Many thanks to our State Master James Tetreault for his support of this program and to Alice Tuck for asking me to assist her when she was Family Activities Director.

Many thanks to my wife Debbie for her support and getting the two committees working together. We have had many discussions about the committees and which way do they proceed, but in the end, the result has been wonderful.

Remember as we begin a new year, there is always something you and your Grange can do in your community to make a difference. Remember even though I mention many ideas of what your Grange can do, it doesn't mean you have to or say I can't do that so why bother make a report out. Please do what you can and send in your report. I enjoy helping to make someone's day better or give them a smile, the same with the place we live

There might something that has been neglected and possibly the Grange can do it or partner with someone. I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season whether you celebrate Christmas or Chanukah and a very successful 2015. And when you sit down for Thanksgiving this year, remember All the things you have to be thankful for. Believe me, there are many things to be thankful.

Fraternally,

Dick Patten, Director,  
NH State Grange Community Service

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Beth Merrill presented a wrap up report for the 2013 National convention held in Manchester NH.

We Did It!

Well, the 147<sup>th</sup> Session of the National Grange has come and gone in a whirl. "How Sweet It Was!" This article will attempt to acknowledge and thank everyone that had a part in what seems to have been a successful endeavor for our NH and Northeast Grangers.

Kerriann Nightingale Heath was

If you tune in to GrangeRadio.org, you just may catch a segment Kerriann did promoting the Mitten Tree, which graced the corridor next to the registration table. Mark Collins was the skilled craftsman who created the twelve foot high wooden base that proudly displayed approximately 2500 pairs of mittens, hats, and scarves that were then dispersed throughout the Northeast Region and donated to charitable causes. The Mitten Tree was certainly one of the highlights that was unique to our region and received much attention and acclaim. Thanks to all Grangers who contributed items to this worthy cause.

Interestingly, the lucky winner of our state basket, valued at over \$400, was Patty Dyer from Ohio. She attended our June Youth Rally as a winner and representative of the

National Grange's Young Agriculturalist contest back in 1989 when she was a brand new member and I was serving my first year as Youth Director. It seems appropriate, somehow, that someone having that connection to our state should be awarded our basket of NH goodies!

On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the officers and delegates of the National Grange will arrive and begin their arduous duties as the decision-makers of our Order. They will spend Sunday evening and all day on Monday meeting in committees, reviewing several hundred resolutions that the State Granges have submitted for consideration this year.

Thursday will be a busy day for all NH Grangers, as that is the day that we are charged with providing the necessary volunteers to carry on the events of the day. Kerriann Heath has been making the list of folks who have offered help as deputies, registration personnel, hospitality servers, Idea Fair assistants, and whatever else is needed during the day. You, too, can have a part in helping NH shine by asking Kerriann to add your name to her list.. We were excited and proud when we learned that Matthew Clark will represent us on this team as Master and Lynn Clark will serve as Chaplain. Also representing the Granite State on Friday at the Evening of Excellence will be Jordan Durand as our talent winner and Davi Penny who will actually be competing as our Regional Public Speaking best of show winner.

Saturday, the final day of the convention will have our NH State Officers conferring the Sixth Degree under the leadership of our State Master, James Tetreault, the artistic direction of State Flora, Ann Leger, and the technical expertise of Assistant Steward pro tem, Mark Collins. NH cast members for the Seventh Degree will be Priest Archon, Daniel Bascom; Priest Conductor, Arthur Merrill; trumpet girls Davi Penny, Emilie Leclerc, and Jordan Durand; marching candidates, Stuart Light and Tara Sad; and soloist, Mary West. And of course, too many to list here, but we can't forget to mention the 100 plus NH Grangers who will observe the Seventh Degree as candidates, thus helping our State Master to fulfill his bold pledge at last year's convention to provide that many candidates from NH.

Many Thanks to These Financial and In-Kind Donors to the 2013 National Convention  
(In no particular order)

Region Raffle - Diane Gutgesell – artist, painted two sap bucket lids; Betsey Congdon – Walpole Grange #125, artist, painted a sap bucket; Ruth Pelton – Hampton Falls Grange #171, artist, painted a sap bucket.

Youth Tour Sponsor - Wicwas Lake Grange #292, Walpole Grange #125, Antrim Grange #98, Cheshire County Pomona #6, Hillsborough County Pomona #1 Hospitality Room – Sponsor Money - Rochester Grange #86; Soliciting Corporate Donations – Gloria Davis, Antrim Grange & Diane Collins, Park & Claremont Granges, Kerriann Heath, Centennial Grange.

Grange Bucks Donors – Rodney Huntoon, Ann Leger, Bob Glover, Hannah West, Gloria Davis, Arthur Merrill, and many others!

Shirt & Merchandise Sales – Beth & Arthur Merrill, Antrim Grange; Chris Heath, Centennial Grange; Grangers Everywhere who purchased these items!

NH Maple Syrup Donors – Yardley Maple, Mexico, NY; McGill’s Sugarhouse, Walpole, NH; Brokenridge Farm, Cornish Flat, NH; Taylor Brothers Sugarhouse, Plainfield, NH; Bob & Jane Trombi, Keene, NH; Gowen’s Sugarhouse, Acworth, NH; Journey’s End Farm, Pittsfield, NH; Meredith Center Maples of Double D Ranch, NH; NH; James Tetreault, Winchester, NH; Scofield Mountain Farm, Ashuelot, NH

Salute to Agriculture Breakfast – Maple Syrup - Great Brook Farm, Walpole, NH; Bascom’s Maple Farms, Alstead Eggs – Pete & Jerry’s Organic, Cage Free Eggs, Monroe, NH Bacon/Sausage – North Country Smokehouse, Claremont, NH Yogurt - Stonyfield Farm, Londonderry, NH Pudding – Echo Farm, Hinsdale, NH Cheese/Butter- Agrimark Family Dairy Farms-Cabot Cheese, Lawrence MA Apples – Alyson’s Orchard, Walpole, NH Guest Speaker – Steve Taylor, former NH Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets, & Foods.

Mitten Tree – Tree design and construction and materials, Mark Collins, Park and Claremont Granges; Baler Twine, Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange; Hats, Mittens, & Scarves - Grangers everywhere.

“How Sweet It Is” Welcome Display – Kim & Dan Bascom, Rochester Grange Jr. Grange Snacks – Joann Brandt.

Idea Fair - Tables & Chairs, NH State Grange; Transporting of same – Mark Collins, Park & Claremont Granges; Décor & Transportation of same, Kathy Yardley, Walpole Grange; Scheduling Workshops – Ellen Weist, Manchester Community Grange Hancock Selectmen – Allowed us to borrow the Grange emblem Painted Curtain rescued from the former John Hancock Grange Hall) for the Idea Fair and assisted in the cost of its restoration.

#### Short List of NH People Who Made the Convention Happen (In no particular order)

Kerriann Heath - supervised the Host Region Office, making visitors feel welcome and keeping our Host Committee busy and constructive all week, helped solicit items for the NH raffle basket, solicited paper goods and pumpkins from commercial vendor, set up volunteer service at multiple Easter Seals facilities in conjunction with the Youth Tour and was a great listener whenever the Convention Coordinator needed to “spout”.

Gloria Davis & Diane Collins - supervised the Hospitality Suite, keeping it well-stocked and efficiently run. We were fortunate that the hotel allowed us to serve whatever we wanted, enabling us to help many Grangers save time and money by offering light meals and unlimited snack items at their convenience. Thanks to all the NH Grangers who

supplied food items on New Hampshire's day to stock the hospitality room. Diane was also a big help with a last-minute.

