

PROCEEDINGS

Of the

ONE HUNDRED FORTY- FIFTH
ANNUAL SESSION

New Hampshire State Grange

Of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry



Held at

The Best Western Sovereign Hotel
Keene, NH

October 25, 26, 27, 28, 2017

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary

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
2010	James Tetreault †	Arlington

* Deceased

† Present during Session

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The Best Western PLUS Keene Hotel**

Thursday, October 25, 2018

The first day of the 145th Annual session of the New Hampshire State Granges was opened in the Sixth Degree with worthy Master Christopher E. Heath and the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange at 7:00 PM.

Officers present were:

Master	Christopher Heath
Overseer	Robert Trombi
Lecturer	Jane Trombi
Steward	Arthur Merrill
Assistant Steward	Adam Paquin-Varnum
Lady Assistant Steward	Kathy Yardley
Chaplain	Matthew Clark
Treasurer	Daniel P. Bascom
Secretary	Gerald J. Leclerc
Gatekeeper	Norman Brandt
Ceres	Kerriann Heath
Pomona	Sarah Leclerc
Flora	Lois L. Enman
Executive Committee	Robert Haefner
	Wilber Heath
	Beth Merrill
	Tricia J. Taylor
	Mark Collins
Musician	Lester Gibbs
Historian	Richard W. Patten

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 Arthur Merrill announced Phil Prelli, Overseer of the National Grange and his Maureen as our honored guest and in waiting. The Assistant Stewards escorted them to the Master's station.

Brother Prelli, gave his greetings from National Grange and thanked us for the invitation. He is looking forward to meeting our members and making new memories.
James Tetreault, Past National Lecturer was also in attendance.

A brief recess was held to prepare for the Fifth Degree

The Grange was raised to the Fifth Degree for the purpose of exemplifying the Fifth Degree.

Officers were as follows:

Master	Gerald Leclerc	Hillsborough County Pomona
Overseer	Wilber Heath	Eastern NH Pomona
Lecturer	Kerriann Heath	Eastern NH Pomona
Steward	Lois Enman	Eastern NH Pomona
AS	Norman Brandt	East Rockingham Pomona
LAS	Arleen Fall	Eastern NH Pomona
Chaplain	Fran Everard	Eastern NH Pomona
Treasurer	Tricia Taylor	Pemigewasset Valley Pomona
Secretary	Joann Brandt	East Rockingham Pomona
Gatekeeper	Kathy Yardley	Cheshire County Pomona
Ceres	Rhoda Davis	Suncook Valley Pomona
Pomona	Sarah Leclerc	Hillsborough County Pomona
Flora	Crystal Seward	Eastern NH Pomona
Ex Comm	Adam Paquin-Varnum	Suncook Valley Pomona
Ex Comm	Robert Paquin Varnum	Hillsborough County Pomona
Musician	Lester Gibbs	Mascoma Valley Pomona
Spector	Hannah West	Suncook Valley Pomona
Court Ladies	Marion Woodworth	Eastern NH Pomona
	Jane Heath	Eastern NH Pomona
Lighting and Storm		
	Adam Terrell	Cheshire County Pomona
	Christopher Heath	Eastern NH Pomona
Feast Table	Dan & Kim Bascom	Eastern NH Pomona

The Grange was lowered to the fourth degree and a recess was held to have the State Officers return to their stations.

Brother Prelli held a “question and answer session”. Questions asked were:

- National Grange and the CA State Grange
- The HVAC system for the National Grange Building
- Membership Director for National Grange
- CT State Grange question dealing with the appointment of members to Trustees to Grange Building at the Big E
- What different programs does CT do to bring in new members
- What direction do you see us going in if you should become the National Master
- Red Sox or Yankees?

Brother Prelli thanked us for the questions and encouraged us to ask him or Maureen any questions we may have.

Session closed at 9:00 pm

Friday, October 26, 2018

The second day of the 145th Annual Session was opened in the fourth degree at 8:30 am by the officers of the NH State Grange.

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

State Master Chris Heath recognized Phil Prelli, Overseer of the National Grange and his Maureen, and Leroy Watson, member of the National Grange Executive Committee.

The minutes of Thursday evenings session were read and approved.

The Master's Address committee was announced: Richard Patten, Chairman, Camilie Twiss and Doris Mitton

Two new resolutions were presented and read

Resolution #6

Submitted by: Claremont Grange #9

Subject: Humane Treatment of Animals

Whereas the NH State Grange cares about the welfare of all animals in our state; and

Whereas there has been a noted increase in animal hoarding and cruelty cases in our state;

Therefore, be it resolved that the NH State Grange supports laws to address the mental health disorders relating to animal hoarding and cruelty.

Resolution #7

Submitted by: Claremont Grange #9

Subject: Livestock, Pet and Animal Seizure

Whereas the NH State Grange cares about the welfare of all animals in our state, especially Livestock and our beloved pets; and

Whereas the NH State Grange believes that all pet and livestock owners must be afforded due process of law; and

Whereas the NH State Grange believes that property rights must be protected according to law; and

Whereas the NH State Grange believes that seizure of animals should only be enforced as a last resort, and then only with advice of the State Veterinarian or a NH Licensed Veterinarian.

Therefore, be it resolved that the State Veterinarian or his/her designee be the sole decision-maker in the seizure of livestock; and

Be it further resolved that local law enforcement officers be the decision-makers regarding seizure of small animals or pets, only with the advice of a licensed and practicing veterinarian; and

Be it further resolved that local law enforcement officers and/or licensed veterinarians are the only authorized investigators in cases of animal abuse and neglect; and

Be it further resolved that local law enforcement officers be required to use the manual for police officers published by the Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals as their guide to identifying and dealing with animal cruelty; and

Be it further resolved that NH judges should always have discretion in the sentencing of citizens convicted of animal neglect, and that judges should take into consideration various options for animal seizure, including seizure in place; and

Be it further resolved that the cost of care for any seized animals must be reasonable and free of administrative costs.

2018 Convention Rules were read and approved

**Standing Rules of the 145th Annual Session
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1. All persons, except special guests, must be registered. Nametags and programs will be issued at the Credentials table.
2. Admission to the meetings shall be by nametag and 4th degree 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 4th and 6th degree passwords will need to be given for admission to the opening of Session on Thursday and to the Conferral of the 6th Degree.

3. 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.
4. At least fifteen delegates shall constitute a quorum of the State Grange.
5. 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.
6. The voting body of the State Grange shall be all registered delegates.
7. Members attending as non-delegates may take part in discussion, with permission from the chair, but shall not make motions and shall not vote.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. These Standing Rules shall be presented to the members for adoption; a 2/3 vote shall be required for adoption.

State Ceres, Kerriann Heath spoke of the upcoming National Grange Session in Vermont. She is looking for volunteers to help with Registration and the Hospitality Room. Any one wishing to volunteer let her know.

Bob Trombi was escorted to the Master's station to present the Family Camping Weekend

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

The 2018 Grange Family Camping Weekend was held on the last weekend in July, at Gunstock Campground.

We have been occupying an area of the Campground called the "Boardwalk". This area provides us with the ability to ensure that all of our Grange campers are located together. We have easy access to a nature trail, right at the edge of the field. 38 Grangers and friends, in 9 campers and 3 tents, enjoyed a great weekend of fun and fellowship. On Saturday, our group enjoyed games and fellowship, and many of the recreational activities that the Campground offers. On Saturday evening, we had our traditional potluck supper, outdoor movies and a group campfire. In past years, our attendance has been limited to the 10 water and electric spaces in the field. After a

conversation with Gunstock management, we have secured an additional site with hookups, and management has authorized us to “fill the field” with people who don't need hookups.

So, plan on joining us for another relaxing weekend of fellowship and fun, in 2019, on July 26-28 at Gunstock. We have the boardwalk area reserved. This means that we have up to 11 sites with water and electric, plus up to as many others as we can fit in the field. Please check it out when you have the opportunity. We have already started taking reservations for 2019. If you are interested in joining us, contact me A.S.A.P.

Another Grange camping opportunity for 2019, is “The Grange Revival”. “The Grange Revival” is sponsored by The National Grange. It will be held on July 23-28 at Mulberry Mountain, in Ozark Arkansas. These dates fall at the same time as our Family Weekend. I am making sure that reservations go smoothly for the NH weekend, but Jane and I plan to represent NH at the National event. This means there is an additional site available for the NH event. If you are interested in attending either of these events, see me for information.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert Trombi

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Gerald Leclerc, State Session Coordinator presented his annual report.

2018 Session Coordinator report

The last time we were here at the Best Western ~ Keene was when Past Master Janes Tetreault was elected. Doing the math makes that 8 years ago. A lot has changed since then. The hotel has remolded and the front lobby has a new look as the stone wall and staircase going to the second floor is gone. The room that use to house the display area is now an open seating and social area. The city of Keene has done road construction and now have a rotary/traffic circle that will prove to be very interesting to those not familiar with the area.

Before I report to you about the setting up of this session I want to take a few minutes to share with you some of the changes that were made as a result of the Session Evaluations that you are asked to complete each year.

This year the opening time for Friday's session was moved up to 8:30 am, and the song sheets in the packets include the sheet music.

Overall, attendees are happy with the exception of the cost, of the rooms and meals, want more frequent break times, too cold in the meeting room, banquet is more for non-members then for Grange members (price), why do we have the Foundation meeting? I would like to answer some of these.

As for the cost of the rooms' we try and get the best rates possible for the rooms but this time of year it is still considered peak foliage season so rates are still high. Food costs, the last several

years we have been at facilities who have outside caterers do all meals and we have to use those caterers. Temperature in the meeting room, this is difficult to find a solution for. The room that we are in are designed to heat and cool based off of the number of people in the room. However when you have a space designed to hold 300 people and you only have 100 in that space it is difficult to heat. If it is possible to get people closer and use less space this would be easier to control.

If it is possible during this session to have a productive discussion as to what you would like to see added or changed, I would welcome that. If not please add your suggestions to the evaluation form.

Now on with this year's session!

I want all of you to look around and see what this room looks like and imagine it empty. Well that is exactly how the room looked yesterday morning that is until the Stewards and Graces along with their band of doers descended upon The Best Western. Devoted and dedicated as they are, they worked tirelessly to prepare the meeting space for last evening's opening and will continue to take down and re-set throughout the weekend.

I want you to also keep in mind that the display space, as limited as it is was completely empty yesterday as well until the Directors arrived with bags and boxes, and bins containing all the handiwork of our talented members. Please make sure you visit the display room and spend some time looking at each department, and maybe spend a little money there as well. Getting to this point has not been an easy task!

I began contacting the Best Western in the summer of 2017 and asked to have The Grange penciled in for the 2018 session. At that time, I was instructed to contact the Representative in December and we would schedule a date for a meet and greet and to discuss what our needs.

December came and several calls were made and no response from the messages left. Out of frustration, I called the Hotel again and this time requested to speak to the General Manager, only to have to leave a message. Shortly after, I receive a call informing me that a new Sales Manager is on board and happy to work with our group. We met and all arrangements were set. So, I thought!

It is customary to have a walkthrough of the facility for the Stewards and Flora to see the space once the contract is signed and the deposit is made. Several attempts were made to arrange this and a date was finally agreed upon in August only to be told the day before that the date would not work for the hotel rep. Several calls were made and again no response.

I was now getting very annoyed and decided to see if we could move to another location for the session. I contacted the Holiday Inn in Concord they were available for the dates we needed with the exception of Thursday.

Meanwhile, State Ceres Kerriann was having the same difficulties trying to contact someone to set up the banquet. She personally contacted the approved caterer and set up a menu but needed

to get pricing from the hotel rep only to finally get a response back stating that what she selecting can't be served at the hotel. Several more e-mails back and forth and finally a menu and price were set. It's now September and this information needed to be out several ago. I would like to take a minute and thank Kerriann for all her efforts in putting the banquet together. It will all be over in a few hours!!

At one point, I received a call from a member saying that they called to make reservations only to be told that the block of rooms has been sold out. I called and got the run around only to find out that the block was not set. This happened two more times.

On October 9th I received an e-mail from the boss of the Representative that we have been dealing with stating that the young lady is no longer employed with the Best Western and that she will be taking over the event.

I met with Laura at the hotel the next day only to find out that most of what we had requested and things needed were never set up. The block of rooms was never set, small groups that normally use some of the meeting space we need were not moved to other locations, and our deposit was never charge to the credit card. The list goes on. Four hours later, all arrangements were completed and set. Only one thing needs to be rearranged and that is the hospitality space which ends up benefitting our group. If anyone staying here at the Best Western was told that the block was sold out and you could not get the Grange rate let me know and we will get that corrected.

As I close this report, please keep in mind that regardless of the actions of the prior representative, the NH State Grange is being taken care by the staff of the Best Western and working diligently to meet all our needs.

State Session should be a time to celebrate the past year and get fired up for the new one. That is why I'm asking for your help by completing the survey

In conclusion, I would like to thank all who helped in preparing for the session. The delegates for attending and participating in the deliberations that are set before us and to the non-delegates for your attendance and interest in what the Sate Grange is doing. I look forward to see you all next year when we meet again in our State Capitol at the Holiday Inn ~ Concord!

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Session Coordinator
New Hampshire State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Kimber Bascom was escorted to the Masters station to present her annual Fundraising Report.
2018 Fundraising Report:

Worthy Master, National Representative, and Members all

First, I would like to thank the Master for the opportunity to serve as the Chairman of this committee. I also would like to thank Doris Mitton for her assistance on the committee. \$2000 has been turned over to State Treasurer for our efforts this past year

The 1/20 Club will be continued this coming year and tickets will be out in December. The results will be on the website.

Thank you to Debbie and Roy Stone and Beth Merrill and Adam Tirrell for all the hours they volunteered in the Blue Berry Pie Booth at Eastern States.

The Silent Auction was a huge success this past year. This year we will be doing two, One will be done for the Grange Banquet tonight and one will be done for Grange members on Saturday.

If anyone has any ideas for fundraising please let us know!

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Bascom, Chairman
NH State Grange Fundraising
The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

A brief recess was called

Ann Leger was Escorted to the Master's station to give the report for the trustees of the Trust Funds.

2018 Trustees of The Trust Report.

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters

This year we received and granted only two requests; both before February, for a total of \$1,155.00. The members of this committee feel that with the state of the economy, we know there are more members out there who need help and would qualify for assistance.

We gave grants of up to \$500 for medical needs, assistance for heating or ensuring safety of life.

Please brothers and sisters take this information back to your fellow Grangers and spread the word that there is financial help for those that qualify.

Fraternally,
Diane Collins, Chairman

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Robert Trombi was escorted to the Master's station to present his report for the Eastern States Trustees

Worthy Master, Distinguished guests, Brothers and Sisters,

The New England Grange Building Trustees continue to work diligently, with the building manager, to maintain, repair, and promote the building as a strong vital Grange presence at the Eastern States Exposition. Several projects have been accomplished, and discussions on the possibilities for handicap accessibility, have been held with the Big E. The building manager continues to work on possible rental uses for the building. Product sales, during the fair, continue to be a valuable fundraiser to help support building upkeep.

The mission statement was revised: The mission of the New England Grange Building is to provide the public with Grange information and education and a place for social gathering and fellowship with members from the New England and New York State Grange.

Events held at the New England Grange Building will explain the values that the Grange has to offer, as well as benefits that are available to Grange members.

The operation of the New England Grange Building during the Eastern States Exposition offers Grangers the opportunity to interact with non-Grangers to promote the Grange. It offers educational opportunities as well as a place to enjoy fellowship and friendship. It is a place that Grangers and non-Grangers may visit to rest up from the day's activities. The Grange Store area offers activities that all can enjoy and products that can be shared by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Trombi

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Web Master Matthew Collins, was escorted to the Master's station to present his report.

Worthy State Master; State Officers; National Grange Representatives; Brothers and Sisters:

As some of you may know, I took over operation of the State Grange website in early August. Since then I've made various small changes to the menu system and to the current content. I've also had many discussions about where the website will be headed in the future.

Currently the website is suffering from a severe lack of content. This is one of many items that I'll be addressing with the help of the State Grange leadership and the committee directors. As we're all going about our business here this weekend, I'd like to ask you all to think about what you and your fellow members would like to see on the website.

My goals for this year include but are not limited to, creating a project plan for the website, to give us a sense of direction when making decisions regarding it; updating all the content so it is current and can remain so; and creating a method for any Subordinate Grange or Grange member to submit pictures and events. Some of these goals will be easier to achieve than others, and most of them will require your help. So I ask all of you, please help me to help make this website into the resource we'd all like it to be.

In closing I'd like to remind the directors to include the webmaster in their distribution lists, and for everyone to be looking out for these changes over the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

Matthew Collins
Webmaster

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Phil Prelli, National Overseer gave a presentation on Leadership and Mentoring.

Bob Haefner approached the Master's station to give his annual report.

2018 Legislative Report

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Fellow officers, Delegates and Grangers all, I come before you today for my 8th annual report as your Legislative Director. This may or may not be my last in that role.

During the last eight years we held six 'Grange Days at the State House'. We additionally had a 'Grange day at State Government', when we toured the Fish and Game headquarters, the best building in our State Government, and were treated to an unusual tour of the NH Supreme Court.

One of the highlights of my tenure was the 2016 National Grange Legislative Fly – In, that we hosted here in New Hampshire in conjunction with the NH First in the Nation Presidential Primary. National Grange Legislative Director, Burton Eller, Jim Tetreault, Tara Sad and I worked for months to put the program together. We had 30 plus attendees from as far away as California. All the feedback we had was positive. We were asked to do it again in four years. I have also attended two Fly-Ins in Washington, DC, but none recently. Timing was always an issue with the legislature and still is with my role with the Council of State Governments.

On the Resolution Front, we passed a resolution that will allow the Executive Committee to pass a policy, provided that it goes to the delegate body at the next annual session. That allows the Grange to take a position on legislation and lobby for or against it, while it is still before the legislature. Your Legislative Department has every year told the Grange that we would help work or format resolutions. There have been few takers, but some over the years, including one in your packet today. We have lobbied several bills, for or against, on behalf of the NH State

Grange. We have also sent letters on behalf of the NH State Grange on federal issues, when it fit our policies.

One of my goals as Legislative and previously Agriculture Director, was to bond a closer relationship to the Farm Bureau. For the last six years I have represented the Grange on the Farm Bureau's Government Affairs Committee. As a side note, I am a member of the Farm Bureau too. I am a Director of the Hillsborough County Farm Bureau and participate on the State Farm Bureau's Dairy and Policy Committees.

I will close with reminding the delegates that the Legislative Department presents an Outstanding Legislator Award each year. Over the past 7 years we have given seven awards to some very deserving legislators. Those went to three Republicans and three Democrats as well a non-partisan Clerk of the House. We also gave a legislator a separate award 'Friend of NH Agriculture'. You will have to attend the Banquet tonight to learn who this year's Outstanding Legislator is. Recipient: Representative John O'Connor, Chair of the House Agriculture Committee.

It is now time to look forward. It is time to work on another Grange Day at the State House and maybe a side trip to the NH Historical Society's museum in Concord. It Is not too early to start planning another FLY-In to NH for the next Presidential Primary. That would only be 15 months away and takes a lot of coordinating with National.

Thank you, worthy Master.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Haefner, Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Beth Merrill approached the Master's station to give a preliminary report focusing on the viability of the State Grange Building. Future meetings will be held and a full report with possible recommendation's will be reported at the 2019 Annual Session.

Carl Jacobs, City Counselor for the city of Keene was escorted to the Master's station where he brought the greetings of the Mayor of Keene and welcomed us to the city.

2018 Memorial Service, Matthew Clark presiding
Assisted by the State Master, Flora, Ceres, Pomona, and Secretary

Invocation

Song Nearer My God to Thee (verses 1 &2)

Reading "Arlington" In Honor of our men and women serving around the world.

Psalm121

Message

Roll of Deceased members

Song Nearer My God to Thee (verses 3,4, & 5)

Reading "Gods Garden"
Closing Thoughts

2018 Memorial List

Roland Barrett	PM Golden Rod Grange #114, Husband of PM Carolee Barrett, Past State Young Couple, Past member of the State Youth Committee, Task Force and Fair Committee.
Nancy Bean	PM of Oak Hill Grange #32, PM Contoocook Valley Pomona #23, Past member of the Education Committee, past IFYE Representative, Past Family and Community Committee Director
Bonnie Broyles	PM Sandown Grange #181
Florence Condran	PM Wingold Grange #308
Mary Craigie	Wife of PM Kenneth Craigie, Tuftonborough Grange #142
Patricia Cutter	Wife of PM Arthur Cutter, Bartlett Grange #104
E Forrest Decatur	PM Wingold Grange #308, Past State Young Couple, Past member of the State Youth Committee
Edwin Huckins	PM New Hampton Grange #123
Jeannette Huckins	Wife of PM Edwin Huckins, New Hampton Grange #123
William Humphrey	PM Hampton Falls Grange #171, Past General Deputy and Past Gatekeeper NH State Grange
Stanley Lachut	PM Purling Beck Grange #268
Carroll Leone	PM Banner Grange #265, PM eastern NH Pomona #2, Past Agriculture Committee Director and committee member
Barbara Leslie	Wife of PM Herbert Leslie Jr., Tuftonborough Grange #142
Evelyn Merrow	PM Mount Prospect Grange #
Ruth Pelton	PM Hampton Falls Grange #171, PM East Rockingham Pomona #11, Past Membership, Past Safety & Ecology Chairman, Past member of State Home Economics Committee and Past Fair Committee
Brian Phelps	Member of the State Community Service Committee

Others who have passed away and not PM or Past State person

Nina Abbott, Antrim, Dorothy Campbell, Wapole, Charlotte Coffin, Rockingham, Olive Colburn, Oak Hill, Antrim, JoAnn Dutton, Hampton Falls, Norman Freeman, Wingold, Sandra Goff, Pembroke, Florence Goldwaite, Wingold, John Goodrich, White Mountain, Riverside, Gladys Greenlaw, Aurora, Ina Hillard, Chichester, Eunice Illsley, Rockingham, Larry Kontos, Concord, Richard Leclerc, Harmony, Miller Lovett, Wicwas Lake, Mary Luongo, Rochester, Kathryn MacLeay, Meriden, Sylvia Matta, Hooksett, Pembroke, Radford Messenger, Crown Point, Alice Millard, Crown Point, Nellie Mitchell, Chichester, Kenneth Nunan, Meriden, Brenda Paquette, Mohawk, Oscar Plourde, Pembroke, Martha Pratt, Rochester, Robert Scott, Cocheco, Mildred Shaw, Winnisquam, Harmony, David Swain, Harmony, Marcia Swett, Blow me down, Phoebe Willey, Tuftonborough.

Meeting recessed at 11:35

Reconvened at 1:35 pm

Robert Trombi Overseer, introduced Christopher E Heath, State Master to give his Master's Address.

Master's Address 2018

National Representative, Fellow State Officers, Honored Guests, Pink Sash family members, delegates and patrons all. Can you believe that we are here in Keene again? I feel like my journey in the leadership of the State Grange started here. First as the Youth Director for Beth Merrill when she was installed as the first female Master of the State Grange. Then four years later as I was installed as the Overseer of the State Grange and served under Past State Master James Tetreault as the chairman of the Executive committee. It is hard to fathom that this is the fourth time standing here presenting you with my annual Master's Address. What a long strange trip it's been and where has the time gone? It all seems like a blur now and it's really hard to believe that this day has arrived. I have learned and grown so much during my term in office and I am happy for the opportunity that has been given to me by the delegates of the State Grange. I know that none of this would have never been possible without the support of Grange members and family. Thank you all for this great experience and I hope that I have done you proud. Over the past four years I have learned to be a mediator, a witness, a real estate agent, an insurance agent, a landlord, a property owner, a representative, a moving company and a janitor. Don't let all these titles fool you, because by no means have I become proficient in any of these jobs. I never realized that I would need to learn so much. Who knew that being a leader of a non-profit fraternal organization would be so educational and expensive? It has been a long, hard road but I wouldn't have traded it for anything. It has made me grow as an individual and taught me that no good deed is achieved without hard work.

When I started this journey, I had a few goals that I wanted to complete by the end of my term in office. I feel that I have accomplished at least two of my goals and for that I am pleased. But there was one goal that I have failed to see to fruition and this worries me. I really wish I had been able to accomplish it during my term as your State Master. The goal was to see Granges

grow and gain new members. Now this statement is not completely true because we know that a few Granges have been able to take in new members and grow. I want to thank those Granges that heard the call and for doing their part to extend the life of the Grange. I applaud you all for your hard work and all I ask is that you keep getting more members. For those who have been unsuccessful, don't give up. Search different ways to work in your community. Be involved in what is happening and something positive will come from it. I know that many of you are tired but don't give up. You will eventually reap the rewards of your hard labor.

This has been another rough year for our Granges. Two more Granges have been closed; one for failure to pay their dues and another that has not had any meetings for the past two years. I attempted to work with these Granges because I didn't want to see them close but unfortunately nothing could be done to reverse these situations. In fear of repeating myself, this continuing trend is not good for our Organization and something needs to be done about this now. If we don't reverse the direction we are headed we will lose even more Granges. There are at least two more Granges that are in desperate need of our help and if they are not successful in gaining more members, they might be the next ones that will be closing. The Granges, unfortunately, have not made any contact with the State Grange leadership for assistance. The leadership of the State Grange knows that they need the help but have our hands tied until someone asks for assistance. A new membership committee should be formed that can help invigorate new life into our Granges. This new membership committee should create a poll and send it to every individual Grange member in the state. This poll should be completely anonymous and completed by every individual member. This would help that new membership committee determine the best direction for the team to concentrate on and it would identify the areas that need improvement.

I wish that I never had to close any Granges but what good does it do to leave non-productive ones open? They set a bad example of what the Grange is and portray a bad image of our organization. All Grange members across the state who pay their dues are now paying the dues for these inactive Granges and that is not fair. Why should they not have to pay dues? Why should they not have to meet like other Granges? Why should they be allowed to not follow the rules? What was said or done that made these Granges think that this was acceptable? Where or when did they get told not to worry about doing the right thing? Have we all just made up our own rules on how we do things? Have we thrown caution to the wind and decided to throw the rules out the window? Do we think that we won't be held responsible for our actions? How did we lose all of this knowledge so quickly? I am the first person to admit that we need to change our Grange way of thinking but do we really want to change to this direction? Isn't this going backwards instead of forwards?

I wanted to have the membership of our organization learn to get along with each other. My personal goal was to make membership in the Granges in New Hampshire a desire of every citizen in the Granite State. I wanted to see the activity at state events increase to what they were 20 years ago. I wanted to see members forget their differences and get along with each other. I wanted to see each member embrace the values that our forefathers intended for us to hold true. I wanted for the members to rebuild those relationships that we used to have with each other and other organizations. I wanted to grow Granges. I wanted to do all of these things and I will keep working to accomplish them until the day I can no longer do so. I know that this is very self-

centered and that I won't be able to do this all on my own but it is my dream that someday the Grange will once again be a powerful force. If you can't tell I am very passionate about this and the future of our Granges, I hope that my enthusiasm and determination will spread to others and soon we will have so many involved in our movement that nothing will be able to stop us.

This past year I obligated our organization to be involved in RALI. I also, with the help of the National Grange Legislative director Burton Eller, signed a letter to Comcast/NBC encourage them to continue working on the Rural Broadband initiative. These are both very worthwhile projects that are right along with what the Grange is about. These are perfect ways for Granges to get involved with what is going on in their communities. The opioid issue in New Hampshire is way out of control and one of the biggest issues is the education of the people. This coalition of organizations are the perfect group to spread the word and teach the public about the dangers of these opioids. As part of this program, we have informational packets and disposal bags for each and every Grange in the State. The materials are printed and the bags are free of charge. The only things that the Granges need to do is work with another entity in town to help educate and distribute the bags. This can be a town hall, police station, public library or other public facing group. The material is free and all the Grange have to do is coordinate the supplies.

Many of our Granges in the state face a serious issue that needs to be reversed or it will be the end of the Grange in their area. This problem has been around for a long time and many people already know about it. Unfortunately, no one has ever made it publicly known and it has been swept under the rug all too often. What most people don't realize is that this has had a major impact on our image. What I am referring to is the viruses/cancers that are present in some of our Granges. These can be negative comments about other members, saying bad things about the organization, ridiculing the leadership on the local or state level as well as trying to tell others what they should or shouldn't be doing. There is only one authority in the organization and if there is ever a question about what is right, wrong or procedural, these should be brought up to the State Master, the Executive committee, the General Deputy or Deputy State Masters not Grange members doing whatever it is they want to do. If we have any hope of growing, we need to remove or treat these viruses/cancers. They are only going to bring us down.

Granges need to grasp the concept of being more social than social media. They need to use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, web sites and other technologies to tell the public about themselves and the good things that they are doing in their communities. They need to use their words and actions to spread the word about the Grange. They need to find a way to be more relevant to younger people. They need to find way to adapt and mold our programs and projects into what the youth of today are involved with already. Granges need to use these tools to spread our message. Only then can we graduate into the 21st Century and Show/prove that we are not archaic and irrelevant. Granges need to modify their behaviors and be acceptable to new ideas of the young people. They need to adapt but not lose their identities in the process. Then and only then will they be able to grow into what society needs.

Granges need to help bring morals back into our communities and families. Granges were once very active in the education of people and we really need to get back to this. Children in today's society are becoming mindless workers who don't know the meaning of a hard day's work. Too many young people are expecting everything to be handed to them for little or no effort. If this

trend continues to evolve and is allowed, we will be in rough shape in a very short period of time. Grange is the place where people would learn the right and wrongs. Granges can accomplish this by being mentors and educators to the public. Teaching them skills and crafts that are soon becoming lost because not many people are interested in learning them. This is a place where we can start. There are many things that Grangers could teach to the youth of today. We claim that we have always been concerned about education. Well now is the time to show it.

We all know that Grangers are tired and many have been giving for many years. We are human and get discouraged but we have to keep on getting on. We have to keep trying to do the good work of the Grange. We need to have solidarity in what we do and our message. When we tell contradictory stories and make up rules as we go along, it sends mixed messages to the public as well as members in our community Granges. There are by-laws, resolutions and policy that the State Grange adopts. These are what should govern us. Members need to stop telling other members how to do things. Instead, we should be offering assistance and instruction that coincides with these guidelines that the delegates approve at our State and National sessions.

Granges need to concentrate some effort into making our halls family friendly. Maybe providing some activity for kids who might accompany their parents to meetings. We need to be welcoming to this new young families. We need to solicit ideas of things that they would like to do and then make a concerted effort to see these ideas to completion. These are going to hopefully be the leaders of our Granges in the future. We need to give them the tools and inspiration to continue the Grange work.

Communication is and will always be an issue. Grangers need to remember that communication is a two-way street. We need to be sure that we cover all aspects of a topic when we are communicating. Just like a good marriage, communication needs to be direct and forthcoming. Communications between all levels of the Grange need improvement. More and more we are doing more communication through electronic forms instead of the old way by sending mail. We know that not all rural areas of our State have access to the internet and electronic communication but at least one member of each Grange has email. It is up to these people to share the information. They don't necessarily have to be the ones talking about what's going on but they need to share the information so that members are kept abreast of what activities, programs and other important information is being distributed. This is also relevant for Granges who have members who have passed away or are sick. How can Granges send cards or make phone calls if they are now aware of what is or has happened.

It feels like the Grange has lost a lot of Do'ers. These are the core people who are always there doing the good work of the Grange. I understand that a lot of them are tired and are ready to go onto other more important things but we need for them to instruct, educate and motivate the new and current members to become Do'ers their own respects. Change is the word that we are all afraid of because of what it might mean for our future. We have become too comfortable in our own little shells and some of us don't want to do anything different. This is the wrong attitude and we need to learn to embrace change. Change is not always good and sometimes it can be a mistake but unless we try, we will never learn. We need to get out of the past and stop dwelling on what we have always done. Let's break free from these chains that seem to bind us to the

normal. Go out and do something new. Learn a new way of looking at situations and come up with new ideas on solving the same issues.

In conclusion, I want to thank some people who really have been helpful to me over the past four years. First, I would like to thank Kerriann. She has been my sounding block, my strength when I need it most. She has been my voice of reason and sometimes a source of new ideas. Next, I would like to thank my father Wilber Heath. He has provided so much advice to me through these past four years. He was there for me last year at National Session when I was in turmoil. He taught me valuable lessons that I will never forget. I want to recognize my mother Jane Heath for being that person who reminds me of the things that need to be done as well as that constant voice that says, "Have you done this yet?" My Grandparents Nathalie and Carryl Heath, for all of those times as a young person that they gave me the opportunities to learn about what it means to be a Grange member. Arthur and Beth Merrill for being mentors during my years in the youth department. The valuable lessons I learned from them are numerous. They have been a great source of knowledge and advice through these past four years. Kim and Dan Bascom for being there when I needed questions answered about how things should be handled. The delegate's whose vote of confidence has kept me going even though sometimes I was ready to throw my hands up and be done. Grace Leone who gave me my first opportunity to be in a leadership role so long ago when I was a member of Banner Junior Grange. The list goes on and on and I know that I will never remember to acknowledge everyone but as you sit there just know this, I do truly appreciate everything that all of you have taught me throughout my many years in this great organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher E Heath
NH State Grange Master.

The address was referred to the Master's address committee.

Treasurer, Daniel P. Bascom presented his annual report.

Treasurer's Report

Worthy State Master Chris Heath, National Reps, Fellow Officers, Grangers All:

A few years ago, I was accused of not being transparent with the financial status of the NH State Grange. I took this as an educational moment and informed this Granger that all financial accounts were published in the Journal of Proceedings each year and instructed her as to where to find one. With that in mind I have decided to do things a little different this year.

I have stated in the past "I will not bore you with all the financial facts and figures". Well this year I am going to. So, sit back, buckle your seat belts and hang on as I take you through a wild ride of the invested funds of the NH State Grange.

When I was elected in 2012 the total invested funds in Morgan Stanley was \$835,169.00. As of Sept. 30, 2018, the total invested funds in Morgan Stanley was \$1,162,137.00. This has been accomplished by guidelines set up by Past Treasurer Gail Turcotte and the guidance of the

Executive Committee. Yes, I said \$1,162,137.00! Sounds like a lot, I can hear some of you thinking “then why does NH State Grange keep asking us for money”. This does not all belong to NH State Grange, let me break this down for you. \$48,388.00 belongs to the Northeast Connection to help host National Grange Session in our region. \$33,396.00 is in the Defunct Grange account and is held for seven years. After that time if no new Grange is started in that area it is deposited into the State Grange operating fund. The Ex. Comm. has established a building improvement loan fund to Granges with Grange Halls with this money. \$163,166.00 is in the Education Loan Fund which is distributed by the Grange Services Comm. as educational loans and scholarships. \$29,915.00 is in the Randell Richardson Youth Fund and is used to help with travel expenses for our youth to National Session. \$72,359.00 is in the Trust Fund used to help Grangers in need. \$589,886.00 is held in escrow for Granges who have sold their halls. Leaving a balance of **\$225,025.00** in the operating fund of which we only use 3.5% of a 3-year rolling average. Which is **\$7,866.86** to cover all expenses for the year. Our proposed budget for this year is \$62,866.00. The rest of the money comes from your dues and other sources. Bonding fees are an in and out, bonding protects your secretary and treasurer. National Assessment is an in and out and helps National Grange with National Session expenses. The 3.5% of a 3-year average was recommended by Morgan Stanley and has helped us greatly increase our net worth. Our operating fund in 2012 was \$158,944.00 and is now \$225,025.00. An increase of \$66,080.00 in 6 years. I also use the 3.5% 3-year rolling average with all the other accounts except the Northeast Connection. I thought this might give you a little insight into some of the financial working of the State Grange. Any questions?