Adam Paquin Varnum – Due to a late hour illness, the Transportation Coordinator position was vacant until Adam valiantly stepped in and fulfilled the duties of airport greeter. Many folks took the time to mention how friendly and helpful their first contact in our state was. Adam and Bob Paquin Varnum personally transported a group of west coast youth to the coast so they could experience a view of the Atlantic Ocean.

Ann Leger & Tricia Taylor – Chairs of the Host Banquet, these two ladies managed the guest list, sending invitations all over the country, following up on RSVPs, organizing the head table, and preparing the table décor. This was a great and memorable evening!

Santa Croce – This family musical group played their usual set of original and cover songs and graciously learned and performed the Grange tune “The Yellow Corn”, which was a huge hit with audience members who had attended the Exemplification of the 1873 Degrees event in Minnesota the previous July. Their charm and wonderful harmonies made the Host Banquet memorable, as evidenced by the audience request for an encore followed by a standing ovation.

Chris Heath – organized the Delegate Tour, and sold fundraiser shirts pre-convention.

Manchester Community Grange – Prepared and served a delicious pancake breakfast for the Delegate Tour.

Kim Bascom – Made arrangements for flowers for session room, lobby display, Sixth Degree roses, Celebration Banquet, and she made all the boutonnieres and corsages for Youth Officers, Past Delegates, Youth Ambassadors, and Talent Show participants.

Journey's End Farm and the Boisvert/West Clan – Divided the donated syrup and rebottled it for favors at the Host Banquet, and the Ag Breakfast and for pancakes at the Delegate Tour breakfast. Marty Boisvert also arranged for a friend to make remaining syrup into maple sugar for Celebration Banquet favors.

Bob Haefner & Tara Sad – Chaired the Salute to Agriculture Breakfast and solicited donations so that the meal consisted of all-New Hampshire products. They made arrangements for Steve Taylor, former NH Commissioner of Agriculture, Foods, and Markets to be guest speaker. Bob also was instrumental in contacting the office of Senator Kelly Ayotte and inviting her to come to address the session, a political first for a National Grange session in decades.

Kathy Yardley – Chair of the Idea Fair. Created the “room” concept, organized layout of exhibit hall, oversaw Best of Show display items, designed lovely entrance displays, transported a lot of STUFF, and filled in as an ex-officio Host Committee member and Coordinator's sounding board whenever needed.

Ellen Weist – Was the visionary and worker bee that set up ongoing activities and workshops for the Idea Fair. Some comments from convention evaluations gave us credit

for having the best Idea Fair ever, and it is all to the credit of Kathy and Ellen that this was the case!

Jane Heath, Jane Trombi, Gwen Yardley – Assisted with workshops in Idea Fair.  
Dick Patten – Dreamed up and organized a Blood Drive in conjunction with the Idea Fair. He was the contact that made it possible for WMUR television's Kevin Skarupa to make a personal appearance and greet the officers and delegates in session.

Joann Brandt – With a mostly-absent National Jr. Director and with the aid of Sherrill Bokousky, Joann took charge of activities for the Jr. Grangers during session. The junior tour was very popular and several commented that they could have stayed at the See Science Center much longer.

Matt Clark – Took charge of the Youth and General Tours. He managed to convince the national office that it was worth changing the usual tour schedule in favor of taking advantage of the opportunity to visit the MacAuliffe Shepard Discovery Center in a special after-hours format. Maybe this was a one-time event, but Matt was successful in creating an element of exploring alternate possibilities.

NH Youth members – Matt Clark served as Master on the National Youth Officers Team and his wife, Lynn Clark was Chaplain. Jordan Durand represented NH in the Evening of Excellence Talent Show, and Daviana Penny represented the Northeast Region in the Public Speaking Contest. Jordan and Davi also were Trumpet Girls for the Seventh Degree, and Mary West was the soloist.

Dot Haskins, Millie & Henry Ingham, Darlene Oaks, Sandy Greene, Mark Collins, - Served as day volunteers on NH's day during convention, i.e. hospitality, registration, deputies, Idea Fair, etc.

Sixth Degree – M-Jim Tetreault, O-Chris Heath, L-Hannah West, S-Bob Trombi, AS-Mark Collins, LAS-Jane Trombi, Ch-Matt Clark, T-Lois Enman, Sec-Gerald Leclerc, GK-Gwen Yardley, C-Tricia Taylor, P-Ida Hutchins, F-Ann Leger, EC-Donald Ross, Beth Merrill, Bob Haefner, Wilber Heath, Pianist-Lester Gibbs, Soloist-Donald Ross, Flag Bearer-, Court-Gloria Davis, Sherrill Bokousky, Debra Patten, Kerriann Heath, Doris Mitton, Jean Abbott, Rose Drill-Lynn Clark, Anne Boisvert, Regalia Elves-Mark Collins, Bob & Jane Trombi, Bob & Adam Paquin Varnum.

Lester Gibbs – Served as pianist for the session room.

Dan Bascom – Served as Priest Archon of the Assembly of Demeter and as such, was a cast member for the Seventh Degree.

Tara Sad & Stuart Light – Were marching candidates for the Seventh Degree.  
Arthur Merrill – Was the second voting delegate for New Hampshire and was the Priest Conductor for the Seventh Degree.

James Tetreault – Voting delegate for New Hampshire, Master of Sixth Degree, obtained video greeting from Senator Jeanne Shaheen.

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Tara Sad presented the report for the resolutions committee.

National Representative, Worthy State Master, Officers, Delegates and Patrons all,

I am honored to serve as chair of the Resolutions Committee. I want to thank the other members of the committee – Bob Haefner, Mary West, and Scott Burns – for their hard work and wise counsel in our review of these resolutions. I also want to thank all of the Granges who submitted these resolutions for our deliberation here today.

I want to thank our Worthy Secretary, Gerald Leclerc, for getting the resolutions to us in good time.

*Resolution #1 ~ Submitted by: Claremont Grange #9*

*Subject: Proposal for legislation to control residential housing assessments.*

The purpose of this legislation would prevent individual communities from arbitrarily doing housing reassessments on property improvements done by the owner of said property. The reasoning is that under current conditions, and improvements made to a property, such as additions of living space, bedrooms, garages, decks, pools and etc., are almost always added to the owner's assessment upon discovery by the locality's tax department, either by building permit application or by invited or uninvited physical inspection of the property. As such, it actually penalizes the property owner for such improvements and strongly discourages others from making improvements. Indeed, there is also no incentive for any multi-family property owner to provide upkeep to his/her properties for fear of being reassessed and having to pay higher taxes. This is especially difficult for households living on limited budgets who wish to make home expansions for growing families.

The following is the bill to stop this practice on a statewide level:

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent on State and local communities to provide incentive for improvement of residential properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the current methods of property assessment in the State of New Hampshire discourage improvements to residential properties by allowing reassessments at any arbitrary time as determined by local assessors; and

**WHEREAS**, increased assessments frequently do harm to property owners living on limited incomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the fear if increased taxation provides no incentive for owners to make property improvements; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that no residential property within the State of New Hampshire may be reassessed except at time of sale or of transfer of such property to new deed holder(s) whereby the person(s) who's name(s) were present on said deed at the previous assessment are no longer in evidence on the deed as owner(s); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that at the time of sale or transfer, said property will be reassessed and the former property owner(s) shall be liable for any difference in taxation between old and new assessments and shall pay (or be refunded) that difference based on 12 months of taxation previous to the date of transfer of said property; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that from the point of sale/transfer of said property forward, the assessment made at the time of closing shall govern all matters of taxation until point of next sale regardless of time duration; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that an existing assessment may be altered due to catastrophic destruction from flood, fire or other disaster of manmade or natural origin.