Tuesday night I completed the epostcards for all Granges, it took me about 10 hours over two nights. The copy for your Grange is in your packet, If, for some reason you misplace it I can send you a new copy. I am doing this for each Grange to not have to reinstate you if you lose your nonprofit status. The cost for this is now \$600.00 wither you are reinstated or not. Would Cam Twiss please come forward. I worked with Cam this past year as her Grange lost their nonprofit status due to a change in secretaries. I am proud to present you with your first epostcard acceptance form sense your reinstatement.

As I have stated in the past, I don't receive all financial statements until about October 15th, this leaves me very little time to complete my financial report for year end. All financial figures will be printed in the journal.

I have discovered another project for me to work on, I need to stay off the computer as last spring I found a state web site that lists all Granges who have paid their State of NH nonprofit status and again found many who now need to be reinstated before 2020. Those of you who are affected will be contacted for information so that I can get you reinstated. This is the \$25.00 that you pay to the state every 5 years.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the confidence you have entrusted in me and thank you for asking me to serve as your Treasurer.

Fraternally,

Daniel P. Bascom

State Treasurer

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary presented his annual report.

State Secretary's Report 2018

Worthy State Master, National Overseer, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters

As I sit here and write my sixth report to you as your State Secretary I can't help but wonder where the time has gone. It seems like only yesterday I stood before you and presented my first report.

So much has changed in these last six years. Some good and some not so good, but through it all we have always remained committed and dedicated to this remarkable organization that is inclusive to all.

Subordinate Granges:

We began the year with 54 Subordinate Granges and a membership number of 1431; Barnstead Community Grange was closed effective June 30, 2018. West Thornton Grange closed effective July 10, 2018. Pleasant Valley Grange was closed. Prentice Hill Grange consolidated with Golden Rod Grange and Halestown Grange consolidated with Joe English Grange effective September 30, 2018. Daniel Webster Grange and Winthrop Grange were both closed as of December 31, 2017. Leaving us with 46 Subordinate Granges, leaving us with a total membership of 1279 giving us a loss of 152 members.

On a positive note the following Granges did have a gain in membership:

- Bakers River Grange #290
- Blow-Me-Down Grange #234
- Cocheco Grange #81
- Concord Grange #322
- Crown Point Grange #65
- Golden Rod Grange #114
- Mount Hope Grange #77
- Rockingham Grange #183
- Stratford Grange #238
- Watatic Grange #36

The largest Subordinate Grange is Wicwas Lake Grange #292 with a total of 88 members.

There are several Subordinate Granges that are currently behind on reporting and owe past dues to the State Grange and others that are not meeting regularly or holding meetings as prescribed by the By-laws of the State Grange. I will be making recommendations to the State Grange Executive Committee on how to get these Granges in compliance.

Pomona Granges:

We currently have a total of 8 Pomona Granges with a total membership of 389. A loss of 84 members from last year. It is important to note that this loss is due to the number of members being suspended.

Pemigewasset Valley Pomona #18 is the only Pomona with a net gain in membership giving them the distinction of the largest Pomona with 89 members.

By order of the National Grange I have issued the following 142 membership awards:

16 ~ Silver Star Certificates to

Kathline Akerman	Hampton Falls Grange #171
Anne Bosivert	Chichester Grange #132
Carryl Davis	Antrim Grange #98
Eliot Davis	Antrim Grange #98
Carolee Davison	Chichester Grange #132
Arlene Dodge	Joe English Grange #53
Janice Follenbee	Hampton Falls Grange #171
Laura Gotauco	Wingold Grange #308
Rebecca Herbert	Chichester Grange #132
Stephanie Lessard	Wingold Grange #308
John Moore	Concord Grange #322
Emogene Maguire	Hampton Falls Grange #171
Robert Paquin-Varnum	Antrim Grange #98
Neil Savage	Wingold Grange #308
Roberta Sliva	Hampton Falls Grange #171
Philip Sprague	Blazing Star Grange #71

5 ~ 30 Year Certificates

5 ~ 35 Year Certificates

4 ~ 40 Year Certificates

15 ~ 45 Year Certificates

24 Golden Sheaf Certificates

Donald Atwood	Lower Intervale Grange #132
Patricia Bailey	Hudson Grange #11
Carolee Barrett	Golden Rod Grange #114
Kenneth Berry	Gilman Grange #1
Keith Daughen	Blazing Star Grange #71
Ann Ferriera	Hampton Falls Grange #171
Francis Ferriera	Hampton Falls Grange #171
Alan Huntoon	Blazing Star Grange #71
Dale MacDonald	Lower Intervale Grange #132
David Murry	Concord Grange #322
Bernice Nowell	Blazing Star Grange #71
Priscilla Parker	Pine Grove Grange #298
Frances Pepau	Stratford Grange #238

Errol Peters	Mt Hope Grange #77
Gail Peters	MT Hope Grange #77
Dariel Peterson	Antrim Grange #98
Daniel Plourde	Pembroke Grange #111
Mary Plourde	Pembroke Grange #111
Oscar Plourde	Pembroke Grange #111
Paul Pouliot	Gilman Grange #1
Carolyn Ross	Gilman Grange #1
Paul Sawyer	Gilman Grange #1
Mary Tyler	Winthrop Grange #315
Alice Tuck	Rochester Grange #86

12 ~ 55 Year Seals

17 ~ 60 Year Seals

13 ~ 65 Year Seals

14 ~ 70 Year Seals

14 ~ 75 Year Diamond Certificates

Helen Adjutant	Rochester Grange #86
Theodore Bailey	Chichester Grange #132
Isabel Bartz	Concord Grange #322
Joanne Blake	Lower Intervale Grange #321
Virginia Chadwick	Crown Point Grange #65
Clyde Currier	Blazing Star Grange #71
Richard Currier	Blazing Star Grange #71
Jane Gordon	Crown Point Grange #65
Esther Grace	Blazing Star Grange #71
Kathrine Imbressea	Wingold Grange #308
Beatrice MacDow	Rochester Grange #86
Winston Merrill	Pine Grove Grange #298
Walter Peck	Hampton Falls Grange #171
Charles Watson	Chichester Grange #132

3~ 80 Year Letter

Franklin Beck	Hampton Falls Grange #171
Christine Felch	Hampton Falls Grange #171
Arlene Weeks	Chichester Grange #132

My first priority following State Session was to finish assembling the 2018 NH State Grange Roster. I am happy to report that it was ready for Deputy School in December. This is always a monumental endeavor requiring many hours of inputting of names, addresses, E-mail addresses, and phone numbers. Most Granges did submit a form so very few pages were left blank.

As with any document there needed to be some corrections and updates. Roster corrections were sent to the granges and hopefully made it to the Masters and Secretary's copies. I am asking all secretaries who have not yet sent in the new form for the coming year to please make sure that

this form is filled out clearly and sent by the November 1st deadline. Most of the corrections that needed to be made were because the information was difficult to read. For those who have sent the form already, thank you. If something is not clear you will be receiving a call from me.

There has been some discussion both publicly and privately about the need for printing a Roster. I am required to provide two copies to each Pomona and Subordinate Grange and one to each member of the State Team. Over the last six years the format of the roster has changed and the current one seems to be the preferred format. However, this format is not one that can be moved to the State Grange web page so this may change. I will be working with the Web Master to come up with a format that will work for both printing and placing on the web page.

The Journal of Proceedings for the 144th Annual State Grange Session was completed and ready for distribution in early January. I have usually had the Journal completed by Deputy School but with the Roster taking up so much time I was unable to get it completed.

Having the journal completed quickly remains a priority to me so that those wishing a copy can receive one while the session is still fresh in their minds. I'm pleased to report that several Granges requested a copy of the journal as well as others who asked for a personal copy. The Journal was submitted and placed on the NH State Grange web site and hope that many of you reviewed it.

Near the end of each quarter a packet was sent to each Pomona and Subordinate secretary with information for the members as well as the usual report forms. I can't stress enough how important it is to complete the reports and send them in on time. What we pay to National Grange is based on the membership numbers from these reports. If I don't receive a report from a Grange the membership number, I use on my report is the number last reported. There have been times when a Grange report was submitted after my deadline to National and the Grange reports a loss of members. If these reports were sent in on time, we wouldn't have needed to pay dues on the lost members now being reported. I also need to stress that it is extremely important that the dues check accompany the report. Several granges are sending these separately which requires unnecessary documentation.

In an effort to encourage each grange secretary to report on time and every quarter I will be instituting an "Honor Secretary" award and will make a recognition at next year's Session. Information will be sent in a future mailing.

As the Secretary it is our duty to keep our members informed and this is done with the reading of communications. I am requesting all Secretaries to read what is sent to your Grange. I am requesting that each Subordinate and Pomona Secretary and committee chairman establish the following philosophy, if a communication is important enough to send to your Grange it is important enough to read it to your members. Some of what is sent can be lengthy and for that I am sorry! The communication doesn't need to be read word for word, giving highlights is fine as long as the important information is shared.

The supply department continues to be very busy filling orders. I am very pleased to report that most are using the order form. This has really assisted me in ensuring that all orders are filled

and sent more efficiently. Receiving of membership award and supply requests on scrap pieces of paper or in an e-mail has ended. There are going to be a few revisions made to the form so please look for those changes.

State Session is once again approaching and with that comes the preparations associated with it. The program was created, printed, and folded, resolutions formatted, printed and collated, ribbons ordered, delegate packets assembled the list goes on and on. I must admit that while this seems to be overwhelming, I find it exhilarating and look forward to the whole thing coming together.

In conclusion there are some people that I would like to thank for assisting me with all that comes with this position. First, my daughters Sarah and Emilie for all you do. Whether it be proof reading, a computer question/issue, stuffing and folding or taking on the Credentials for session. Believe it or not, there are times when dad gets cranky and you always find a way to get me through it. Thanks! Love you both! I would like to personally thank each Pomona and Subordinate Secretary for the time they take in their busy lives performing the duties of this office. State Master Chris Heath for being available when needed. State Ceres Kerriann Heath for taking charge of the banquet this year especially. And finally, to the delegates who had faith in me and bestowed the honor upon me to be your State Secretary for the past six years. I look forward to continuing to serve the State Grange in whatever is asked of me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Robert Trombi, Chairman of the State Executive Committee was escorted to the Master's station to present his annual report.

Worthy Master, Distinguished guests, Delegates, Brothers & Sisters,

I am pleased to present to you, my report for the State Executive committee.

The Executive Committee holds several meetings each year, conducting the business of your State Grange. Copies of the minutes of these meetings have been supplied to each Grange. At our most recent meeting we discussed the budget (which we will present this weekend) audited the Secretary & Treasurer books and discussed final preparations for State Session. Your State Executive Committee strives to always work for the Good of the Order, whenever we act in the name of this State Grange. We are confident that our decisions have been in the best interest of The Grange in New Hampshire.

Our first priority is always to strengthen the Grange presence, in NH. We still believe that a community with a Grange presence is a stronger, healthier community. Our goal continues to be a strong, vibrant State Grange, that aides and enhances our communities.

We thank the delegation for your continued confidence in your Executive Committee, to act in the best interest of NH State Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Trombi, Chairman
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 22, 2017
State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

Present: Beth Merrill, Robert Trombi, Wilber Heath, Christopher Heath, Mark Collins, Tricia Taylor, Gerald Leclerc, Daniel Bascom

Absent: Robert Haefner

The meeting was called to order by Robert Trombi, Chairman at 10:18 AM

Minutes from August 31, 2017 were reviewed and corrections were made. Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor at accept the minutes as corrected.

Masters report:

- Mt Pistareen Grange has filed an appeal to the National Grange to remain a Chartered Grange within the state of New Hampshire. The Grange was granted a 3 month period for which to prove their viability and compliance with the Bylaws. Arthur and Beth Merrill have been assigned as the Deputy and State Officer contact for this period.
- Riverhill Grange has met, took in new members. They have had election and installation of officers.
- Pleasant Valley Grange has not responded to the letter sent about the past dues owed. State Master has removed the charter from the hall and contacted a realtor to begin the process of selling the building.
- West Thornton Grange closed effective July 10, 2017 and is working with a potential buyer for the building.
- Granite Grange: A request was received from Bob Glover, Master to close the Grange and sell the hall.
- Granite State Grange not compliant with holding regular meetings and will be sent a letter from the State Master.
- Daniel Webster Grange: A letter was sent to the members asking if they want to continue as a Grange or surrender the charter. The responses were mixed but favored surrendering the charter.

- Winthrop Grange has requested information as to how close their Grange. Info has been sent.
- The consolidation of Prentice Hill Grange with Goldenrod Grange and the consolidation of Halestown Grange with Joe English Grange were effective September 30, 2017.

Motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the Master's report. The vote was favorable.

Secretary's report:

- Reported on those Grange's that are not eligible to vote at State Session unless past reports and dues are presented at the time of registration.
- Letters have been sent to the Granges that are not eligible.
- All materials for State Session have been printed, assembled and packed.

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

Treasurer's report:

State Treasurer, Dan Bascom presented and explained the Income and Expense reports after some discussion a motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept both reports as presented. Vote was favorable.

New Business:

- Chris Heath reported that his wife, Kerriann Heath was not going to be able to get time off to attend National Session and asked the Executive Committee to appoint a replacement for Kerriann. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to appoint Wilber Heath as the second delegate to attend the 151st Annual National Session. The vote was favorable with two abstentions.
- Cleaning of the State Grange Building: After some discussion on having a fee added to the rental agreement for cleaning, a motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Gerald Leclerc to add a \$100 cleaning deposit to all rentals. The vote was favorable.
- 2018 Annual Session: A location in the Keene area has yet to be selected for the Annual Session. Currently looking at the Best Western depending on availability.
- Sale of Pleasant Valley Grange Hall. Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to proceed with the sale of the building valued at \$39,900. An amendment was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to start at \$39,900 and drop the price \$1,000 every two weeks stopping at \$29,900. The amendment was voted favorable as did the amended motion.
- A request was received from National Grange asking the State Grange to pay our delegate expenses. A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to revisit this request at our December meeting. Vote was favorable.
- Received notification from the Belisle Machine Works of a price increase for snow removal at the State Grange building for the upcoming winter season. Motion was made

by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to have the State Secretary look into finding another snow removal company. The vote was favorable.

- Dan Bascom presented the proposed 2018 Income and Expense Budgets to be presented to the delegate body. Each line was explained and discussed. After all changes were completed a motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Chris Heath to accept the budget and present it to the Delegates. Vote was favorable.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to enter into Executive Session. Vote was favorable.

Closed at 12:50

Entered back into Public Session at 1:00 PM.

Discussed that two Trustees of the Trust Fund are going off this year, Joy Perkins has asked to not be reappointed. After some discussion it was suggested that we reappoint Rhoda Davis and Virginia Blackmer to replace Joy.

The next meeting, Saturday afternoon following the close of session.

With no further business to act on a motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Wilber Heath to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 1:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, October 28, 2017
The Margate at Winnepesaukee

Present: Beth Merrill, Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Mark Collins, Tricia Taylor, Robert Haefner, Gerald Leclerc, Daniel Bascom

Absent: Wilber Heath

The meeting was called to order by Robert Trombi, Chairman at 3:45 PM

Main purpose of this meeting is to elect the Chairman and Secretary for the coming year.

Motion was made by Chris Heat and seconded by Tricia Taylor to elect Robert Trombi as Chairman for the Executive Committee. The vote was favorable.

Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to elect Gerald Leclerc as Secretary for the Executive Committee. The vote was favorable.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to reappoint Rhoda Davis and to appoint Virginia Blackmer as Trustees to the Trust Fund. The vote was favorable.

Some discussion was held on the replacement of Adam Paquin-Varnum who asked to be replaced as the custodian of the State Grange Building. Beth Merrill offered to take on the task with another member of her Grange with the understanding that the payment for their services would go into Antrim Granges Building Fund. A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept Beth's offer. The vote was favorable.

A letter was received from Arlington Grange requesting a loan of \$1700 for a recent emergency fix to their heating system. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to approve the loan and to have payment plan set with the State Treasurer. The vote was favorable.

Next meeting: Deputy School, Saturday, December 9, 2017 (TBD)

Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, December 9, 2017
The New Hampshire Fire Academy

Present: Beth Merrill, Wilber Heath, Christopher Heath, Mark Collins, Tricia Taylor, Robert Haefner, Gerald Leclerc, Daniel Bascom

Absent: Robert Trombi

The meeting was called to order by Dan Bascom at 10:58 AM

Prior to the meeting the books of all State Committees were audited.

Secretary read Saturdays minutes for the 144th Annual Session. Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the minutes as read. The vote was favorable.

Treasurer had no formal report at this time. Past assessment bills have been sent and being paid. Paperwork for the accountant is being prepared.

Secretary has made copies of the Master's Address presented at State Session and have included it in the December mailing along with the Address Committees recommendation and a letter requiring each Master or Secretary to read the address read at their meeting. Same letter and address have been sent to Master's as well hoping that at least one will make it to a meeting.

Eames Insurance Company will be contacted by Dan to and reestablish our policies with them once again as there seems to be some confusion as to who carries NGM insurance.

Coheco Grange: Two Masonic Lodges are renting the Grange Hall for their meetings. Coheco Grange is interested in selling the hall to the Lodges and then build a new hall. Due to the number of parties involved, legal counsel needs to be considered so as to protect all 3 organizations.