**The committee voted no unanimously.**

*Resolution was defeated.*

*Resolution #2 ~ Submitted by: The New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee  
Subject: Membership Dues Increase*

**WHEREAS**, at the 147<sup>th</sup> National Grange Session in 2013 the delegate body voted to increase national membership dues to \$14.00 annually to become effective on January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2015; as a bylaw change it is coming up for a second vote at the upcoming 2014 National Grange session; and

**WHEREAS**, The NH State Grange will be required to pay the additional \$2 difference for each New Hampshire Grange member to the National Grange starting January 2015 from the current budget, thus putting a strain on the budget and increasing the prospect of pulling money from our principle funds; and

**WHEREAS**, if we wait until the October 2015 NH State Grange Session to vote on an increase it won't become effective until January 2016, meaning that the State Grange will be paying the increased dues for almost two years with no additional income coming in; and

**WHEREAS**, if we vote on an increase at this upcoming state session we can shorten this income shortfall by a full year; and therefore be it



**RESOLVED**, that the NH State Grange delegates vote at the October 2014 state session to increase the dues by \$2.00 thus making the annual membership dues \$31.00 effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015; and Be it Further

**RESOLVED**, these sections of the NH State Grange by-laws be changed to the following: State By-Laws Article XIV Section 1 Division 2 will read:

Subordinate Granges shall report promptly to the Secretary of the State Grange by the fifteenth of the month following the close of each quarter, using the blank form furnished by the Secretary of the State Grange. They should remit dues to the State Grange as follows: **\$7.75 for each member** at the close of the previous quarter, including all who have taken one or more degrees, and \$1.00 for each person initiated during the quarter and \$1.00 for each person affiliated during the quarter. No dues need be paid for those members who became Golden Sheaf prior to January 1, 2001.

State By-Laws Article XIV Section3 Division 1 will read:

The minimum regular annual dues in a Subordinate Grange shall be \$31.00 (\$31.00 paid to the State Grange of which \$14.00 goes to National Grange) paid in advance, and each Grange may otherwise regulate its own dues. The minimum dues required of a family unit membership are \$62.00 (\$62.00 paid to the State Grange of which \$28.00 goes to National Grange). A family unit membership is defined as consisting of three or more Subordinate Grange members with one or two parents and their dependents, which are under the age of 23 and live in the same household or are absent due to illness, education, or military service. And be it further

**RESOLVED**, if the National Grange does NOT pass a dues increase this year at the National Session of 2014 that this resolution for the NH Grange membership dues increase be considered null and void.

**This is a proactive resolution. Anticipating the National Grange dues to be increased at the upcoming session, this resolution will allow the State Grange to cover the shortfall that would result if we waited until 2015 for the approving vote, which would not take effect until 2016.**

**The committee voted yes unanimously, noting that the second part of the resolution is divisible should the members so decide.**

*Resolution passed.*

*Resolution #3 ~ Submitted by Antrim Grange #98*

*Subject: Officers in Affiliate Granges*

**WHEREAS**, The National Grange digest 4.10.2(A) states that “Affiliate members in a Subordinate and Pomona Grange may hold office in any Grange in which they hold membership; provided, however an Affiliate member shall not hold the same office in two Subordinate or two Pomona granges, and

**WHEREAS**, it is becoming increasingly difficult to elect a full slate of officers for the grange.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That Article 4.10.2(A) be changed so the last sentence shall read “Affiliate members in a Subordinate and Pomona Grange may hold office in any Grange in which they hold membership; provided, however an affiliate member shall not hold the office of Master, Lecturer, Treasurer or Secretary in two Subordinate or two Pomona Granges.

**The resolution seeks a change to the National Grange digest article 4. 10.2 (A). It would allow officers of Pomona of Subordinate Granges to hold the same office in another grange, except for the offices of Master, Lecturer, Treasurer or Secretary. The committee saw no problem with this change.**

**The committee voted yes unanimously.**

*Resolution sent back to Antrim Grange for revision.*

*Resolution #4 ~ Submitted by Antrim Grange #98  
Subject ~ Cat Food*

**WHEREAS**, dry cat food contains food coloring and,

**WHEREAS**, the food coloring used does not make the food more appealing to the cat, and,

**WHEREAS**, some cats are sensitive to these food coloring additives, causing them irritation.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Grange urge cat food management to omit food coloring from dry cat food.

**This resolution would urge the National Grange ‘management’ to omit food coloring from dry cat food.**

**The committee felt there was no scientific information to support the claim of potential harm from food coloring to cats. We also felt the term ‘cat food management’ was unclear. And finally, there was no mention of food coloring in dog food or other pet foods.**

**The committee voted no unanimously.**

*Resolution was defeated*

There were three additional resolutions submitted for consideration after our meeting, and therefore there will be no recommendation from the Resolutions committee on the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Chair  
Resolutions Committee

*Resolution # 5*

*Submitted by ~ Hudson Grange #11*

*Subject ~ Serving of Alcoholic Beverages at the State Grange Banquet*

**WHEREAS**, the New Hampshire State Grange has had a policy prohibiting alcoholic beverages being served and/or sold at Grange functions, and

**WHEREAS**, alcoholic beverages have not been allowed or available for sale at our State Banquet at the Annual State Grange Session, and

**WHEREAS**, a banquet facility will often adjust prices for meals being served when beverages (alcoholic as well as non-alcoholic) are available for purchase, and

**WHEREAS**, it is assumed that the liability regarding the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages will rest with the banquet facility and not in any way with the NH State Grange;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved the New Hampshire State Grange Master, Executive Committee and the State Session Coordinator research this matter in regards to cost savings and liability and report their findings at the next State Grange Session;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** if the findings are favorable and reveal a cost savings and/or no liability on the part of the NH State Grange that the NH State Grange considers allowing the sale of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages at future banquets hosted by the NH State Grange.

***Resolution was defeated***

*Resolution #6*

*Submitted by: Stratford Grange #238*

*Subject: NH State Grange Session*

**WHEREAS**, the NH State Grange budget is strained and,

**WHEREAS**, Grange membership is aging and on a fixed income and,

**WHEREAS**, the working members are dealing with a struggling economy and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Session is one of the larger items in the NH State Grange budget,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NH State Grange look into less expensive and opulent venues for State Session in an effort to increase attendance and decrease expenses of members and State Grange

*Resolution was defeated*

*Resolution #7*

*Submitted by; Stratford Grange #238*

*Subject: Rural Water Quality*

**WHEREAS**, we have had two incidents this year where drinking water for large metropolitan areas have been found polluted and then quickly rectified and

**WHEREAS**, we have entire rural counties whose groundwater and underground aquifers are polluted by agricultural poisons but nothing has been done to rectify the situation forcing poverty stricken Americans to drink this water causing sickness and death and,

**WHEREAS**, drinkable water is becoming scarce on this earth due to pollution and droughts caused by current agricultural practices and may not support life for our great-grandchildren,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Grange promotes restraints on agricultural poisons and that the drinking water situations noted above be rectified in the rural areas as equally well as in the metropolitan areas.

*Resolution was defeated.*

The resolutions committee was thanked for their service and relieved of their duties.

2014 – 2015 Expense and income budget was presented by Christopher Heath Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee.

**Expense Budget 2014 – 2015  
New Hampshire State Grange**

	<b>Proposed 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Proposed 2014-2015</b>
Accounting Services	2,500.00	1,680.00	1,800.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pomona	3,470.00	3,520.00	3,470.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00	376.00	376.00
Bulk Mail Permit	200.00	220.00	225.00
Community Service Awards - National		250.00	250.00
Department Expenses			
Family & Community Services	700.00	700.00	750.00
Grange Services	150.00	150.00	150.00
Historian * submit bills by quarter \$50	200.00	192.01	200.00
Lecturer	600.00	600.00	600.00
Legislative/Agriculture	550.00	550.00	550.00
Membership	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00	100.00	100.00
Youth	600.00	400.00	600.00
Junior	200.00	400.00	400.00
Deputies Expenses	3,500.00	2,757.10	3,500.00
Dues-National Grange	15,400.00	16,359.00	19,152.00
General Deputy Expenses	225.00	219.80	225.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	2,300.00	1,905.54	2,300.00
Grange Growth	5,000.00	229.98	4,700.00
Leader's School- December	100.00	0.00	350.00
Legal Fees	500.00	305.02	500.00
Master's Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,500.00
National Session Assessment	1,768.00	1,808.00	1,808.00
Office Equipment	0.00		500.00
Operations - Fund Raising			
State Grange Building	6,500.00	8,206.64	10,000.00
State Session	3,500.00	4,800.59	5,000.00
State Session Deposit	500.00	500.00	500.00
State Session Sound System			300.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	4,000.00	4,350.29	4,500.00
Secretary Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees- National	125.00	87.50	75.00
Spring Fling	375.00	315.00	375.00
State Grange Insurance	2,475.00	2,327.00	2,475.00
Treasurer Expenses	500.00	500.00	500.00
Website	0.00	181.10	0.00
NE Leader's Conference - 2015		200.00	250.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>63,414.00</b>	<b>61,190.57</b>	<b>73,981.00</b>

## Income Budget 2014 – 2015 New Hampshire State Grange

	Proposed 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Proposed 2014-2015
<b>Invested Funds</b>			
Income	5,380.72	5,380.72	6,013.95
Withdrawals from Principal	* zero	zero	zero
			* see Grange Growth
<b>Special Invested Funds</b>			
Defunct Grange Accounts	1,191.77	1,191.77	1,334.82
<b>Other Budget Income</b>			
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	3,470.00	3,328.00	3,470.00
Community Service Awards-National		250.00	250.00
Donations	200.00	25.00	0.00
Dues & Fees	37,014.00	38,892.90	40,090.00
Grange Growth	5,000.00		
<i>Granite State Granger</i> Donations	800.00	280.00	400.00
National Grange Session Assessment	1,739.00	1,272.00	1,808.00
Operations - Fund Raising	1,500.00	662.00	2,000.00
Eastern States/ Blueberry Pie	1,400.00	1,800.00	1,600.00
State Grange Building Use	2,000.00	4,250.00	7,400.00
<i>State Grange Building Fund Donations</i>	250.00	90.00	100.00
State Session	4,000.00	6,183.00	5,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees	500.00	204.00	100.00
Spring Fling	300.00	330.00	300.00
Supply		58.71	
NE Leader's Conference			250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,745.49</b>	<b>64,198.10</b>	<b>70,116.77</b>

*increased building use due to church 12 x 300 =3600*

After some discussion the proposed budget was passed as presented.

Matthew Clark was called upon to give the report of the Masters Address Committee

### Report of the Masters Address Committee

Worthy Master, National Rep, State Officers, Delegate Body, Brothers and Sisters all,

We would like to congratulate you Worthy Master and your team on the fine work that has been done over the last four years. For the first time in many years we have had a net gain in membership. Part of this growth is due to the work of the growth teams. We encourage

the next leadership team to continue with the growth teams as well as the training offered by National Grange.

The Grange Growth booth provided great opportunities to meet and show people what the Grange can do. We encourage continued use of this and ask all members to think about where this booth can be used. Some examples could be pickle festivals, old home days, fairs, ect. Look at your communities and think of when you could use this booth. Notice how I said you. The growth team can offer knowledge about the Grange but you the members of the local grange know your community and the people in it. It's a partnership and working together brings the best of both worlds together.

The use of multimedia to get the message out is vital. Thanks to the many people who have contributed to this effort. We encourage the new leadership to continue seeking opportunities to promote the grange.

The public awards that are given out bring a great deal of public recognition to the grange and these awards need to be continued.

The youth and junior directors have a special job working with the future of our grange and we want to join with you in congratulating these folks for their hard work and dedication to the leaders of tomorrow.

We believe ritualism to be the framework of the grange. It is what sets us apart from others and makes us a grange not the community improvement society of your town. This is our history that has been passed down from generation to generation of grange members. The work of the deputies by visitation and exemplification of our ritual must be continued. Part of our ritualism is the degrees and the installation of officers. We encourage all granges who have not been through an installation for awhile to do so. We encourage the continuation of degree days and moving them around the state. Our members need and want to hear the messages that are brought through the installation and degrees.

Finally, Worthy Master we thank you for all you have done for the grange. Your time and dedication over the years have paid off. We recognize that family is important to all and support you in your decision to take some time and focus on your family.

As I close out this report of the master's address committee I would ask all in joining me in saying, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Clark, Chairman  
Sarah Leclerc  
Rick Bailey

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

The Credentials Committee presented their report

Worthy Master, National Representative, Pink Sash Family and Grangers:

The report of the Credentials Committee is as follows:

TOTAL VOTING DELEGATES

Masters	26
Wives of Masters	5
Husbands of Masters	3
Delegates	<u>35</u>
Total Delegates	69
State Officers	19
Deputy's	11
Committee Members	33
Non-delegates	27
Special Guests	10

The members of the Credentials Committee would like to thank the State Secretary for the privilege of serving for the 2014 State Session.

Fraternally,  
Emilie Leclerc  
Francine Leclerc  
Adam Paquin Varnum

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

With no further business to discuss a motion was made and supported to allow the State Executive approve the minutes of Saturday. The vote was in the affirmative and the 141<sup>st</sup> New Hampshire State Grange Annual session closed in the fourth degree.



NH STATE GRANGE BANQUET  
OCTOBER 25, 2014

Welcome – Kevin Belval, Master of Ceremonies  
James Tetreault, State Grange Master

Opening Prayer – Matt Clark, State Chaplain

Presentation of Awards – Bob Haefner  
State Legislative Director  
Legislator of the Year

Presentation of Awards  
Dick Patten, State Community Service Director

Educator – Richard J. Keays  
Active Military – Brigadier General Carolyn J. Protzmann  
Retired Military – Raymond Lapointe

Entertainment – Erik Hodges

Correctional Officer – Lt. Leonard O'Keefe  
Police Officer – Daniel Conley  
Firefighter – Brian Saltmarsh  
Lifetime Achievement – Earl Sweeney  
NH State Police – Trooper 1<sup>st</sup> class Gregg DeLuca  
NH Fish & Game – Sgt. Todd E. Szewczyk

Entertainment – Erik Hodges

Presentation of Awards  
Sherrill Bokousky  
State Youth Director

Subordinate Grange – Highest Youth score  
Pomona Grange – Highest Youth score

50/50 Raffle and other drawings

Closing Remarks – James Tetreault, State Master

Introduction of State Master Elect  
Closing Song: God Bless America  
(All rise and join hands)

THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WITH US!