Daniel Webster Grange: State Master Chris Heath reported that from the responses he received from the letter sent to the members about their continuing as a grange, it has been decided to close Daniel Webster Grange #100 as of December 31, 2017.

Winthrop Grange: State Master Chris Heath reported that he has been in contact with members of Winthrop and he will be attending their next meeting when they will be voting to close. This will be effective December 31, 2017.

A Thank You was received from the NH Preservation Alliance ~ Barn Committee for our recent donation for the publication of the book that will be available soon.

Old Business:

Tabled from the October 2017 meeting: Rockingham Grange has requested a loan from the State Grange for \$5000 to upgrade the heating system and \$2500 to build a handicap ramp to the building. Chris Heath will be contact the Master to see what funds the Grange has available for these two requests and what they can pay monthly for the loan and report back at the next meeting.

Beth has closed the Youth account in her name and has forwarded all fund to the Sarah to be placed in the youth account in her name.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to enter into Executive Session. The vote was favorable.

Closed at 11:25

Reentered Public Session at 11:50

State Grange building storage: Chris Heath reported that storage at the State Grange building is getting out of hand. The basement has been cleared of all paper items but some issue with the

shelving will require some attention soon. The museum room is getting cluttered and some organization needs to take place.

Snow removal: State Secretary has found a new snow removal service for the State Grange building. The cost will be \$100 per storm with an additional \$50 if any additional more than one trip per storm is needed. Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to go with the new provider. The vote was favorable with one abstention.

Next meeting will be March 20th at 7:30 pm at the State Grange Building.

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 12:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 29, 2018
State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

Absent: Robert Trombi, Tricia Taylor

The meeting was called to order by Daniel Bascom, at 7:38 pm

Minutes from the October 22, 2017, October 28, 2017 and December 9, 2017 meetings were presented. Motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Beth Merrill to approve the minutes as presented. Vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- The National Grange Masters conference was held with a good turnout. Announced that the National Lecturer has two new programs, "Weather Spotter" and "Quilts of Valor". State Master, Chris Heath has raffle tickets for the National Grange Quilt raffle.
- Pleasant Valley Grange Hall: finalizing the paperwork to sell the hall.
- Daniel Webster Grange and Winthrop Granges were both closed as of December 31, 2017
- Court cases with Mt. Pistareen Grange, Pleasant Valley Grange and Granite Grange have all been closed.

- River Hill Grange recently held Election of officers and are meeting regularly.

Secretary's Report:

The following Granges are behind in reporting to the State Grange

- Mascoma Valley Pomona, 8 quarters behind
- Barnstead Community Grange, 5 quarters behind
- Granite State Grange, 8 quarters behind
- Pine Grove Grange, 2 quarters behind
- Stratford Grange 5 quarters behind

Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Chris Heath to accept the Secretary's report.
Vote was favorable.

Treasurer's Report:

- Income and Expense reports were presented and explained.

Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Treasurer's report.
The vote was favorable.

Old Business:

- Rockingham Grange Loan Request: No additional information was submitted regarding repayment plan. State Master has been asked to attend the next Rockingham Grange meeting.
- West Thornton Grange Hall: meeting with the realtor and the property abutter.
- Sale of Cocheco Grange Hall: no new action to report at this time.
- Past Bonding and Assessment bills: Notices have been sent to those Subordinates and Pomona that still have not paid. Discussion was held as to how to bill the Granges.

A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Chris Heath to have the bills for National Grange assessments go directly to the Subordinate Grange instead of the Pomona as has been to customary. Vote was favorable.

- Reimbursement for expenses to 2017 National Grange Session for Kerriann Heath. \$432 (airfare) \$120 (Registration).

A motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Heafner to reimburse Kerriann for these expenses. Vote was favorable with 2 abstentions.

- Junior Grange Plus One Membership: With no formal direction from National Grange as to how these members are to be reported or documented as members. It was decided that a Junior Grange Application for membership with the signature of the parent must be submitted to the Subordinate Grange. Subordinate Grange secretary will include the Jr members name and date of obligation on the next

quarterly report to the State Secretary. State Secretary will then notify the State Junior Director.

- IRS reinstatement for Wingold and Watatic Granges is in process.
- Arlington Grange loan request: State Treasurer is working on the repayment plan.
- Defunct Grange Account: As is customary, after seven years any money from a defunct Grange being held in said account can be moved to the operating budget. Former Contoocook Grange has \$20,000 from the sale of the Grange Hall in the defunct account and can now be moved.

A motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mark Collins to place this sum into a Dedicated Loan Account to be used for Granges needing a loan for Grange Hall maintenance/improvements. The vote was favorable.

- 2018 State Session location. A visit to the Best Western in Keene is scheduled for Tuesday April 3rd. Final decision and information will be sent soon.

New Business:

- Request from Escrow from Concord Grange: The request form and Granges budget was presented and discussed. Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to approve the request. Vote was favorable.
- Grange Museum Room and Equipment Room. Discussion was held as to who has access and responsibility to these room.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to replace the lock on the Museum Room and have a key made for the Master, Custodian, Historian, Building Manager and Fire Department Lock Box. The vote was favorable. The State Secretary will coordinate this and remove all hidden keys from the building.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to replace the lock on the Equipment Room and have a key made for the Master, Custodian, Steward, Building Manager and the Fire Department Lock Box. The vote was favorable. The State Secretary will coordinate this and remove all hidden keys from the building.

- State Historian and placement in the Roster Officer/Committee: at the Ninety-Eighth Session of the New Hampshire State Grange (1971) a resolution presented by Governor Bachelder Pomona #19, recommended by the Committee on the Good of the Order and voted in favor by the delegate body favoring the creation of the office of Historian of the NH State Grange. "Said Historian to be charges with the responsibilities of collecting the records of defunct Granges not now in the possession of the State Grange, cataloging the records, inventorying the memorabilia, setting up a library and generally keeping an oversight on the records and history of our State Grange and those Subordinate, Pomona and Junior Granges that have through necessity given up their charters.

Said Historian to be authorized to wear the pink sash of the State Grange family, similar to that of a State Officer. Said Historian to be appointed by the State Master. The committee further recommends that a search be made for a suitable place in which to store these archives, and that the State Secretary of the New Hampshire State Grange be urged to give due assistance to the Historian.”

- Recommendations from The Masters Address Committee 2017: 1) Add Publicity as a line item in the Budget and allocate the necessary funds. A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to create a line in the budget for Publicity and allocate \$500. The vote was favorable. Further discussed making the Publicity a subcommittee of the Membership or Lecturers Department. 2) State Executive Committee take on the project of seeking an insurance plan for our Granges. This has been done and the Deputies are presenting the information to the Granges at their spring instruction. Informational. 3) An incentive program to be initiated at the State Level. Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to table this item. Vote was favorable.
- Pomona Task Force: area meetings will be held to get feedback from the members and how to address the future of Pomona Granges in NH.
- State Grange Building Tax exempt status: all documentation has been completed and sent and the exempt status remains.
- IRS tax filing has been completed on time and all is in good shape.
- Credit card fees: Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Chris Heath to use the auto pay option for the State Grange credit card to avoid unnecessary fees. The vote was favorable.
- New Hampshire non-profit status: 6 Granges are not current; most Granges need to change their name by adding NH State Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry prior to their current name and number (\$25.00 fee for each Grange) and NH State Grange needs to report each Grange when it closes. Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to pay the fee for each Grange that needs a name change. The vote was favorable. The Treasurer will work to have this completed
- North East Connection: a meeting is being planned to finalize all aspects of the 2018 National Session in Vermont. North East Connection is asking each State to pay for their representatives lodging for the meeting. For NH we need 2 rooms for 2 nights. Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mark Collins to cover the costs. Vote was favorable with one abstention.
- Request from Beth Merrill and Jane Trombi to have use of the State Grange building for a Scrapbooking Weekend at no cost. Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to let Beth and Jane use the building for this weekend at no cost. The vote was favorable with one abstention.
- Chris Heath spoke of the “Good Day” magazine published by the National Grange and providing a one-year subscription to each Subordinate Grange. Those granges that already subscribe will have their next year’s subscription paid.

Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Bob Heafner to close in public session and open in Executive Session. Vote was favorable. Closed at 10:18 pm

10:25 Re-opened in Public Session.

Next meeting: June 14, 2018 at 7:30 at the State Grange Building.

Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 10:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2018
State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

Present: Robert Trombi, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Christopher Heath, Mark Collins, Tricia Taylor, Daniel Bascom

Absent: Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

Minutes from March 29, 2018 meetings were presented. Motion was made Chris Heath and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the printed version. Vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- Paperwork has been given to the realtor for Pleasant Valley Grange so it should be going on the market soon.
- Granite Grange Hall~ water main has been shut off due to leaking, the furnace is still on, and electricity is still on, mold problems in the cellar.
- Granite State Grange Master is difficult to get in touch with and they still haven't met.
- Barnstead Grange wants to go dormant. They are still meeting and trying to do some things. If not better by June quarter (dues) they will be closed.
- Sent information on Ohio Insurance Company. Chris will connect with Bob Clouse for the Clause Insurance information and where to send information.

- Chris Heath and Chris Hadsel will check on the curtain at Granite Grange as well as other local Granges to see if they are interested. Bob Trombi will check with Jim Tetreault to see if he knows what happened to Golden Rods curtain.

Secretary's Report:

- 1st quarter report was submitted to National Grange
- All Pomona's are current with reporting and payments. 446 total Pomona members reported.
- 3 Subordinate Granges are in the arrears, Barnstead Community last reported September 2016 and owes \$418.50, Croydon Grange last reported September 2017 and owes \$201.50, and Granite State Grange last reported December 2015 and owes \$1046.25. Total due \$1666.25
- Door knobs on the Museum and Equipment Rooms have been replaced. Keys have been made and are being distributed to the appropriate people.
- Signs have been placed on the doors to direct anyone who wishes access to the proper person. All other keys hidden in the building have been removed.
- DSL for State Grange Building: Consolidate Communications has been contacted about having internet access installed. Different price structures were presented.
- 2018 State Grange Session: the contract has been signed and deposit made. The hotel information has been sent to all Granges and to all State Officers, Directors, Committee Members and Deputies. Banquet information will be sent as soon as decisions have been made. (Menu choices and prices were discussed)
- 2019 State Session: will be contacting the Holiday Inn in Concord.

Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the report as presented. Vote was favorable.

Treasurer's Report: Presented and explained by Dan Bascom

- Lawyer refunded \$82.03 for overpayment, not sure what was overpaid.

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

Old Business:

1. Rockingham Grange Loan request: Request has been withdrawn.
2. Status of West Thornton Grange Hall: the abutter is interested, Chris will contact him.
3. Sale of Cocheco Grange Hall: the sale is on hold.
4. IRS reinstatement for Wingold and Watatic Grange: in process, Jeremiah Smith Grange has also been included.
5. Arlington Grange loan: Dan still needs to get in touch with Jim Tetreault.
6. Grange Museum and Equipment Rooms: See secretary's report
7. NH State Grange non-profit status: in process of updating all the Granges

8. Internet Access: Wilber has a year-old modem that we could use if it is compatible with our current service so we won't have to purchase or rent one. Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to go with the 3-year plan as presented in the secretary's report. Vote was favorable.
9. Good Day subscriptions: Beth took care of signing each Grange up with a one-year subscription of the "Good Day" magazine. Those Granges with a current subscription will be renewed for an additional year.
10. Pleasant Valley Grange furniture: sold 3 deacon benches at \$50.00 each. Wooden chairs and other items are listed on Craig's list.
11. Future of the NH State Grange Building: a study committee has been set up consisting of Beth Merrill, Chair, Wilber Heath, Mark Collins, Matt Clark, Don Ross, and Richard Patten.

New Business:

1. Status of State Grange Website: Matt Collins is interested in being the Web Master. He feels it will only take a couple of hours or so per month to keep it updated. A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to allot \$50.00 per month to update the website. Vote was favorable.
2. Status of State Grange Convention: after a lengthy discussion it was agreed to bring this to State Grange.
3. Granite Grange Hall: as a result of the leaks and the mold in the building these issues need to be addressed before the building can be sold. Chris Heath will contact a cleaning company to see what it will take and cost to correct this.
4. EIN List of Granges: Dan is updating the list with the State.
5. Hillsborough County and maybe Suncook Valley Pomona's will be at the State Grange building on June 23, 2018 to dig out the flower beds and spruce up the outside.
6. Beth Merrill and Jane Trombi are interested in possibly doing some more craft workshops at the State Grange building.

Next meeting: Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to hold the next meeting on August 23, 2018 at the State Grange building. Vote was favorable.

With no further business before the Executive Committee a motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 8:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia J. Taylor, Acting Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 23, 2018
State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

Present: Robert Trombi, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Mark Collins, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

Absent: Christopher Heath, Tricia Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm

Minutes from the June 14, 2018 meeting were presented. Motion was made Robert Haefner and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the printed version. Vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- The Deputy assigned to Croydon Grange is working with them to get the past dues amount paid.
- Contacted the Master from Granite State Grange about having a meeting. No response yet.
- Pleasant Valley Grange Hall and land sale is completed. Dan has the check. Working with the bank and Eversource to get outstanding bills.
- Signing the paperwork for the sale of West Thornton's Grange Hall and land. (\$5000)
- ServPro is scheduled to start work on Granite Grange Hall cleanup next week. Once finished a realtor will be contacted to get the building listed on the market. Still need to work on getting Grange property out of the building.
- Reminder that the Pomona Town Meeting will be held September 16th from 2-4 at the State Grange building.
- Reminder that NH State Grange will be lending the Flora's court equipment to Vermont State Grange for use at National Session.
- RALI ~is starting up the Governor kicked off the campaign this morning. More information to follow.
- Phil & Maureen Preli will be our representatives from National Grange.
- Looking for people to assist with the Fifth Degree on Thursday evening at State Session. We have a Master.
- National Grange is looking for loans for improvements for the National Grange Building.

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

Secretary's Report:

- Three Granges are still in the arrears for paying dues (see Masters report for action)
- The program for State Session was presented and reviewed.

- A list of members suspended has been made to see if any would like to be reinstated in their suspended Grange or in another grange. The State Secretary will be working on this following State Session.
- Evaluation for State Session was distributed for any possible additions.

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the Secretary report. Vote was favorable.

Treasurer's Report:

- Income and Expense Reports were presented and reviewed.
- Oil pre-buy for the year is completed.

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

Old Business:

- Dan Bascom reported that he is making progress with the Non-Profit status for several Granges. Watatic is almost complete and others are progressing.
- Barnstead Community Grange: requested to go inactive but the State Master has revoked the charter effective June 30, 2018.
- Insurance: Mt Livermore Grange is in the process of obtaining insurance through Bob Clouse.
- A request from a former Granite Grange member offering to be the caretaker of the Granite Grange Hall in exchange for use of the building for yoga/martial art classes. Motion made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Beth Merrill to not accept the offer. The vote was favorable
- Internet access in the State Grange Building: Jerry reported that he has been in contact with Consolidated Communications and that the equipment may be installed soon.
- The committee for the Future of the State Grange Building will be meeting soon.
- Hillsborough County and Suncook Valley Pomona's recently held a cleanup day at the State Grange Building. Work was done on the outdoor gardens.
- Arlington Grange Loan: currently working on an interest rate for the repayment.
- Pleasant Valley Grange: Sold and check is with the Treasurer.

New Business:

- New Webmaster: Matt Collins is now the Webmaster and all items are to be sent to him to be added to the web page. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Robert Haefner to pay the webmaster \$150 per quarter. Vote was favorable with one opposed.
- The Standing Rules for the 145th Annual Session were presented for adoption. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the rules. Vote was favorable.

- Discussion was held about storing a lawn mower and other gardening tools at the State Grange building. A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to allow the Secretary to purchase a shed/utility structure not to exceed \$600. The vote was favorable.

Next meeting will be October 21, 2018 at 10am. The Secretary and Treasurers books will be audited.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to adjourn. The vote was favorable and the meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Andrew Savage, General Deputy was escorted to the Master's station to present his annual report

Worthy Master, Brothers, and Sisters

Another year has passed, and once again we meet here as a state grange to reflect upon the past and consider our future. It was another difficult year, but most of you are familiar with the challenges that face us so I'm not going to dwell on them. This will, of course, lead to my report being shorter this year, but I feel that more gloom is not going to help us right now. Maybe focusing on what we did well over the past few years will give us some hope, and ideally encourage some of our granges to put in extra effort in the future. We still need to do whatever we can to help our granges grow, and it is important to remember the lesson from the fifth degree: Hope and Persevere.

Subordinate Granges

This year I received reports from roughly 75% of the subordinate granges. This percentage could be improved by getting some new volunteers to join the deputy force. I strongly encourage anyone that might be interested in helping us to contact me. Even if you can only visit one grange (twice a year) it would be greatly appreciated.

Grange ritual is still alive and well in our state. Over 75% of reporting granges have enough active members to perform opening and closing rituals. That may not sound amazing, but it's actually an improvement from where we were three years ago. We also have granges that are still willing to exemplify subordinate degrees, which allowed a couple of granges to score some extra points this year. When it came time to demonstrate balloting for candidates, over 60% of the granges rose to the challenge. Although the execution itself sometimes required assistance from the deputies, the granges were willing, and sometimes eager, to tackle this challenge.

Reports this year indicate that there may have been an increase in membership. As has been noted in the past, there is sometimes a discrepancy between what the granges write on their

deputy reports, and what they submit to the state secretary. I am hoping that the secretary's reports this year show a similar increase in membership.

Over the last four years, we have tried to emphasize the important duties that certain officers have within their granges. We have done this by having the deputy read those duties to the grange as a whole in the spring, and asking that officer to recite them again the fall. If the number of granges participating in this effort is any indication, then our efforts have been increasingly successful over these years.

I have spoken before about our efforts to challenge the granges to complete a membership-oriented goal that would take them outside of their comfort zone. I was pleased to note this year that more granges succeeded in completing these goals, and hope this is directly related to the reported increases in membership. If you are considering doing something that would increase exposure in your community, but are lacking in required funds, consider requesting financial (or even manpower) assistance from another grange. The average grange has over \$3,000 available, and what better way to spend it than in the interest of growing the grange?

This year I will again recognize the leading scores in both small and medium grange categories. These categories are based on total membership of the granges whose reports reached me in a timely manner. The top scorers are as follows:

Small granges:

3rd place – Claremont Grange

2nd place – Antrim Grange

1st place – Baker's River Grange

Medium granges:

3rd place – Blazing Star Grange

2nd place – Wingold Grange

1st place – Blow-Me-Down Grange

Congratulations to these granges for the work and effort they have put into this organization over the past year and I hope they continue to do well in the future.

Pomona Granges

As most of you have probably noticed, there is once again a resolution before the state grange regarding the fate of the Pomona granges. I have shared the views of both myself and the Pomona deputy in the past, and feel that reiterating them now is unnecessary as there should be plenty of discussion about it soon enough. The delegates should have their chance to decide the future of the Pomona granges themselves this weekend.

We did hold a meeting last month that allowed Pomona members to respond to a list of five important questions about the Pomona granges. These were presented by our state master, and led to some lively discussion. I hope this also leads to some real decisions being made this weekend.

None of the Pomona granges exemplified the fifth degree this year, but I have heard that some have plans to do so in the future.

The highest scoring Pomona grange this year was: Suncook Valley Pomona

Conclusion

I need to thank all of the deputies who continue to volunteer their time and expertise. Their commitment to this organization is the only thing that makes this job possible. I suspect that some of them would like to retire, so again I want to call upon anyone who is interested in helping us to contact me about becoming a part of this team. I know it can be a time-consuming task, but believe me the welcome you will receive when visiting a grange will make it worth it. Fraternally,

Andrew Savage
General Deputy

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Jane Trombi, Lecturer, asked to present her annual report.

Worthy Master, National Representative, Fellow State Officers, Brother and Sister Patrons,

It is with pleasure that I present to you my 4th report as your state lecturer. Although there is always a lot going on, it was a slightly quieter year because there was not a Northeast Lecturer's Conference. I did attend a meeting in Sturbridge, Mass with the other Northeast State Lecturers to discuss whether or not to have a conference. It was decided that it will be back next year, so watch for information in the spring of 2019. The theme will be "Down on the Farm" and the conference will be held in Massachusetts.

The highlights of the year were the Bowling Contest, which was held in March and all the winners were announced in the GSG and will be printed in the journal with this report. Next was the Spring Fling held at Taylor Community in Laconia. Many thanks to Beth Merrill who was my partner in putting on this event. After Spring Fling, we held the Grange Month Banquet and Talent Contest at Wicwas Lake Grange in Meredith. Thank you to Wicwas Lake Grange for the help and use of their hall. Unfortunately, Adam Terrell has decided not to present his talent at the Night of Excellence at National Grange in November. Thank you to all the granges who donated to the talent fund. This money will be saved to send a representative to National in 2019 in Minnesota.

GRANGE MONTH EVENT:

Our Grange Month/Spring Fling event was held on April 7th at Taylor Community in Laconia and then the banquet at Wicwas Lake Grange in Meredith. We had a small turnout, but we had great workshops and fellowship. Many thanks to those that put-on workshops: Gloria Davis: Knitting with a loom. Mark Collins: Photography. Adam Terrell: Agriculture and also Hannah West for taking care of the penny sale. We were lucky to have Katie Robinson from Cooking Matters (NH Food Bank). Katie spoke of eating and cooking right. Here are a few

websites that she shared to help us eat better. I hope you find them useful.

www.choosemyplate.gov <https://cookingmatters.org/> <https://www.eatright.org/health>
<https://www.budgetbytes.com/> <https://www.leannebrown.com/>

We had our banquet at Wicwas Lake Grange Hall. Many thanks to Jeanne Lowrey for setting up the hall and prepping our meal. Two awards were presented that night. First the Community Service Award was given to Wicwas Lake Grange for their outstanding service to the community of Meredith. The second award was to Mark Collins for being The Best Tech Guy! We also had our open mic time for talent entries. Adam Terrell of Walpole Grange is eligible to represent NH at the Night of Excellence at National Grange in November.

Again, this year I am happy to present an Honor Lecturer's Award. This award is given to the lecturer, either Pomona or subordinate, who has completed the most requirements on the form. Congratulations go to Judy Bailey of Rochester Grange # 86. Thank you for all you do for your Grange and being an inspiration to so many.

Next, I have the winners of the lecturer's contests that are on display here at State Grange. Prize envelopes will be given when the items are picked up. In the Create-a-Card contest there were 12 entries. We have three classes: Congratulations, Friendship and Valentine's Day, with three categories in each class; Recycled, Computer Generated, and Hand Stamped or Decorated. The winners are as follows:

Class A: Congratulations

Computer generated

1. Claire Gagnon Hudson

Hand stamped /Decorated

1. Beth Merrill Antrim

Class B: Friendship

Recycled

1. Camilie Twiss Watatic

Computer Generated

1. Claire Gagnon Hudson

Hand Stamped/Decorated

1. Beth Merrill Antrim

Class C: Valentine's Day

Recycled

1. Genevieve Twiss Watatic

Computer Generated

1. Claire Gagnon Hudson

Hand Stamped/Decorated

1. Beth Merrill Antrim

Juniors 5-9

Valentine's Day Hand stamped/decorated

1. Juliette Langley Blazing Star

2. Lily Ricker Blazing Star

Juniors 10-14

Valentine's Day Recycled

1. Ava Twiss Watatic

Hand stamped/decorated

1. Blaze Ricker Blazing Star

In the photography contest we had four categories: Reflections, A Snowy Day, Architecture and Four Seasons. The winners are as follows:

REFLECTIONS

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| 1. Bonnie Lampman | Rockingham |
| 2. Sandra Dennis | Rockingham |
| 3. Carol Hill | Rockingham |

A SNOWY DAY

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| 1. Lois Enman | Rochester |
| 2. Rachel Watson | Walpole |
| 3. Carol Hill | Rockingham |

ARCHITECTURE

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| 1. Christine Savage | Wingold |
| 2. Lois Enman | Rochester |
| 3. Bonnie Lampman | Rockingham |

FOUR SEASONS

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| 1. Zachary Trombi | Walpole |
| 2. Elizabeth Congdon | Walpole |

The best of show photograph will be eligible to be exhibited and judged as part of the photography showcase at the National Grange Convention. Everyone here is asked to vote for their favorite photograph. Each one has a number and you can put your vote in the jar at the lecturer's exhibit table.

In the Creative Writing Contest are:

Poetry:

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| 1. Wayne Condon | Rochester |
| 2. Marion Woodworth | Rochester |
| 3. Camilie Twiss | Watatic |

Read the Book:

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| 1. Camilie Twiss | Watatic |
| 2. Martha Fowler | Wingold |

Tell the Story:

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| 1. Camilie Twiss | Watatic |
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Your Grange will receive next year's program this weekend and the program will be up on the website. I'd love to know that every lecturer shares the contest categories and rules with all of your members. As lecturer, this is your responsibility to get your members involved and to keep

them informed. Please help! I've had many people tell me they didn't know what the contests were because their lecturer hadn't shared that information.

Worthy Master, thank you for being a great team leader and thank you for always supporting my work as state lecturer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Trombi, Lecturer
NH State Grange

State Grange Bowling Winners 2018:

Men's High Triple Class A: Wayne Condon
Class B: Richard Russell
Class C: Lawrence Brandt
Class D: Ralph Russell

Women's High Triple Class A: Mary Dowes
Class B: Judy Bailey
Class C: Laura Sevene
Class D: Melissa Coulombe

Men's High Single Class A: Wayne Condon
Class B: Richard Russell
Class C: Lawrence Brandt
Class D: Ralph Russell

Women's High Single Class A: Mary Dowes
Class B: Lois Enman
Class C: Laura Sevene
Class D: Anna Murphy

Grange Teams: First: Rochester Grange A 1060
Dan Bascom
Wayne Condon
Lois Enman
Judy Bailey

Second: Wingold 912
Norman Brandt
Lawrence Brandt
Martha Fowler
Lucia Savage

Third: Henry Wilson B 906
Joan Garland
Ralph Russell
Pam Warden

Richard Patten, State Historian was escorted to the Master's station to present his annual report:

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

It doesn't seem possible that another year has passed and we return to the City of Keene. A lot has happened in Keene since the last time we were here. Keene has become famous for the Pumpkin Festival until some incidents forced them to curtail it. However, it has spurned several other communities to organize a Halloween/Pumpkin Festival in their locations. However, Keene has since come back with their own pumpkin festival. The State Grange has met in the City of Keene several times throughout the history of this organization.

I was reading the 1968 Journal of Proceedings which the state session was held in Conway and the Secretary's report showed 220 Subordinate Granges with 16,187 members, a loss of 749. There were 26 Pomona Granges with a membership of 7,119 members, a loss of 324. There were 21 Junior Granges with 681 boys and girls, a gain of 37. I found that the State Grange Banquet or the Century Farm Awards Banquet celebrated its 30th anniversary making this year the 80th anniversary. There were farms throughout the state that had been in the same family for one hundred years or more. Honored guests from the University of New Hampshire or NH Department of Agriculture would attend the banquet and spoke about the farm or farms being honored.

I read the New Hampshire Youth Degree Team exemplified the Third Degree. The officers included, Master, Raymond Tucker; Overseer, David Enman; Lecturer, Pauline Simard; Steward, Lamont Bickford; Assistant Steward, Henry Jones; Lady Assistant Steward, Alice Heath; Chaplain, Lois Enman; Treasurer, Rolf Staples; Secretary, Alice Jane Bickford; Gatekeeper, Denise Chagnon; Ceres, Karen Johnson; Pomona, Roslyn Heath; Flora, Janice LePage; Executive Committee, Steven Libby, John Kusnierz, and Clayton Tuck; Pianist, Mildred Chesley; Soloist, George Hall; Tableau, Ruth Gerald, Alice Staples, Roseanna Kusnierz; Harvesters and Gleaners, George M. Standley, James Hadley, Robert Lowe, Barbara York, Gloria Heath, and Ellen Manley. The candidates were Ernest Jones Jr, David Jones, Mary Shea, and Priscilla Hall. Looking at that list of names brings back a lot of memories. I also found that Herbert West was elected State Steward for one year due to the untimely death of the late Randall Richardson. The top five Pomona Granges in their district were: District 1, Ammonoosuc Valley; District 2, Mascoma Valley; District 3, Union Pomona; District 4, Hillsborough County Pomona; and District 5, East Rockingham Pomona. The Top 5 Subordinate Granges in the state were: 1st, Sugar River Grange of North Charlestown; 2nd, New London Grange; 3rd, Cheshire Grange of Keene; 4th Ezekiel Webster Grange of Boscawen; and 5th, Monroe Grange. There were 103 candidates who received the lessons of the Sixth Degree.

I was reading the 1988 Journal of Proceedings. The session was held in Lebanon and it doesn't seem possible that it was 30 years ago and I was serving as State Lecturer. The Secretary

reported 132 Subordinate Granges with a membership of 7, 6881 members. There were 24 Pomona Granges with a membership of 3,590 members. There were 165 boys and girls in the Junior Grange. The sixth degree was conferred on a class of 48 candidates to receive the lessons of the Degree of Flora.

This year has been another busy year. I didn't get a chance to deliver as many Secretary Minute Books to the Historical Societies as I would have liked. There are about 48 boxes of books left at the State Grange Building. I am hoping this year to finish this project.

I have received twelve requests to do research on deceased members. I checked roll books that I have and many times the name in question had changed their last name. I had one request to check a name as this Grange was convinced that the deceased member in question was a Past State Master. I looked through all the books I have and finally figured out that this member served as a Subordinate Deputy. At one time, when a Deputy came to visit a Grange they were introduced as Deputy State Master. I called the member of this Grange and explained what I found. I enjoy doing research for a Grange or someone looking to find a relative.

This year as reported by the State Secretary, we lost some members who wrote history without knowing it. I had the pleasure of knowing some of our members who went to the Great Grange above.

I read an obituary for Ella Mae Lee Cochrane who was 84 years old. In her obituary, it was listed that she was proud of her many years of being a member of Merrimack River Grange of Canterbury and then transferring to Pineconia Grange when Merrimack River closed. I have been unable to locate the Roll Books and Minute Books for Merrimack River Grange. I hope to locate them this next year.

Edwin & Jeanette Huckins were members of Squam Lake Grange in Ashland and then transferred to Harmony Grange of Sanbornton. The Huckins family were very active members in earlier years in Squam Lake Grange, Edwin served as Master and Jeanette held office as well. It was sad to see them both pass to the Great Grange above.

I was reading the Union Leader and noticed the passing of Gerald Stoddard of North Haverhill. I found his obituary very interesting. It mentioned he was the 1957 NH State Grange Farmer of the Year. He was also Past Master of Pink Granite Grange of North Haverhill and then joined Mount Gardner Grange of Woodsville. He was the last surviving member and longest serving Vice President of the North Haverhill Fair Association. He and his family owned and operated Blackmount Farm for many years. He held membership in the Farm Bureau, NH Fairs Association. He enjoyed dairy farming and wintering in later years in Florida. He was honored as Director Emeritus recently for his many years serving the North Haverhill Fair.

Roland Barrett: I first met Roland in 1972 when I was completing my year as State Prince. Roland & Carole were candidates for Young Couple of the Year. They were selected to represent New Hampshire as the Grange Young Couple. It was apparent that Roland enjoyed working with the teenagers and young adults. He was appointed to the State Youth Committee, of which he served for many years. He served as Master for Golden Rod Grange, Cheshire County Pomona Grange and as Patron/Leader for Golden Rod Junior Grange. Roland had

several health issues but he refused to let that keep him down. Roland you certainly earned the title, well done, good and faithful servant.

Donald Murray was the oldest son of the late Helen and Jess Murray who operated Murray Farms in Penacook. Don was a 65 years member of the Grange and Past Master of Riverhill and Halloween Juvenile Grange. Donald was quiet but he knew his horticultural skills and he worked many hours in the green houses.

Cecil White was a Master at Millville Grange of Concord. When Millville Grange closed, the members went to Bow Grange. He and his family were active members of Grange Then when Bow Grange merged with Pineconia Grange of Concord Heights, Cecil and his family continued their Grange membership. He became a greeter at Wal-Mart always smiling and speaking to everyone.

Nancy Bean was a very active in Grange. She and her late husband lived in Concord even though they held their Grange membership in Contoocook Grange. Nancy did a great job as Lecturer for her Granges. She would participate at New England Lecturer's Conference and would always do whatever she was asked to do. She served as State Family Activities Director for past State Master Beth Merrill.

Nancy could always be counted on her and you knew when she smiled, that she would give her all.

Carroll Leone will always be remembered for that great smile and always willing to help Grace with Banner Junior Grange or when he was appointed State Agriculture Director for Past State Master Dan Bascom. Carroll was a quiet guy but a very busy worker for his Grange. He took his duties as State Agriculture Director very seriously.

I met William Humphrey when he and Barbara along with a couple of members from Hampton Falls Grange came to a Youth Night at Pineconia Grange. We were having a special program asking members to come dressed in revolutionary war period. He was very good natured and loved to laugh. He served as a Subordinate Deputy, then became General Deputy for Past State Master B. Franklin Hayes. He was elected to State Gatekeeper and then after a few years, he attempted to run for State Lecturer. However, that effort was unsuccessful and he finished his term as State Gatekeeper and retired. He has served as Master for Hampton Falls Grange and active in East Rockingham Pomona.

Just recently we lost Jeannetta Whitford, who was a member of Daniel Webster Grange and traveled with Marion T. Jones to Grange meetings, Webster Women's Union and Church meetings. She would help on suppers at Daniel Webster Grange and Marion knew if she asked Jan to help, she would not refuse. In recent years, Jan's health problems made it necessary for her to be admitted to a nursing home in Peterborough. Her husband Clarence had died years earlier and was buried at the NH Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen. She requested to be buried with him at the Veterans Cemetery.

Forest Decatur is another member whom I was very surprised to see that he has left our midst and gone to the Great Grange Above. I first met Forest when I was Prince and traveled to many

meetings with Bob Perry. It was not too often in those days that we traveled out of our home area except to attend a meeting. When I met Forest, he was quiet but friendly. He belonged to Wingold Grange and within a few years he had become a married man. Forest and his wife Estelle "Dusty" were named Young Couple of the Year in 1974 for 1975. Forest was very active in the town of East Kingston not only with the Grange but with the Fire Department and keeping busy with his children. He will certainly be missed by all who knew him.

Ruth Pelton was called to the Great Grange Above just recently. I first met Ruth in mid-1971 when she was visiting Granges in hopes of becoming a State Officer. She was appointed to the State Membership Committee and served on that committee for few years. She also served on the State Home Economics Committee for a few years. She belonged Hampton Falls Grange where served as Master among other officers. Her late husband, Ken passed away several years ago. Ruth also belonged to East Rockingham Pomona Grange. She loved to bowl in the Grange Bowling Tournament. I read her obituary and she was very involved in the 4H serving as a Leader for ten years. She loved to sew and entered many items in the Grange sewing contests. Her smile and quiet voice will be missed by many in the Grange and in Hampton Falls.

I know there have been others who have written history in their Grange. I also know their Grange will miss them and what they contributed to the organization. On a happier note, it was nice to celebrate some good news. Isabell Bartz, who has been a member of Bartlett Grange in Salisbury and now a member of Concord Grange celebrated her 100-year-old birthday with surprise party in Salisbury. Dorothy Bartlett, who was Matron of Bartlett Junior Grange for many years celebrated her 90th birthday.