**Sunday October 26, 2014**  
**Hudson Grange Hall**  
**(Formally Wattannick Grange Hall)**

Installation of State Officers took place at Hudson Grange Hall at 11:00 am preceded by a Church Service conducted by State Chaplain Matthew Clark.

The installation was performed by Wilber Heath and Arthur Merrill with the following assistance:

Marshall	Roslyn Heath
Emblem Bearer	Laurie Heath
Regalia Bearer	Alice Tuck
Chaplain/Soloist	Jane Heath
Master:	Gloria Davis
Musician	Lester Gibbs
Flower Bearer	Emilie Leclerc

James Tetreault was escorted to the Alter where he was presented with a Past Masters pin by State Master Christopher Heath. Jim was also presented with the Gold Assembly of Demeter sash once worn by Past State Master B. Franklin Hayes. The sash was presented by Daniel Bascom on behalf of Michael Hayes.

State Master Christopher Heath introduced Vicky Huff, Master of the Maine State Grange, Tom and Laura Gotauco Assistant and Lady Assistant Stewards of the Rhode Island State Grange, Members of the Assembly of Demeter, Richard and Debra Patten, Daniel and Kimber Bascom and Beth and Arthur Merrill.

The following appointments were announced.

General Deputy	Andrew Savage
Family Service Director	Debra Patten
Community Service	Richard Patten
Legislative/Agriculture	Robert Haefner
Granite State Granger Editor	Hannah West
Membership/Promotions	Norman Brandt
Youth Director	Beth Merrill
Fundraising Chairman	Kimber Bascom

Following the installation State Master Christopher Heath presented his Installation Address.

*I am so honored and humbled to be the newly installed Master of the New Hampshire State Grange. My Grange life started when I first came into the world. Some people would say I was born a Granger. My earliest memories of Grange started in this very building when I would come with my parents to Wattannick Grange meetings. My Grandfather Carryl and*

*my Grandmother Nathalie were very active grangers here in Hudson. My first meeting I attended, I was just 13 days old. Having grown up in a Grange family, grange has always been with me. Some of my fondest memories are helping my family with Grange installations before I was even a member.*

*When I was old enough, I joined Banner Junior Grange in East Rochester NH. Under the direction of Gracie Leone, Alice Lord and Mary Ham, my Junior Grange life seemed to fly by. Before I knew it I was awarded the Junior Grange Master of the year. When Richard Patten presented that award to me, I felt so proud. Little did I know that later I would become the State Grange Master.*

*When I was 14 years old I joined Centennial Grange in Barrington NH. Norman and Dorothy Arlin, Rose and Russell Fogg, Fred and Marjorie Timm and Robert and Janet Varney along with others were my first mentors in the Subordinate Grange. They helped teach me the correct way to perform the ritualistic work as well many other important and valuable lessons. At this same time I was also involved with the FFA at Dover High School. Having already served as an officer in the Grange, I took a chance and became an officer in my local chapter. Before I was finished I had the pleasure of serving as my chapter president. This was also a valuable experience and has helped mold me into the leader that I am today. The members of my Grange had the confidence in me to elect me as their master in 1992 as we celebrated our 100 year anniversary.*

*Following in the footsteps of my Aunt Roslyn and Uncle Bruce, I served as royalty from New Hampshire as the state prince and travelled to Denver Colorado, with the youth directors Beth and Arthur Merrill. It was a great experience and I will never forget the train ride to and from National Session. Shortly after this I was asked to serve on the State Grange youth committee. This was another important step in my Grange life and it taught me more valuable lessons on how to be a leader.*

*Serving in many capacities in the Grange has been instrumental in shaping my Grange career. I have enjoyed competing in drill competitions, sing a song and public speaking. In 2002 I was elected to the office of Gatekeeper of the State Grange. This was my first time ever being a state officer. I sure have grown a lot since then. I went on to server as an Assistant Steward with Marie Hall, State Steward, State Youth Chairman and then in 2010 I was elected State Overseer.*

*These last four years have been very busy and I have dedicated many many hours to this great organization. I am looking forward to spending even more time in the next two years representing the State Grange. During the time I met and married my wonderful wife Kerriann. I am so glad that she has stood by me these last four years and supported me in all my endeavors.*

*I want to thank my grandparents, my mom and dad, my aunts and uncle and all my Grange friends for being my supporters over the years. The ones that are still alive and the ones that have already joined the great Grange above. You all have done so much for me and there is no way I can ever repay that to you all. My Grange family is my rock!!*

*My goals as State Master are to continue the work that my predecessors have started. I feel that these are Growth, Ritualism, Family and Fraternity.*

*I feel that Grange growth is the most important. This is what predicts our future and if we don't do something about it, we will not survive. This is not going to be an easy task. We have a lot of things to compete with in this day and age. Our Granges need to find their niche in our communities and provide something unique to the people we live with in those towns and cities. We are Grangers and we can do great things when we put our minds to it. All we need to do is persevere and have faith in everything we do. We need to get our name out into the public and dispel the mis-beliefs of the naysayers who think we are just for old people or farmers.*

*Ritualism is also important part of who we are. My wish is for all Granges to meet in the traditional format. If a Grange is lacking enough members to perform this, they should ask a neighboring Granges to visit and assist with helping them. Grangers are known for being helpful people. We need to get back to doing this. We are all brothers and Sisters in this organization. Is this not what we are taught throughout the degrees of our order?*

*The Grange is a family and an organization that welcomes everyone. Some of us have forgotten this and we need to get back to our roots. Early Grangers were mostly made up of family members. They were always eager to help each other in time of need. We need to get back to this ideal. We need to be willing to help out or neighboring brothers and sisters in their grange work. We must be willing to sacrifice time and energy to assist when they are in need.*

*Fraternity is what binds us together. We all take an obligation that says we will not wrong a brother or sister of the order. Why then do we have the discontent for each other that is evident in too many grange halls around the state. We need to revisit these obligations and realize that they are not just the words we hear during our degree work. We should be striving to live by these words, not only in our Grange work but also in our personal lives. We need to start doing instead of saying.*

*In closing I would like to share these two readings. The first is an article that appeared in the Granite State Granger in 1976.*

**DO YOU REMEMBER?**

**This is NOT the Grange I joined!!**

Remember when all the Officers were ready at 8 o'clock (now 7:30) and the visitors had been greeted prior to that? Remember the Master presiding over the meeting with members all willing to take part? Remember when "silence was golden" and no one uttered a word of displeasure?

What happened? Are we all getting tired? Why can't we call on our members to assist as we did in the past? Have we thought over the reasons carefully? Has anyone an answer? Members are not attending meetings. Why???

Are we working for ourselves, personally, or for the fraternal order we once joined? Are we more concerned about the member who attends meetings regularly or the member who comes only once a year? Do we put our interests in too many places or is it just a communication gap among our leaders?

It has been said that change is good. Is change the solution or rather the problem? Are we taking our positions so seriously that we are loosing sight of the fun and fellowship we should be having? Is everyone doing their part to carry out our work and social time to give all a chance to participate?

What will be the result if we don't stop and think, once on a while? Are we in proper order? Are we willing to receive the criticism necessary to improve ourselves and our Order?

There are so many questions but what are the answers and how do we improve?

THINK!!!

Written by Joann Andersen, State LAS

And this reading called This Door

This Door

This door, to opportunity, can let people in or it can keep people out.  
This door can open to the warm light of a Grange meeting or it can be kept closed.  
This door could be opened to more people, this door could carry a welcome sign or be shut, full house; keep out.

This door could open into a great, wide, wonderful world of faith hope charity, or it could be closed, the person never knowing the fidelity and fellowship of Grange membership.  
See the people who come up to this door, some happy, some distressed, some carefree, some troubled, the disabled, the healthy, the sick, black, white, red yellow - all kinds of people.  
This door should be open to all. Let us show that this door opens, to adventure, to wholesome experiences, to an understanding of self, to an appreciation of the natural world, community, love of country.

Doors must be opened for people. People will seldom go up and knock on a door and without encouragement, they might not wait long to be invited in.  
What people decide to do, to join (or not to join) must not be let to chance. Open that door for one more. Open that door for two or three more.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2013	TD Banknorth Checking Account	9,196.95
	Income- Exhibit B	67,272.30
	Expense- Exhibit C	-67,452.06
September 30, 2014	Balance	9,017.19

**Accounts Receivable**

October 1, 2013	Balance	345.00
	Payment on loans	.00
September 30, 2014	Balance	345.00

**State Grange Building Hooksett**

October 1, 2013	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2014	Purchase Price	87,500.00

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
SUPPLY DEPARTMENT CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2013	TD Bank Checking Account	53.99
	Income	1,643.91
	Expenses	1,170.18
September 30, 2014	Balance	527.72

**New Hampshire State Grange  
Income Annual Summary  
2013-2014  
Exhibit B**

**Investments**

Operating Account Income	5,380.72
Withdrawals from Principal	0.00
Special Funds	
Defunct Grange Accounts	1,191.77

**Other Income**

Accounts Receivable	0.00
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	3,328.00
Donation	25.00
Dues & Fees	38,892.90
Eastern States/ Blueberry Pie	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	224.89
National Grange Session Assessment	1,272.00
NE Connection Assessment	68.50
Operations	
Fund Raising	662.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i> Donations	280.00
State Grange Building Use	4,250.00
State Grange Building Fund Donations	90.00
State Session	6,183.00
Sixth Degree Fees	204.00
Spring Fling	330.00
Supply Department	58.71
Community Service Awards-National	250.00
Defunct Gr – Closed Warren Pond	2,780.81

**Total Income** **67,272.30**

Exhibit C  
 NH State Grange  
**Expenses 2013-2014**

Date	Paid To	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/5/2013	Guy Contois	Banquet over payment	2198	6.00
10/5/2013	Donald Whittum	Legal Exp - Sunapee Lake	2199	130.02
10/14/2013	Northeast Connection	National Gr 10-Host Banqt Tic	2200	400.00
10/20/2013	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	2201	53.00
10/20/2013	National Grange Sales	Supply - Membership Seals	2202	250.00
10/15/2013	Northeast Connection	Misc-Checks made out to NH Gr	2203	600.00
10/15/2013	MSSB - Operating Fund	Defunct Contoocook	2204	740.48
10/15/2013	MSSB - Defunct Account	Defunct Contoocook	2205	198.52
10/20/2013	PSNH	State Grange Building	2206	42.71
10/20/2013	Fair Point Communication	State Grange Building	2207	36.39
10/20/2013	Joe English Grange	Community Service Award	2208	100.00
10/20/2013	Concord Grange	Community Service Award	2209	75.00
10/20/2013	Hudson Grange	Community Service Award	2210	50.00
10/20/2013	Antrim Grange	Community Service Award	2211	25.00
10/20/2013	Jane Trombi	State Session - Banquet overpay	2212	6.00
10/20/2013	Jane Trombi	Deputy Exp	2213	68.40
10/20/2013	Matthew Clark	Deputy Exp	2214	56.40
10/20/2013	Kathy Yardley	Deputy Exp	2215	172.80
10/20/2013	Dorothy Haskins	Deputy Exp	2216	90.00
10/20/2013	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Exp	2217	149.10
10/20/2013	Arthur Merrill	Gen. Deputy Exp	2218	543.80
10/20/2013	Sodexo Campus Services	Youth Conference Deposit	2219	500.00
10/25/2013	Jean Abbott	Deputy Exp	2220	226.30
10/25/2013	Kim Bascom	State Session - flowers	2221	178.50
10/26/2013	Steve Tracy	Deputy Exp	2222	217.80
10/26/2013	Mascoma Valley Pomona	5th Degree Fee	2223	2.00
10/26/2013	Suncook Valley Pomona	5th Degree Fee	2224	1.00
10/26/2013	Merrimack Valley Pomona	5th Degree Fee	2225	1.00
10/26/2013	Hillsborough County Pomona	5th Degree Fee	2226	3.00
10/26/2013	Eastern NH Pomona	5th Degree Fee	2227	2.00
10/27/2013	Holiday Inn	State Session	2228	4,290.31
11/2/2013	National Grange	10 - 7th Degree Tickets	2229	200.00
11/4/2013	Diane Collins	Misc.-National Grange hospitality	2230	20.00
11/4/2013	Connecticut State Grange	Sandy Hook Angel Fund	2231	20.00
11/5/2013	Hooksett Village Water Prect	State Grange Building	2232	25.00
11/19/2013	National Grange	Dues	2233	4,191.00
12/1/2013	Fair Point Communication	State Grange Building	2234	36.36
12/1/2013	PSNH	State Grange Building	2235	49.02
12/4/2013	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2236	797.12
12/12/2013	James Tetreault	Master expenses	2237	1,000.00
12/12/2013	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary expenses	2238	250.00
12/12/2013	Daniel Bascom	Treasurer expenses	2239	125.00
12/13/2013	Debra Patten	Family & Community Dept.	2240	350.00
12/13/2013	Lois Enman	Grange Services Dept.	2241	75.00
12/13/2013	Hannah West	Lecturer Dept.	2242	300.00