This year marked the 90th anniversary for the beginning of the Juvenile Grange in New Hampshire. State Junior Grange Director Joann Brandt organized events to mark this special anniversary. The Juvenile/Junior Grange was very active and wrote much history outlining the accomplishments of the boys and girls. We were very lucky to have some very dedicated Matrons and Patrons who spent many hours with our Juvenile/Juniors. I was honored to be appointed the first male Junior Deputy and then the first male Junior Director in our state. I will not talk any more about this as Junior Director Joann Brandt will be talking about this in her report. I will say that I am honored to see Chris Heath as State Master, as he was Junior Master of Banner Junior Grange when I was his Junior Deputy. I am also pleased to see Sara Leclerc, Mary West, Anne Louise West, Sandra Bokousky, and Emilie Leclerc who were Junior Grange members and now making a difference in the Subordinate Grange.

I have been asked many times the whereabouts of some of our past members. The computer helps me in many ways to locate people. I have located Bill Jeralds, who is living in Pittsburg, NH. John Critchett, is living in Florida and celebrated his birthday recently. I had a great time talking to James Hadley, who is living in North Carolina. I have been trying to locate Peter Brown and his family. I have enjoyed writing to Rolf Staples, who is living in Maine. He fills in some missing blanks every so often. Does anyone know what happened to Richard Seaver, Erwin Reynolds, Ernie Jones Jr., Stephen Libby, Donald Shattuck, Patricia Dustin, Linda Hall, Priscilla Hall, and Linda Corey? I have also been asked what happened to Pauline Simard, Beverly Woods, Carol Fortune and more.

I appreciate the nice comments on items I have written in my State Historian page on Facebook, I enjoy reading on past years I have been a member of the Grange. I have been working on a current NH State Grange History Book. My version is memories of what I have encountered since I have become a member. My memories of what Grange used to be such as the importance of degree work, memorizing, respect for the people who wore the Pink Sash, special nights we used to celebrate, and the people I met or heard about. The sad part is many new members today have no idea who John L. Saturley, Scott Eastman, B. Franklin Hayes. Philip Shattuck, Edward Pratt, Dorothy McLain, Marjorie Emery, Edith Anne Emery, Marion Webster, Betty Cournoyer, Pauline Leclerc Blais, Alton Carpenter, Marjorie Hayes, John West, Herbert West, Louise Barney, Robert Perry, Beverly Merrill, Minnie Smith, Hugh Clark, and many more were.

This is what my book is about, people who were the workers in my time period. How many remember Corresponding Officers Night, Presiding Masters and Lecturer's Night, Presiding Masters and Past Masters Night, Presiding Overseer's Night, Pink and Green Sash Night, Booster Night, and Neighbor's Night. These were just a few special theme nights that were held throughout the state.

I have asked different state officers and past officers to write their special memories. To date, I have received one. I am hoping that a few more will send them in. I am hoping my book will be proofread and sent to be printed by the end of November. It is amazing how many people you talk to and they have no idea that the Grange is still alive. Their first comment is "My grandparents used to belong to that" or "my parents took my sister and me to the meetings." They are amazed when they find out it is the Grange that is sponsoring this community events and activities.

As I close this report, I would like to thank State Master Chris Heath for his confidence in my serving as Historian. I am told so many times by family members that I live in the past but the Grange has been my life. Remember our history tells us we have so much to offer.

Thank you to Don Ross, my Grange brother, to Norman Brandt for the calls of encouragement, Cam Twiss, Sheryl Bokousky, and Hannah West for their assistance; to Jerry Leclerc for his friendship. Lastly to Deb, who has had to endure my clutter leaving Grange books around when I am trying to write articles or do research.

Wishing all you a great Holiday Season and thank you for support and help.

Richard Patten, Historian
NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

A brief recess was called at 3:00 pm for The New Hampshire Grange Foundation annual meeting.

Grange was called back to order and the second day of the 145th annual session closed in the fourth degree at 3:25 pm.

State Grange Banquet 6:00 pm the Monadnock Ballroom.

Invocation: Matthew Clark, Chaplain

Community Service Award Recipients presented by Richard Patten, Chairman.

Saturday, October 27, 2018

The third day of the 145th Annual Session was opened in the fourth degree at 8:30 am by the officers of the NH State Grange.

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

State Master Heath, recognized Phil and Maureen Prelli from National Grange.

Brother Prelli spoke briefly about (junior from CT) and also announced that he has raffle tickets for the National Grange Quilt raffle.

Master Heath reminded all to submit the session evaluation form and to review the Pomona Town meeting minutes.

Norman Brandt Agriculture Director was escorted to the Masters station to present his annual report.

Brother's and Sister's and delegates alike what a year it has been.

This past year I had added 1 new member to the Ag committee, Scott Burns. Thanks to him we put on a pruning workshop. We had a little over 20 people in attendance, sadly only 5 of us were Grangers. David Quigley, of King Street Vineyard in Milford hosted us on his very small property brimmed with all types of fruit trees and grape vines. Starting with Grape vines he demonstrated proper cutting and care for great grape production. Followed by peach, plum, blueberry, blackberry, Raspberry, and Apple. All followed by a raffle that he had set up with quite a few of the people getting free Grape vines, a grow bag along with a gift certificate for soil from a local grain store.

My Neighbor that lives across the street from me was one of the participants and, also one of the lucky people that won a grape vine. I will say that the Grape vine he won is doing much better than the ones he had purchased from stores after the program. We had also used some of the pruning knowledge we obtained to tame his grapes, he had been trying to grow for the last 6 years, to find that they produce nice large clusters when tamed!

Once again, this year we did Farm and Forest Expo in Manchester. Les Avery once again was a godsend as he came and helped a lot. I also had Adam, and Scott helping with the Masses, and the masses came! This year we had baby chicks for people to hold and learn about chicken breeds and how to sex, sex-linked chicks. We even had Governor Chris Sununu and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Spencer Jasper, there to learn this trick. Over all everyone that helped made it possible and I appreciate the help.

This year found me doing much more at the house than I had expected seeing I had sold many of my animals in late winter to give me a chance to get some stuff I wanted to get done, done. Unfortunately, my brother didn't get the memo and I would get calls all early spring, Hi I'm on the way from Vermont with 2 goats, oh wait nope 10 goats. Or I'm on the way from New York with a Holstein Heifer, no it isn't weaned off, but it is bucket trained. Hi Norman you may find in one of your pens I left 75 baby chicks, can you get the light on them and feed and water them? With so many animals showing up, unexpectedly, it always left me scrambling to get stuff done. He was getting all these animals for his children to show at the fairs, and I took them in and care for them for his kids are going thru a lot and they need some way to release, but it would be nice if he helped a bit more, but that isn't here nor there.

With the increase of animals, the spring thaw and a booming rodent population across the northeast, I was confronted with a new dilemma, the Police chief in town decided to contact the SPCA due to someone seeing a rat on their morning run and not liking an odor that my neighbors still tell me they haven't smelt. The SPCA and the police chief showed up as I was at another Grange members house getting ready for the Ham and Bean supper our Grange was putting on the next day. After much threatening and me knowing the animals are in good condition I let the SPCA investigator in. He had many problems with the watering systems I use for my livestock, telling me open water sources, dishes and troughs, I don't think the animals know how to use the water nipples and if you don't change things quick we'll be coming with channel 9 and trailers to take the animals away. A week or two later the police chief showed up once more telling me, "I'm a computer guy, I'm sure I can find a law you don't know about to charge you with if you don't get these changes made". To which I had told him if he is so eager to arrest someone I know two people that had broken a law a week or two ago and I'm sure he could get a conviction for both and the State Vet wants to know why neither of them have contacted him to that day as the law required them to do with a farm. This is the reason in the new Ag program I have broken down what to do if you have problems. In the end I still have the animals and a letter from the State Vets office saying everything is all set.

While talking about the program book, this past year I did not get a single suggestion submitted by a Grange, a few Grangers have submitted some information, but none with vetted by their home Grange ahead of time and I would like to emphasize the fact that the first contact for a recipient should be a local Grange. Make it a big deal you are putting them up on a pedestal for all locals to know their farm has been active doing, or surviving for X number of years. Then submit their name to be recognized by the State Grange. If we are only recognizing them at State Grange and not locally how is anyone going to learn what a Grange is and what we do?!

In conclusion, I hope this coming year goes better than this past year, for everyone not just me. And I would like to thank my Committee members and the State Master for all the support they have given me this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Brandt, Agriculture Director
NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Sarah Leclerc, Youth Director was escorted to the Master's station to present her annual report.

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Fellow State Officers, Brothers and Sisters, All;

It gives me great pleasure to be giving my second report as the youth director.

Our first event that was held was Winter Youth Rally in February. We began our day with lunch, followed by coloring pages for the Lecturer's contest, a Code Reading workshop, and a game of Grange Pictionary hosted by our own Kevin Belval. It was a relatively lowkey day due to lower attendance, but those that attended had fun nonetheless. Following that, those who wished took part in the Grange Knowledge Test, which I'll get back to in a moment. After a dinner of tacos, it was decided to forego a Youth Association Meeting because of the simple fact that there were only three youth members present in the hall. Overall, the day was successful, despite the low number of people in attendance.

Now, back to the Grange Knowledge Test. The tradition currently stands that whoever receives the top score on the test is the one who is charged with writing the test for the next year. In recent years, it seems that there always seems to be a core group who get the top score (and by "core group" I really mean Arthur Merrill, every other year when he isn't writing the test). That being said, I've also heard that it's not easy to write one test for the Arthurs of the world AND those of us who are not walking Grange History books. So, it got me thinking: What if there were *two* grange knowledge tests written? One of the tests will be written for the general population – those who know the basics and enough to get by. The other will be written for the people who might be more advanced in their knowledge. That way, those that need something more simple won't be overwhelmed by the challenge presented with the higher level test.

Top Scores: 1st: Arthur Merrill,
2nd: Hannah West & Sarah Leclerc
3rd: Chris Heath.

The youth department also held a glow bowling event back in March. This is one of our favorite events to host as it gears us up for the competition at the state grange bowling event sponsored by the Lecturer. We had a small but mighty team of bowlers, taking up two lanes in the alley. We hope to continue this tradition in the future.

The rest of the events that had been planned for 2018 never came to fruition. Whether it was because of a lack in interest from the members or scheduling conflicts beyond our control, we had a very quiet year in the department. However, I will say that the most exciting thing to happen in the youth department this year was the awarding of a Youth Ambassador. You will see this member throughout the weekend helping with the lighting for the degrees and just being a part of the action to learn as much as he can. It gives me great pleasure to be able to award Adam Terrill with the New Hampshire Youth Ambassador Award for 2018. I know that he will represent New Hampshire proudly at National Session in Vermont next month.

During this year, a lot has happened in my own life. I graduated with my Masters' degree in the Spring and started a new teaching job this fall. I have had a lot on my plate in recent months, which may have contributed to the lack of youth activities this year. However, it is important to realize that the youth department is in a period that I would like to refer to as a "transition period". What I mean by this is: many of our youth members are aging out of the program, and we have not had nearly as many people to replenish the ranks. We are not seeing nearly as much attendance, and because of that, it is hard to stay motivated to provide programs when there are only a few youth that will be there every time. Our best option moving forward is to provide more social gatherings such as game nights and pizza parties to bring together new youth and young at heart, perhaps moving these events around the state to capture as many youth members as we can. The next few years will not be easy, but it is necessary to Hope on and Persevere Ever.

On the opposite end of the spectrum stands our thriving Junior department. This needs to be where we focus our energy. Those children will grow to be Youth members when they turn 14, and will then be in our subordinate granges, holding offices, and attending youth functions. As our National Overseer has already stated this weekend, it is important that we mentor them to be the best that they can be. "If we work upon the immortal mind... we engrave on something that will brighten to all eternity". The future of the world is in their hands, and as they need to be taught, it is also in our hands, too.

I ended my report last year with the following quote: "Remember, the youth we mentor today will be the ones who carry us tomorrow." This still rings true, now more than ever.

In closing, I'd like to just take a moment to thank my committee for their valiant efforts and bright ideas. My sister, Emilie, for the laughs and the pep talks. My dad for answering his phone whenever I might have a question that he's probably already answered. And to Chris Heath, for putting his confidence in me to carry the youth department for the last two years. I look forward to seeing the youth department grow, and I will certainly be there in a few years when they talk about how much we are thriving.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Leclerc, Youth Director
New Hampshire State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Joann Brandt, Junior Director was escorted to the Master's station to present her annual report.

New Hampshire State Junior Grange 2018 State Session Report

Worthy State Master, Distinguished Guests, State Officers, Delegates and Patrons all,

Our State Junior Grange is still growing and graduating. I was able to obligate 4 Juniors and have heard of others who now belong to different Granges due to the (Plus 1) +1 program. I received a list from our State Secretary and it does not match my list so please be sure your secretary is sending the names of Juniors to him. When adding children to your granges please drop me a note with their information so I can communicate our activities to you and them. We have currently 38 on the books and we have 8 that will be graduating this year so we must keep up the good work of bringing in new Juniors. This leaves us with 30 members.

My theme for 2019 is "Grow your Grange with the Plus 1 (+1) "the same as 2018. Our numbers must keep growing so we can assist our Subordinate Granges. These will be our future Subordinate, Pomona and State officers if we work with them, and teach them more about the Grange. Make it fun for all young adults and children to be a part in our order.

Our Junior Grangers made us proud last year at State Grange doing the Rose Drill for Flora, Lois Enman. We had a busy day with crafts, drill rehearsal and pizza party. Thanks to Norman, we had a movie to watch with our own ear phones connected to the movie and there was a silent room as no one could hear anything but the movie. 17 children practiced and followed the leader and then divided into 2 lines and ended up marching during the sixth degree to Lester Gibbs playing the music. Thank you to all the parents and assistance given to me during the afternoon and evening drill.

How many have ever attended Farm and Forest? There were many activities available for children and adults to take part at the State Grange booth. The booth was busy most of the time. The hands on was a great learning tool as our grass roots come from Agriculture. We signed up to do a craft in the Kids' Corner as well.

Junior rally held Feb 10 in Hooksett had 7 juniors come as it was flu time. They were happy decorating cookies for lunchtime, filling 40 pill bottles with pins, buttons, safety pins, and thread to be delivered to the food bank. Gloria Davis talked about three different Merit Badges. Do you know anything about New Hampshire, or National Grange Host state (this year to be in Vermont)?

We set up the hall for a grange meeting and all took an office, adults filling empty ones. We had our State Master, Christopher Heath, and Bob Trombi, State Overseer escorted to the front to speak to us. Two applications: Blazing Star and Centennial received the obligation. The afternoon session started with Kathy Yardley, State Lady Assistant Steward, showing everyone the alphabet. They all tried spelling their name. She then gave them animal signs and led to Old McDonald had a farm. The day ended with Jane Trombi, State Lecturer and Beth Merrill, State Executive Committee member assisting them in making Valentines cards.

Bowling with 12 bowling. Juniors and friends had a great day!

I heard that Blazing Star Grange held a bread making project for the Juniors and that bread was going to the food pantry along with making Pizza for lunch. It is great to see our Granges working with the Juniors and keeping them interested in our activities.

We had a great day for our June Fun Day. Thanks to Chichester Grange for hosting us while we came and went. Visiting "Live and Let Live Farm" and toured their horses and other animals. We then made Painted Planters for the Big E contest, had lunch, decorated Christmas stockings for the Pease Greeters Christmas project and 26 finished off with Miniature golf with 32 total for parts of our day. Of course, adults are an important part of our program as without them, we could not travel and attend Junior activities.

Contest winners will be on Display at the Junior Table. Stop and visit our table. I want to recognize those granges that have Juniors in the Plus 1 program and hope more will start bringing in children in your granges. Juniors graduating are:

Brianna Hickey, Devin Schwarz, Genevieve Twiss, Lisa Bailey, Adam Klapyk, Juliette Adams, Blaze MacMullen, and Natalie Brandt.

The Junior Department had a booth in Stratham Fair and Deerfield Fair this year. This assists with the funds to work with the children.

I want to thank all our Plus 1 Granges recognizing the following. If there is someone to come forward to pick up their certificate. Antrim, Blazing Star, Centennial, Chichester, Croydon, Golden Rod, Hudson, Rochester, Rockingham, Watatic, and Wingold.

In closing, I want to thank our Worthy State Master for all of his support with the Junior activities this year, along with all the parents and grandparents who bring children to the activities and adults that support us. Especially the Granges who are working with all our Juniors in their grange to grow new Youth and our future.

Fraternally submitted,

Joann Brandt
Junior Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

2018 Junior Contest winners:

Planter Crafts:

Ages 4-7

Timothy Boisvert	3rd
Grace Davis	2nd
Rebecca Boisvert	1st
Lynn Bergeron	1st
Lily Ricker	2nd

Ages 8-11

Madison Brandt	1st
Isabell Brandt	1st
Alayna Twiss	1st

Ages 12-14

Genevieve Twiss	1st
Blaze MacMullen	2nd

Crafts

Lily Ricker	3rd
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Card Craft for someone with a letter

Easter Card by Alayna Twiss 1st

Collages

Ages 4-7

Riley McFarland	3rd
Colton	3rd

Ages 8-11

Caden Lynch	1st
Alayna Twiss	1st
Samara Hogue	3rd
Leah McFarland	3rd
Tessa	3rd
William Huntoon	3rd

Age 12-14

Lily Lynch	1st
Ava Twiss	1 st

9:00 am Election of Officers

Master	Christopher E Heath
Overseer	Robert Trombi
Executive Comm	Wilber Heath
Executive Comm	Robert Haefner
Lecturer	Jane Trombi
Steward	Arthur Merrill
Assistant Steward	Adam Paquin-Varnum
Lady Assistant	Kathy Yardley
Chaplain	Matthew Clark
Treasurer	Daniel P Bascom

Secretary	Gerald J Leclerc
Gatekeeper	Norman Brandt
Ceres	Kerriann Heath
Flora	Mary West
Pomona	Crystal Seward

Hannah West Editor of The Granite State Granger, was escorted to the Master's station to present her annual report

The Granite State Granger Report for 2018

In 1776 it could take a written message three months or more to reach its destination. The message could be hard to understand because spelling was not standard, and handwriting was not always clear. Today a written message can be transmitted in a few seconds. The message can be hard to understand because of typographical errors and abbreviations, or because voice-activated text does not always record what was actually said. Has communication really improved in nearly three hundred years?