12/12/2013	Robert Haefner	Leg./Ag Dept.	2243	275.00
12/13/2013	Anne Boisvert	Membership Dept.	2244	1,000
12/13/2013	Sherrill Bokousky	Youth Dept.	2245	200.00
12/13/2013	Joann Brandt	Junior Dept.	2246	200.00
12/13/2013	NH FFA Foundation	Misc - donation	2248	100.00
10/11/2013	New Checks	Misc		25.50
12/13/2013	NH State Grange Trust Fund	Trust Dept.	2247	50.00
12/23/2013	Fair Point Communication	State Grange Building	2249	36.36
12/31/2013	Hannah West	GSG postage	2250	225.10
12/31/2013	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2251	966.85
12/31/2013	Concord Monitor	GSG printing	2252	305.87
12/31/2013	Chris Heath	State Grange Building	2253	300.00
1/26/2014	NH State Grange Supply Acct	State Grange Building	2254	150.00
1/26/2014	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2255	300.00
1/26/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2256	36.38
1/26/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2257	165.66
1/26/2014	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	2258	53.00
1/26/2014	Wayne Turcotte	Web Site	2259	181.10
2/7/2014	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies/Misc	2260	781.61
2/7/2014	MSA Group	State Grange Building Insurance	2261	2,179.00
2/12/2014	Charlene T. Vallee CPA	Accounting	2262	1,680
2/13/2014	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2263	100.00
2/23/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2264	65.59
2/23/2014	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2265	250.00
2/23/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2266	36.43
2/23/2014	National Grange	Dues	2267	4,119.00
3/8/2014	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2268	385.46
3/21/2014	National Grange	Bonding	2269	3,896.00
3/21/2014	Hannah West	GSG postage	2270	239.26
3/21/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2271	38.90
3/21/2014	Concord Monitor	GSG printing	2272	305.87
3/21/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2273	85.90
3/21/2014	Dan Bascom	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2274	113.70
3/20/2014	James Tetreault	Master expenses	2275	1,000.00
3/20/2014	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary expenses	2276	250.00
3/21/2014	Dan Bascom	Treasurer expenses	2277	125.00
4/7/2014	Steve Tracey	Deputy Expense	2278	135.60
4/7/2014	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies/misc	2279	482.03
4/13/2014	National Grange	6th Degree Fees	2280	87.50
4/13/2014	Chris Heath	State Grange Building	2281	300.00
4/13/2014	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	2282	53.00
4/20/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2283	134.25
4/25/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2284	38.90
4/25/2014	Dick Patten	Historian	2285	90.03
4/30/2014	Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building - Propane	2286	68.20
4/30/2014	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies/Misc	2287	271.87
5/23/2014	Hooksett Valley Water Precinct	State Grange Building	2288	50.00
5/23/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2289	38.91

5/23/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2290	116.99
5/23/2014	Steve Tracey	Deputy Expense	2291	90.00
6/28/2014	Phil Cain	Spring Fling	2292	315.00
5/31/2014	James Tetreault	Grange Growth - promotional	2293	229.98
5/31/2014	Lavallee Oil	State Grange Building	2294	389.37
5/31/2014	USPS	Bulk Mailing Permit	2295	220.00
6/13/2014	Richard Patten	Misc - flowers	2296	32.00
6/14/2014	National Grange	Dues	2297	4,029.00
6/28/2014	Concord Monitor	GSG	2298	300.53
6/28/2014	Dick Patten	Historian	2299	101.98
6/28/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2300	86.69
6/28/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2301	38.91
6/28/2014	Steve Tracey	Deputy Expense	2302	161.11
6/28/2014	VOID		2303	
6/28/2014	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Expense	2304	159.90
6/28/2014	James Tetreault	Master expenses	2305	1,000.00
6/28/2014	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary expenses	2306	250.00
6/28/2014	Daniel Bascom	Treasurer expenses	2307	125.00
6/28/2014	Sherrill Bokosky	Youth Dept	2308	200.00
6/28/2014	Joann Brandt	Junior Dept	2309	200.00
6/28/2014	Lavallee Oil	State Grange Building	2310	488.27
6/28/2014	Hannah West	Lecturer Dept.	2311	300.00
6/28/2014	Bob Hafner	Legis/Ag Dept.	2312	275.00
6/28/2014	Anne Boisvert	Membership Dept.	2313	1,000.00
6/28/2014	NH State Grange Trust	Trust Fund	2314	50.00
6/28/2014	Lois Enman	Grange Services Dept.	2315	Void
6/28/2014	Debra Patten	Family & Community Dept.	2316	350.00
7/8/2014	MSA Group	State Grange Building	2317	148.00
7/8/2014	Statewide Fire Extinguishers	State Grange Building	2318	30
7/8/2014	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2319	601.20
7/8/2014	Arthur Merrill	General Deputy Expense	2320	544.2
7/8/2014	Lois Enman	Grange Services Dept.	2321	75.00
7/11/2014	new checks	Postage/Printing/Supplies		25.67
7/14/2014	Christopher Heath	State Grange Building	2322	322.31
7/14/2014	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	2323	53.00
7/15/2014	Bestwestern	Leaders Conference	2324	200
7/15/2014	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	Defunct Grange - Warren Pond	2325	2,780.81
7/20/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2326	94.56
7/20/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2327	39.10
7/20/2014	Town & Country Motor Inn	State Session	2328	500
8/4/2014	Eastern Propane	State Grange Building	2329	223.74
8/4/2014	Lavallee Oil	State Grange Building	2330	2847.2
8/6/2014	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2331	71.44
8/15/2014	Donald F Whittum	Legal Services	2332	175
8/15/2014	Hooksett Village Water Prect	State Grange Building	2333	25.00
8/23/2014	National Grange	Dues	2334	4,020.00
8/23/2014	National Grange	National Assessment	2335	1,808.00
8/23/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2336	133.99
8/23/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2337	39.06

9/2/2014	Jane Trombi	Deputy Mileage	2338	55.20
9/2/2014	Neil MacDonald	Deputy Mileage	2339	66.60
9/2/2014	Jean Abbott	Deputy Mileage	2340	189.90
9/2/2014	Arlene Fall	Deputy Mileage	2341	59.10
9/7/2014	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2342	348.48
9/18/2014	Hannah West	GSG - Postage	2343	225.71
9/18/2014	Concord Monitor	GSG - Printing	2344	303.20
9/18/2014	Dan Bascom	Misc - Gas Card -Leroy	2345	100.00
9/29/2014	Kathy Yardley	Deputy Mileage	2346	52.20
9/29/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2347	95.37
9/29/2014	James Tretreault	Master Expenses	2348	1,000
9/29/2014	Dan Bascom	Treasurer Expenses	2349	125.00
9/29/2014	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	2350	250.00
9/29/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2351	39.12
9/30/2014	Adam Paquin-Varnum	State Grange Building	2352	600.00
9/30/2014	Dan Bascom	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2353	23.71
9/30/2014	Steve Tracy	Deputy Mileage	2354	24.10

New Hampshire State Grange  
Expense Annual Summary  
2013-2014

Accounting Services	1,680.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	3,520.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00
Bulk Mail Permit	220.00
Community Service Awards-National	250.00
Defunct Grange Account	3,719.81
Department Expenses	
Family & Community	700.00
Grange Services	150.00
Historian	192.01
Lecturer	600.00
Legislative/Agriculture	550.00
Membership	2,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00
Youth	400.00
Junior	400.00
Deputies Expenses	2,757.10
Dues- National Grange	16,359.00
General Deputy	219.80
Grange Growth	229.98
Granite State Granger	1,905.54
Leader's School - Dec	
Legal Fees	305.02
Master Expenses	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,181.68
National Session Assessment	1808.00
NE Leader's Conference	200.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	4,350.29
Secretary Expenses	1,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees- National	87.50
Spring Fling	315.00
State Grange Insurance	2,327.00
State Grange Other Bldg Insurance	
State Grange Building	8,206.64
State Grange Other Bldg Expenses	
State Session	4,800.59
State Session Deposit	500.00
Supply Department	360.00
Treasurer Expenses	500.00
Web Master	181.10
Totals	<b>67,452.06</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Operating Account**

October 1, 2013	Balance	176,669.31
	Transferred	1,150.05
	Earnings	3,198.26
	Realized Gain/Loss	1,422.96
	Deposits	
	Quarterly Income Paid	-6,572.49
	Withdrawals	
	Fees paid	-2,221.08
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	13,800.02
September 30, 2014	Ending Market Value	179,867.57