The Grange straddles the line between 1776 and the present. Our messages are better spelled, but not fast or frequent enough.

I have in my hand a copy of the Granite State Granger for April 1955. It is a little magazine measuring 9 inches long and 6 inches wide. It was printed on shiny paper in Hampton, New Hampshire, and mailed from the Post Office there. It sold by subscription for \$1.50 per year to the public and \$1.00 a year to Grange members. It was also supported by advertising from The Merrimack Farmers' Exchange and the Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company. It was published monthly. Twenty years later in the 1970's the format had changed to 8 ½ by 11 inches on sturdy paper. It was still sold by subscription. There was one ad from the Grange Mutual Insurance Company. There is no indication of where it was printed. It was published monthly at first and then changed to every two months.

In the 1990's the format changed again, this time to newsprint in a newspaper format where it remains today. It is published quarterly and printed by The Concord Monitor Commercial Department. There is no advertising and no subscription fee. The publication is paid for by the New Hampshire State Grange and is considered a dues benefit. It is supported in part by donations from members. All New Hampshire Grange members receive the publication, but they receive it less often.

Now, as we approach 2020, is it time for another change? The newspaper format does not hold up well to modern mailing practices. Postage costs are rising, in part because of inflation and in part because in most cases we no longer have 150 papers going to the same three-digit zip code address. Papers boxed with mixed zip-codes cost more to mail. Automation at the Postal Service is rough on items that are not mailed in envelopes. The folded paper must be held together with wafers which are an additional expense. Have you noticed that many magazines now arrive in plastic wrappers? Now and then a very frazzled Granite State Granger is returned to me. Non-

profit mailings are not required to be returned if they cannot reach the addressee, and I wonder how many other papers are out there in shreds.

One obvious answer is an electronic format. The news can be transmitted without going through a printing company or the Postal Service. If the Granite State Granger can be submitted to the printer in electronic format, it can be transmitted to readers in the same way. It is no more difficult to update an e-mail list than it is to update mailing labels. Incidentally, we Grangers are not the best at keeping our contact lists up to date. It is October 2018; do you know where your members really live? An electronic newsletter could be sent out more often, so the news would be more timely.

Sounds good, doesn't it? However, there is a minus side. There are still members out there who do not have computers at all or do not have-up-to date technology. There are members, and I am one, who do not choose to read their information on line. The Massachusetts State Grange News appears on line monthly. I have not read it since they switched to that format, which is sad because it is very well done. Would your Grange department directors have the time and energy to send in news more often? Would someone be willing to work on The Granite State Granger nearly every day all year? We have difficulty keeping our website up to date. Are we ready for faster communication?

I suspect there are other alternatives or a combination thereof. I know that I have reached the limits of my expertise and creativity. If the Granite State Granger is going to move in a different direction, someone else needs to move it. Think about it, people. Is there a New Hampshire Granger out there who is willing to take on the communication challenge?

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Secretary Gerald J. Leclerc requested that the Assistants to escort his sister Past State Flora, Patricia Bailey to the altar. Master Chris Heath presented her with her 50-year Golden Sheaf Certificate and Jerry presented her with their moms 50-year pin.

Ann Bosivert, Building Manager was escorted to the Master's station to present her annual report

Not a whole lot was involved in the job of Building Manager of the State Grange building in Hooksett this year. Beth Merrill and Dawne Hugron stepped up and helped by cleaning the building on a regular basis which was wonderful. Arthur also helped by mowing. Members of Suncook Valley and Hillsborough County Pomona came together to do quite a bit of work on the landscaping around the building in early summer.

Critical things such as getting the occupancy permit renewed and the fire extinguishers inspected were done. Fortunately, not much inside maintenance was really needed, as my unexpected separation from the maintenance half of the building manager team led to not much getting accomplished on that front.

No group is currently using the building on a regular basis. We have rented the building several times again this year to members of the NH Nepali community for various events. There have

also been a handful of Grange events and committee meetings held at the hall. Ideally the building would get more use, and it is my understanding that a committee is currently working on ideas for that.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Boisvert,
NH State Grange Building Manager

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Lois Enman was escorted to the Master's station to present her report on Grange Services.

Report of the Grange Services Committee 2018

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

It is my honor to give my final report as director of this committee.

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

Education Loan Fund Balance Sheet

October 1, 2017 at Peoples United Bank	\$2,982.35	
Contributions:		
2 Pomona	\$ 100.00	
13 Subordinates	\$490.00	
2 Personal	\$30.00	
Total Contributions		\$620.00
Income:		
Principal paid on loans	\$928.00	
Interest Paid	\$72.00	
Interest on Bank Accounts	\$1.13	
Morgan Stanley	\$5,000.00	
Total Income		\$6,001.13
Total Available Funds		\$9,603.48
Expenses:		
Scholarships	\$5,000.00	
Postage	\$98.40	
Harland Clark check order deposit slips	\$55.22	
Total Expenses		\$5,153.62

Balance Sept. 30, 2018 at Peoples United Bank

\$4,449.86

We are grateful for the donations we have received this year. Without your contributions the availability of funds will be greatly diminished. All donations, small or large help our members with their education. Which will help with our future Grange leadership.

Scholarships

These are available to Grange members in New Hampshire who have belonged to a Grange for at least one year. This scholarship/grant does not need to be repaid. The amounts of available funds depend on the interest earned from our invested funds.

The following members were awarded a scholarship at our annually committee meeting. Thomas Perry will attend Quinnipiac University in CT. This is Thomas's third year as he works to becoming a dentist. Jordan Durand will attend Plymouth State University in NH to become an Elementary school teacher. The State Grange wishes them well

National Grange Benefits

Many benefits are available to you from the National Grange, because you belong to a Subordinate Grange. Two new benefits have been offered in the past few months, one is hearing testing and hearing aids; the other is a mobile phone service. These programs are updated regularly through the National Grange web site at www.nationalgrange.org and it is important that Grange members share this information at their regular meetings.

In closing, I need to thank my committee members, Patrice Lawlor, Rodney Huntoon, Norma Neary, Linda Phelps and Lester Gibbs for their work, concerns and help over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois L. Enman, Director
Grange Services Committee

The report will be accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Crystal Seward was presented to the Master's station to give the annual Membership report.

Worthy State Master, National Representative, State Officers, Pink Sash family members, delegates and patrons all.

It has been another slow year for your membership committee as we did not receive any requests from Granges to help with any membership drives at old home days, market days or farmers markets. We did, however, on a positive note, have requests from a few Granges for membership promotional materials. We heard the call and supplied materials to the Granges for their displays/exhibits.

This year we have supported getting our name out there. We worked in conjunction with the Agriculture Committee to create, produce and man the exhibit at the Farm and Forest Exposition in February. The membership committee fully supports this event because it gives us the opportunity to meet with the public and share with them about what the Grange is all about. We collect names of potential members and then pass that information onto the respective Granges. We also collaborated with the Junior Director to have an exhibit at a fair to promote the Grange. We have done our best to promote Grange wherever we went.

Grange membership continues to decline. Granges need to be more proactive in getting new members. Once you get these new members, you need to treat them with kindness and compassion. You need to be patient and teach them how the Grange operates. Ask them nicely if they want to help out, not tell them what they can or can't do. When you put these new members into leadership positions, you need to let them learn and support them in the process. New members are not being retained because we are not allowing them to grow and use their ideas. We need to remember that we were new members once and we were allowed to learn the jobs in the Grange. We need to get out into their communities more. All too often we hear people in the community say "I didn't know that there was a Grange in town" or "I have driven by this building so many times but didn't know what happens here" or "The Grange? What is the Grange?". We as members need to be able to dispel the notions that the Grange is dead or is just for farmers. How many of us are actually farmers? Do you want the whole town to think that your organization, that you love so much, is dying? Do you want to see your Grange grow and become the powerhouse that it once was not so many years ago? Do you want to see the traditions and morals of the Grange continue to educate, entertain and impress the people in your town?

We understand that the average age of our members is climbing higher but those older people are the knowledge that we need to entice new members to join. It does not take a lot of energy or effort to talk to people about the Grange. Many members say, "We have tried to talk to this one and that one but they don't want to join", we say, there are more than just that one or this one in town, why haven't you asked this one and that one?

Take a day to sit outside the town hall and talk to people. Tell them that the Grange is not dead. Tell them about all the good things the Grange has done and the possibilities of things the Grange can do. Share your personal experiences in the Grange and talk about the good times. The committee would like to thank all the Granges that brought in new members this year and encourage every Grange to make membership a priority. Without new members, we have no future. Membership is still everyone's responsibility. Let's make this next year a monumental one with a net gain in membership. We challenge every member to go out and get just one new member, if we all brought in one member, our membership would double! Also, we challenge every member to mentor a new person and help them grow in the Grange. Together we can accomplish these two challenges and hopefully ensure that the Grange in New Hampshire will survive for the next 145 years and beyond. Be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem. Live, Eat, and Breathe Grange. Make it your destiny to grow your Grange. Make sure that everyone in your city or town knows where the Grange is and what great things the Grange can accomplish with their help. Publicize what you do and encourage others to join you. Make your Grange a focal point of the community. Do things that get the people in your town

engrossed in what you are doing and make them feel like they are a part of it. Ask them to help you with your projects. Ask them for suggestions on what you could do and then ask them to help you accomplish those goals. Be a part of your community and not just another building in town. Together we can succeed and divided we will fall. Don't be afraid to ask a neighboring Grange to help you and don't be afraid to help another local Grange with their attempts to gain new members. Now is the time to stop this downward trend and make the Grange great again!!

Respectfully Submitted,

NH State Grange membership committee.
Chris Heath Chairman
Millie Ingram
All members of Granges across New Hampshire

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Deb Patten, Family Committee Director, was escorted to the Master's station to present her final report.

2018 FAMILY SERVICES REPORT

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

It truly doesn't seem like another year has passed and I am standing here reporting on Family Services again! Time sure does fly and the older I get the faster it goes! I am delivering this report to you as my final report as Co-Director of Family & Community Services. I have been in this position over the past 15 years with a few years break in between and I have to honestly tell you I am ready to retire! Hopefully there will be new ideas from new leadership that might spawn new interest in all the Grange offers within this committee.

We began the year with meeting at Leaders school at the NH Fire Academy in December 2017. We discussed the program and shared new ideas and then got to work to fill 120 goody bags again for the NH Home in Glencliff. This is a very rewarding project that we have done for over 10 years. The residents truly enjoy the treats we put in these goody bags. These were once again transported to Glencliff by Ida Hutchins. I am so grateful to Ida for delivering these for us. I am very hopeful the new leaders of this committee will continue this support to this State facility as NH State Grange has been supporting them for well over 15 years.

I have tried to keep you all informed with a couple of letters during the year as well as the Granite State Granger. Communication is critical to success and only you can help us all be successful. Please, as chairperson of your Grange, you need to keep your Grange informed of what is happening so that all interested can participate.

The committee met virtually through email and phone calls this year. It is challenging to find weekend days that work for most and the proximity of the committee makes it difficult to get together.

The baking contest for next year is Brownies. There is no specific recipe but hopefully you will please note if you are including nuts in the event there is anyone allergic to nuts when judging. Certainly, no box mixes are eligible for competition.

The results of the baking contest for this year which was Banana Bread are:

1st – Genevive Twiss Hillsborough County Pomona

2nd – Hannah West Suncook Valley Pomona

3rd – Donald Ross East Rockingham Pomona

Thank you all for your participation in this contest.

The number of entries in the needlework and state contests seems to remain similar to last year. However, there still has to be a lot of more talented people out there who could enter on behalf of your granges. Remember – they don't have to be a member and this just might make them think about becoming a member. The results of all of the really beautiful work we received are as follows:

Class A – Afghans

1st – Ann Leger – Riverside #137

2nd – Katherine Umberhind – Hampton Falls #171

3rd – Carol Hill – Rockingham #183

Class B – Doilies

1st – Katherine Umberhind – Hampton Falls #171

2nd – Claire Gagnon – Hudson 11

Class C – Embroidery

1st – Ann Leger – Riverside #137

2nd – Annette Lemieux – Rochester #86

Class D – 3-piece Baby Set

1st – Debbie Standley – Watatic #36

2nd – Gloria Davis – Antrim # 98

3rd - Theresa Rousseau – Watatic #36

Class E – Plastic Canvas

1st – Rhoda Davis – Pembroke #111

2nd – Norma Neary – Pembroke #111

3rd – Marge Laflamme – Watatic #36

Class F – Counted Cross Stitch

No entries

Class G – Adult Garment

1st – Sharon Stickney – Antrim #98

2nd – Ann Leger – Riverside #137

3rd – Mary Condon – Rochester #86

Class H – Latch Hook

1st – Ann Leger- Riverside #137

2nd – Linda Nienhouse – Centennial # 185

3rd – Claire Gagnon – Hudson #11

Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging

1st – Irene Gillis – Watatic # 36

Class J – Stuffed Toy

1st – Cam Twiss – Watatic #36

2nd – Deb Standley – Watatic#36

3rd – Marie Mayranan – Rochester #86

Class K – Baby Afghan

1st – Mary Condon – Rochester #86

2nd – Joan DeButts – Crown Point # 65

3rd – Claire Gagnon – Hudson #11

The judges and the committee are absolutely amazed by these talented individuals!

Congratulations to all who entered and sincerely THANK YOU!

The first-place winners from each of these categories made the trip to Eastern States for the Northeastern Needlework Contest judging. A special thank you goes to Beth Merrill for once again taking the winning entries and all of the items for sale to Eastern States. You have helped me out year after year and I truly do appreciate this. As well, thank you to our State Master Chris Heath for getting the items back to me.

We were pleased to have some of these 1st place winners also win at Eastern States as follows:

Class A- Afghans

1st – Ann Leger – Riverside #137

Class C - Embroidery

1st – Ann Leger – Riverside #137

Class G – Adult Garment

1st – Sharon Stickney – Antrim #98

Class H – Latch Hook

2nd – Ann Leger – Riverside #137

Class J – Stuffed Toy

1st – Cam Twiss – Watatic #36

Congratulations to these 3 ladies for jobs well done!

Most exciting of all – Ann Leger won Best of Show for all entries at Eastern States for her Embroidery piece. Congratulations Ann. In all the years I have been leading this committee I do not recall NH ever having the Best of Show entry!

We also had some entries in our State level contests. These were judged and the results are as follows:

Quilts

1st – Jane Trombi – Walpole # 125

2nd – Cam Twiss – Watatic #36

Other

1st – Linda Nienhouse – Centennial #185

Thank you to those who participated in this State level contest as well.

For all of you who make and donate items to sell at the Big E, a heartfelt thank you. The items you so graciously make and donate really do support the grange building at the Big E. A special thank you goes to Pembroke Grange for donating over 80% of the items from NH this year.

We continue to collect mittens, hats and gloves for our Mountain of Mittens. Thank you so very much to all of you who keep your knitting needles going to help warm the hands of our children in the State of NH. For those of you who prefer to donate the items to your local schools, boys and girls' clubs etc., that is perfectly fine too. Just keep a count so we will have a good overall idea of the number of items donated. I fairly recently learned that school buses could also use a supply of mittens and hats. I guess I hadn't thought about that but it makes sense as the bus drivers are the first to see the children board the bus without them.

The Nighty Night Hugs project is still active. This year I asked Granges to make and put these sacks together and to give them to your Family Services State Committee representative in your area. I know some granges have faithfully continued to work on this project and I am grateful for your help and participation. I am hopeful we don't lose sight of this project. I know there are some granges that put a great number of sacks together. If every grange could supply 2 sacks or the money for them we could cover all 11 shelters. Please consider this the goal for 2019.

There were 3 granges that did not do a booklet form of report but did a significant amount of work. Without the 50 points for a booklet, these 3 granges still achieved a score of 295 or greater and deserve recognition:

1st – Pembroke Grange #111

2nd – Rockingham Grange #183

3rd – Walpole Grange #125

Your diligence in doing most of the Family and Community Services tasks on the report doesn't go unnoticed. You are to be commended for doing so much. Thank you.

In closing, I want to thank my committee for all of their help, support and ideas. We work well together and I thank you. Committee members are Cam Twiss, Ann Leger, Virginia Clark, Mary West, Deb Stone, Linda Phelps and Pat Izzo. I also want to express a special thank you to Fran Everard for helping to collect items in Eastern NH district. Most of all, thank you to Dick. He patiently listens to me, does all the errands for my projects and puts up with my bad attitude if something isn't quite right. We will both retire from this together and look forward to fresh ideas for the granges in NH. Thank you **all** for your support over the years.

Fraternally submitted,

Deb Patten, Family Services Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Richard Patten, Community Service Director was escorted to the Master's station to present his final report.

2018 NH SATE COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Worthy State Master, National Grange Representatives, State Officers, Members of the Pink Sash Family, Patrons all!