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Defunct Granges**

October 1, 2013	Balance	34,864.56
	Earnings	1,801.03
	Realized Gain/Loss	-53.58
	Deposits	
	Annual Income paid	-1,191.77
	Fees paid	-472.30
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	3,026.94
September 30, 2014	Ending Market Value	39,277.06

Note- one eligible account opened during year on 7/15/2014

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK  
Defunct Grange**

October 1, 2013	Balance	66.01
	Interest	.01
September 30, 2014	Ending Balance	66.02

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
US TREASURY I SERIES BOND  
Defunct Grange**

October 1, 2013	Purchase Price	2,106.91
September 30, 2014	Ending Balance	2,106.91

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Escrow Accounts**

October 1, 2013	Balance	528,304.00
	Deposits	1,442.92
	Interest	8,059.49
	Realized Gain/Loss	6,534.24
	Disbursements	- 17,569.85
	Fees Paid	-6,193.21
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	48,400.67
September 30, 2014	Ending Market Value	537,805.70

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Randall Richardson Memorial Youth Fund**

October 1, 2013	Balance	23,556.81
	Earnings	1,140.74
	Contributions	8.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	141.10
	Aid to Youth	- 0
	Fees Paid	-300.77
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	2,316.72
September 30, 2014	Ending Market Value	24,697.55

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Education Loan Fund**

October 1, 2013	Balance	141,074.84
	Earnings	2,874.37
	Realized Gain/Loss	1,742.70
	Scholarships	-4,500.00
	Fees Paid	-1,801.17
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	13,180.53
September 30, 2014	Ending Market Value	143,949.21

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Northeast Connection**

October 1, 2013	Balance	23,804.97
	Deposits	7,451.52
	Earnings	39.32
	Realized Gain/Loss	.28
	Disbursements	-20,227.08
	Fees Paid	-96.59
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-18.29
September 30, 2014	Ending Market Value	16,568.27

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
NH Grange Trust**

October 1, 2013	Balance	47,320.19
	Earnings	1,345.27
	Deposits	220.00
	Expenses	-193.09
	Realized Gain/Loss	369.89
	Aid to members	-1,000.00
	Fees Paid	-600.31
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	4,096.26
September 30, 2014	Ending Market Value	48,665.43

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
NH Grange Trust- Blaisdell Fund**

October 1, 2013	Balance	12,245.23
	Earnings	588.77
	Realized Gain/Loss	47.75
	Fees Paid	-156.34
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,186.62
September 30, 2014	Ending Market Value	12,834.00

**NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANGE TRUST  
CHECKBOOK SUMMARY**

October 1, 2013	Morgan Stanley Checking Account	837.14
	Less ½ donations	<u>-137.50</u>
		699.64
Income	Donations (changed to ½ donations)	60.00
	3.5% from Invested Funds	1,529.23
	Budget from State Grange	<u>100.00</u>
Total Income		1,689.23
Less	Aid paid to members	-1000.00
Expenses	Printing/Postage/Supplies	-118.09
	State of NH- charitable filing fee	<u>-75.00</u>
Total		<u>-1193.09</u>
September 30, 2014	Ending balance	1195.78

Subordinate Granges 2014						
Tabular Statement						
Subordinate Grange	Number	Membership 6/30/13	Membership 6/30/14	Real Estate	Total Assets	Average Attendance
Antrim	98	30	30	\$ 87,400.00	\$ 92,244.07	9
Arlington	139	30	24	\$ 108,700.00	\$ 114,313.79	9
Aurora	235	34	29	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 71,182.27	9
Baker's River	290	17	15	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 34,820.09	7
Blazing Star	71	45	72	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 353,651.10	9
Blow-Me-Down	234	25	23	\$ 398,800.00	\$ 700,029.65	11
Brookline/Wilton	211	-				
Centennial	185	28	29	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 50,100.00	11
Chichester	132	44	44	na	\$ 19,883.47	8
Claremont	9	17	18	na	\$ 1,368.46	11
Coheco	81	20				
Concord	332	32	35	na	\$ 21,153.90	13
Crown Point	65	33	31	na	\$ 16,449.81	7
Croydon	357	16	14	na	\$ 2,457.73	9
Daniel Webster	100	43	29	na	\$ 7,450.58	x
Dorchester	280	22	21	na	\$ 30,507.31	8
Friendship	110	9				
Gilman	1	29	26	na	\$ 250,044.71	9
Golden Rod	114	16				
Grafton Star	60	19	17	na	\$ 13,398.87	x
Granite	7	30				
Granite State	149	-				
Halestown	287	18	18	na	\$ 9,440.62	x
Halloween	317	12	10	\$ 124,000.00	\$ 126,147.52	x
Hampton Falls	117	49	47	na	\$ 10,856.09	9
Harmony	99	47	47	na	\$ 7,251.49	16
Henry Wilson	205	26	26	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 43,117.14	10
Hinsdale	358					
Hooksett	148	16	14	na	\$ 19,611.28	x
Hudson	11	30	29	\$ 302,000.00	\$ 364,123.39	9
Jeremiah Smith	161	23				
Joe English	53	30	32	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 13,615.38	11
Lake Shore	128	16				
Londonderry	44	71				
Lower Intervale	321	37	39	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 32,847.26	13
Manchester Community	359	0				
Meriden	151	-				
Mohawk	217	49	43	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 71,946.46	14
Mont Calm	70	24	22	na	\$ 13,198.38	x



Mount Hope	77	34	34	na	\$ 7,926.82	12
Mt Livermore	288	20	18	na	\$ 8,785.00	9
Mt Pistareen	145	18				
Park	249	32				
Peterborough	35	23	17	na	\$ 4,249.01	9
Pine Grove	298	27	26	na	\$ 10,615.00	12
Pleasant Valley	272	-				
Prentice Hill	257	23	23	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 9,047.58	8
Riverhill	346	-				
Riverside	137	15	14	na	\$ 6,068.76	x
Rochester	86	65	40	\$ 192,300.00	\$ 226,188.64	18
Rockingham	183	20				
Somersworth	264	22	20	na	\$ 922.75	9
Startford	238	14	14	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,504.22	7
Sunapee Lake	112	27	24	na	\$ 44,895.38	8
Tuftonborough	142	24	23	\$ 202,600.00	\$ 208,509.80	10
Walpole	125	60	55	na	\$ 8,438.28	12
Watatic	36	19	17	na	\$ 2,892.48	7
West Thornton	253	34	32	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 19,790.34	8
Wicwas Lake	292	85	87	\$ 156,400.00	\$ 170,747.12	35
Wingold	308	69	66	na	\$ 13,664.63	16
Winthrop	315	19	15	na	\$ 4,252.03	8

Pomona Granges 2014					
Tabular Statement					
Pomona Grange	Number	Membership 6/30/13	Membership 6/30/14	Total Assets	Average Attendance
Hillsborough County	1	103	76	\$ 2,209.36	12
Eastern NH	2	84	81	\$ 8,932.92	20
Merrimack County	3	104	104	\$ 4,105.87	13
Northern NH	5	47	45	\$ 3,122.57	8
Cheshire County	6	65	66	\$ 16,065.35	12
Macoma Valley	7	54	48	\$ 2,405.09	x
Carroll County	8	14	12	\$ 447.62	x
East Rockingham	11	76	73	\$ 14,282.55	15
Suncook Valley	12	33	35	\$ 5,109.44	9
Upper Coos	14	32	32	\$ 353.56	12
Pemigewasset Valley	18	68	66	\$ 1,625.91	17