This is my final report as your Community Service Director for the NH State Grange. I will admit I am very sad as I have truly enjoyed this position very much. I will always thank Alice Heath for asking Past State Master Jim Tetreault if she could ask me to do Community Service. I was truly honored and humble. Community Service is a very important Standing Committee. It was twenty years ago that NH State Grange submitted a resolution to have Community Service designated as a Standing Committee on the National Grange Level. I was truly honored to be appointed the first National Grange Community Service Director. The Granges in New Hampshire should be proud of the work their members are contributing to their community and possibly a neighboring community. The Granges are also honored for working with another organization that would welcome some assistance. Granges working together with other organizations are to be congratulated for not looking the other way.

This committee sent greeting cards to Liberty House for all the special holidays and at Christmas, they were given a card with a movie ticket to CineMagic in Hooksett which also includes popcorn and beverage. I know other Granges remembered the veterans at the Tilton Soldiers Home. I placed a wreath at the State Grange Monument in the Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen for Memorial Day.

The State Grange Project "Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas" was something I thought of. I got this idea from teens I used to see in Pittsfield. Many of the teens who would come by the

police station never celebrated Christmas. The members were asked to donate gift cards in any amount to many stores or restaurants. In the 3 years this has been done, I am happy that to date Grange members donated over \$2,000 dollars of gift cards. We split the cards between Operation Santa Claus and Friends of Forgotten Children, both of which provide statewide support. Both agencies were thrilled to get these cards and I was told that the teens who got them, their families were thrilled. I know Granges adopt families, senior citizens, or donate to Toys for Tots as well as the Salvation Army Red Kettle. The committee-initiated Change for Grange Project. I realize Granges are having a hard time and the number is decreasing. So, we asked Granges to put out a jar marked Change for Grange. This has become extremely successful. The intent is that this change would help support this project or other community projects for the grange.

The Granges have done some outstanding projects this year, like they have every year. The community service report books are outstanding. I know the judges had a terrible time this year. The

Results are as follows: First Place, Joe English Grange #53, New Boston
 Second Place- Wicwas Lake Grange # 292, Meredith Center
 Third Place, Watatic Grange # 36 New Ipswich
 Fourth Place, Hudson Grange #11 Hudson

Other notable reports: Concord # 322
 Antrim Grange # 98

The following Granges submitted books and did a good job. Blow-Me Down, Hampton Falls, and Mount Hope. I received 21 one-page reports of which Claremont, Dorchester Grange and Mohawk Grange of East Colebrook submitted additional information on the busy year their members were involved in.

The National Grange Director stresses that books are not supposed to enter photos of the Sixth Degree Court of Flora, State Grange Banquets, or going to State Grange special events. They do not feel this is community service. The judges told me how much they enjoyed the many projects these Granges have done. Mount Hope Grange of Landaff, being a smaller Grange showed how much they did for the citizens of this small community.

Some of the Grange projects that stood out included Blow Me Down Grange's Attic Shop; Claremont Grange members were involved in Lending a Helping Hand with the Girl Scouts, Women of the Moose, Community Christmas Dinner, Making Fleece Blankets for Nighty Nighty Hugs Project, High School Alumni Parade; Hampton Falls Grange continued their important project with the Pease Greeters; Mount Hope Grange in Landaff continued their support of the Memorial Day – Lilac Festival; they also conducted a roadside cleanup, Mount Hope members go Christmas caroling, baked homemade cookies for the town residents who came for a community Christmas Night. Concord Grange continued their support for the 67th annual Concord Christmas Parade, Concord Christmas Tree Lighting, Dictionary Project, Easter

Egg Hunt expanding it to another city park; and Recognition Awards Night; Wicwas Lake Grange was heavily involved in the Save The Steeple Fund for their community church; Antrim Grange participated in the Festival of Christmas Trees, this Grange also held a community supper for the holiday season. They also supported the Antrim and Bennington Food Pantry. This Grange also held a public forum on Top Frauds and Scams.

The Granges who submitted their yearly reports reported members contributed 9800 hours of community service. Joe English Grange contributed 3500 hours of volunteer service; 2nd, Claremont Grange; 3rd 1409 hrs., Hampton Falls Grange, 4th 1257 hrs., and 5th, Concord Grange, 1127 hours.

The Dictionary Project that was started in New Hampshire 16 years ago continues to be a very popular project. I am surprised that students in school are still excited to get a new dictionary. A couple of years ago in Concord, I had an elementary school that decided it was a waste for dictionaries so they decided they would like magazine subscriptions for their library. I guess you know the next year this school decided their students wanted to have the dictionaries again. I am pleased that there are some Granges who have taken multiple schools in neighboring towns to present dictionaries to. I also applaud Granges who have taken the necessary steps to continue this program. There have been Granges who sought support from a local bank or business in their town.

Last night, I was honored to present the annual Community Recognition Awards. I was so happy to receive a record number of suggestions this year for the various categories. I was also pleased with those that were not submitted to see that Granges held special nights to present these awards. I realize when you turn to the Network news or read the newspaper, and many times the police are wrong for shooting someone or being shot themselves for trying to keep people safe. The same with firefighters, educators, and more.

The police officer of the year is Phillip Anthony Arnone IV Chichester Police Department

The Firefighter of the year is Michael Armand Hudson Fire Department

The Educator of the year is Rachel Troiano Wentworth Elementary School

The First Responder is Scott Bourque Concord Fire Department

The Citizen of the Year is Robert Wolf Concord

The Public Service Awards are: Police Chief Brad Osgood Concord Police Department

School Resource Officer John Mirabella Hudson

One of the greatest legislative achievements of the New Hampshire State Grange was the perservice in getting a State Police Force started in New Hampshire. It may have taken from 1917 to 1935 to get it passed and signed by the Governor, but it gave towns who didn't have any police officers, now have police coverage. This year I was pleased to present the State Police Officer of the year to Trooper Haden C. Wilber.

The Conservation Officer formerly called the Fish and Game Award was presented to Delayne Brown. A Lifetime Achievement Award was present to Major Russ Conte of the State Police. Appropriate remarks were made by all present.

I have had the honor of honoring these wonderful individuals in Concord going on 48 years, in the State Grange 30 years and I hope if nothing else, these awards will continue. Despite what some people say, they are appreciated by those who receive them.

In closing, thank you to a great committee, Fran Everard, Sheryl Bokousky, Roy Stone, Haven Hayes Jr, Esther Herrick, Doris Mitton, and the late Brian Phelps, I was so sad to hear of his death. I had no idea that he had passed away. I appreciate all you have done. Community Service is a very important committee. Thank you, State Master Chris Heath, for the confidence you have had in me to chair this committee; to Don Ross who has helped me by listening to my concerns. Jerry, thank you for your friendship and support over the past several years. Lastly to Deb, we have had many conversations about how these committees should be and how it should go. They are two separate departments and should not be combined. Thanks Deb for being there.

I will close this report wishing everyone a great holiday season and hope 2019 is the best ever for you. As they in Ann Arbor, Go Blue!

Fraternally

Dick Patten, Community Service Director
NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Session Recessed at 11:56

Reconvened at 1:35

State Steward Arthur Merrill announced that Brandon Ward from RALI to come and speak to the Grange about the program.

Robert Trombi, Chairman of the Executive Committee presented the 2018-19 proposed Income and Expense Budgets

Moved and seconded to accept the Income side of the budget. Vote was favorable

After some discussion and questions a motion was made and supported to accept the Expense budget. Vote was favorable.

Tara Sad Resolutions and By-laws chairman approached the Master's station to present her report.

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

I am honored to serve for the fourth year as chair of the Resolutions Committee. I want to thank the other members of the committee – Brother Bob Haefner and Sister Jozi Best – for serving. I also want to thank the Executive Committee members and Grange members who submitted these resolutions for our deliberation. We can tell that a lot of work and thought went into them.

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

There are two other resolutions submitted by granges that were not passed along in time for us to act upon them. The Resolutions Committee will be seeing them for the first time here at the meeting, just like you, and therefore these will come to you with no recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Resolutions Committee Chair

Resolution #1

Submitted by: Hudson Grange #11

Subject: Future of Pomona Granges in New Hampshire

WHEREAS, the number of Pomona Granges in New Hampshire have declined from 11 reported in 2013 to 8 as reported in 2017. Showing a loss of 3 Pomona Granges.

WHEREAS, the number of members have gone from 680 to 473 in the same time period leaving the State of New Hampshire with a loss of 207 members.

WHEREAS, interest and involvement in the Pomona Grange in New Hampshire has declined preventing Pomona Granges from properly conducting meetings and conferring the Fifth Degree.

WHEREAS, the distance members need to travel to attend a meeting may be a deterrent for them to be more active

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pomona Degree be retained as a requirement of membership to the Sixth Degree, and be conferred by a Fifth-Degree team comprised of members from Pomona Granges at a time and place prior to the annual NH State Grange session for the next three years with the expectation of a gain of 50 “NEW” Pomona members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if this resolution passes, and the expectation is not achieved, ALL Pomona Granges in NH will be closed as of October 31, 2021. All assets of Pomona Granges effected will be held by the State Grange in an account while a fair and equitable use of the assets can be determined.

Recommendation:

There has been a differing of opinion among the nine surviving Pomona's as to what to do with the declining membership and numbers of Pomona's in the state. This resolution is an attempt for action. In effect, the Pomona's have three years to grow membership. If that fails, then the Pomona's in the state will be dissolved.

There are some states with no Pomona's. Some with only one Pomona, whose main duty is to confer the 5th Degree.

We thought that this is an opportunity to keep the Pomona's by growing numbers. If that happens, then it would be a positive thing.

The vote was unanimous vote in favor

Resolution #2

Submitted by: Wingold Grange #308

Subject: Implementation of the +1 Junior Grange Program

WHEREAS, National Grange has implemented a new Junior Program called a plus 1,

WHEREAS, Grange members look to our by-laws for direction and,

WHEREAS, our current by-laws do not reflect the new Junior Program,

BE IT RESOLVED, we amend our By-Laws for Article XV by adding Section 7 to say National Grange 1 + Junior Grange program Guidelines for the NH State Grange

If a Junior Grange is not available, an individual between five and fourteen years of age may be proposed as a candidate for membership as an individual Junior member of a Subordinate Grange and therefore become a member of the NH State Junior Grange by doing the following.

- a) **Submit a Junior Grange application signed by the child's parent or guardian for Junior membership through a vote of the Subordinate Grange to the State Junior Director or the State Secretary if a Junior Director has not been appointed accompanied by the \$1 application fee plus the \$1 junior annual dues.**
- b) **Full membership to the Junior Program is attained by the candidate upon conferral of the Junior Grange Obligation Ceremony or Junior Degree.**
- c) **Junior Grange Leader: The subordinate Grange shall appoint a Junior Leader to meet with the Junior Grange member(s) once per month. The Junior Leader must be a fourth-Degree member. If the Junior Leader is not the parent of guardian of the child, the Junior Leader must complete a State Grange CORI form and submit it to the State Secretary for processing and approval.**

Duties of the subordinate Grange's Junior Leader:

- **Meet once per month with the Junior member(s)**
- **Using requirements for the State Junior Grange Members and the State Grange Program Handbook, provide appropriate activities to be done during the Subordinate meeting and/or at home between meetings.**
- **Keep Junior member(s) informed of upcoming Junior events and deadlines.**
- **Encourage Junior Member(s) to attend the State Junior Day to experience an actual Junior Meeting and the Junior grange Ritual.**

Recommendation:

This is already policy. It's something that was adopted at the National Grange Meeting in Manchester. This resolution will simply incorporate it formally into our state By-laws.

The vote in favor of this resolution was unanimous.

Editorial Note: References to the program title should read "Junior Grange 1 +"

Resolution #3

Submitted by: Mt. Pistareen Grange #145

Subject: Incorporating today's technology to allow members greater inclusiveness in New Hampshire Grange meetings.

WHEREAS, the continuation and well-being of the New Hampshire State Grange depends on a strong membership in order to survive and thrive, we should welcome all means to increase our membership. By embracing online technology and allowing virtual meetings, New Hampshire State Granges will continue the tradition of being strong, vibrant organizations in our towns.

WHEREAS, Grange membership declined 40% between 1992 and 2007 and membership declines further, the Grange will continue to lose its relevance and influence in society. It is in the best interest of the New Hampshire State Grange to follow the example of many national organizations, as well as other State Granges, and make meetings accessible to all by allowing online meeting attendance.

WHEREAS, Grange traditions are a meaningful part of our organization, the intent of allowing virtual attendance is to enhance meetings, not to do away with our traditions. Our intent is to have members in attendance at the Grange Hall, with additional members attending virtually.

WHEREAS, older generations are tasked and eager to share their wisdom and experience but often lament having to attend meetings after dark, during inclement weather, or when they simply aren't physically comfortable leaving home which causes greater loneliness as their social

gatherings diminish, New Hampshire State Grange has the ability to change this trend by allowing members to enjoy Grange meetings and traditions safely and confidently at home.

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire State Grange has always concerned itself with welcoming families into the organization and accommodating their needs fraternally, the Grange needs to continue to recognize the changing needs of today's families. Requiring that members may attend meetings only if they are able to be in the same room places undue restriction on members. Telecommuting has increased 115% from 2005 to 2015 and 24% of employed people did some or all of their work at home in 2015, the Grange needs to acknowledge the needs and habits of today's workforce and their expectations to be met on their own turf, literally.

WHEREAS, New England winters make travel treacherous, virtual meetings allow the good work of the Grange to continue as scheduled, despite the weather, while keeping members safe.

WHEREAS, adherence to an antiquated meeting rule by the New Hampshire State Grange is leaving Grange Halls deteriorating for lack of membership, the in-person meeting rule needs to adapt to an online presence, encouraging more to join the Grange. Doing so can have the same positive impact that Rural Free Delivery had on farmers lives in the late 1800's.

WHEREAS, denying Grangers to come together with current technology is akin to restricting lost pet poster placement to telephone poles. By embracing today's technology, the reach of the Grange is boundless. The National Grange has fought to ensure rural Americans have equal access to broadband services; it befits us to embrace the available technologies and use it to engage our communities.

WHEREAS, Grange meetings were once dynamic vibrant social gatherings that reflected and supported their communities. Today, according to the Pew Research Center, Internet use is part of peoples' daily routine. 7 in 10 Americans use social media to connect with one another. When the Center began tracking social media adoption in 2005, just 5% of American adults used at least one of these platforms. By 2011 that share had risen to half of all Americans, and today 69% of the public uses some type of social media. The New Hampshire State Grange needs to modify meeting requirements to meet the social needs of its members and can do this by allowing members to attend meetings virtually when necessary. And WHEREAS, fellowship is important for the New Hampshire State Grange to achieve its mission and goals, it needs to recognize social media as an important component to today's social gatherings of Grange meetings.

WHEREAS, the future of any organization lies with the children of its community, the New Hampshire State Grange will need to adjust its practices for a generation that no longer

remembers a time without computers. It's a generation that connects through emails instead of letters, has class time and completes homework online, and readily Skype and texts with grandparents. It behooves the Grange to not wait for this generation to age, but instead be proactive and make the change now.

THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange can once again claim pride of place in the forefront of our communities by embracing members whose circumstances require the Grange be more accommodating and allow them to attend their local official Grange meetings online, as members of the quorum, creating a meeting place accessible to all; to continue the good work and traditions of the New Hampshire State Grange.

Recommendation

This resolution is too long, more of a narrative or a story than a tightly written resolution. Considering these resolutions are actually incorporated into formal Grange record, the committee voted unanimously to not recommend this resolution.

NOTE: The Legislative Committee has repeatedly offered to assist Subordinate and Pomona Granges with the correct formatting and writing of their resolutions. We urge everyone to take advantage of this offer in the future.

Resolution #4

Submitted by: Centennial Grange #185

Subject: Election of Officers at National Grange

WHEREAS, the election of officers process is defined in National Grange Digest of Laws 10.4.1 as "ELECTIONS -- 10.4.1 Nominating speeches shall not be allowed in any of the Granges in the various divisions of the Order (Junior, Subordinate, Pomona, State or National) at the time of the election of officers; but in the election of officers, a member may present the name of another member as a candidate for a Grange office provided this rule has been adopted by the Grange having jurisdiction. A motion to close nominations is never in order and members may vote for a member whether the member's name has been placed in nomination or not." and,

WHEREAS, in all divisions of the order, except the National Grange, this process is followed by the numerous Granges across the country and have for as long as the organization has been in existence and,

WHEREAS, the delegates at National Session could spend this valuable time doing other important requirements assigned to them instead of guessing who they should suggest as the officers of the National Grange and,

WHEREAS, the election of Officers at National Session is traditionally conducted by secret ballot and counted by the Assistants and the Steward and,

WHEREAS, the National Session has now been shortened to cut down on expenses but still has the same amount of work to complete,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the election of officers at National Grange be conducted in the same manner as prescribed in the Digest of Laws, and the National Master will open the floor for suggestions for the officers of the National Grange.

BE IT FURTHERRESOLVED, that this process be used for the 2019 election of officers at National Session.

Recommendation

The committee asked if the rules tell you to do something one way, why would you not do it that way? This is the case with the election of officers at National Grange, and we agree with the Centennial Grange that this process be changed to reflect the rules.

The resulting vote was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

Resolution #5

Submitted by: Hudson Grange #11

Subject: Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire State Grange

WHEREAS, the number of attendees at the Thursday opening of the Annual State Grange Session has declined in recent years and

WHEREAS, the business acted on during Thursday's session is general in nature and in most cases repeated during the opening of session the following morning

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article V, section 1 of the NH State Grange By-laws which reads "This Grange shall hold its annual meeting, between October 15 and the first Thursday of November, preferably on the fourth Thursday of October each year, convening at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. be changed to read "This Grange shall hold its annual meeting **on Friday and Saturday only, between October 15 and the first Friday of November, preferably on the fourth Friday of October each year, convening at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if passed, this will take effect at the 2019 Annual Session.

Recommendation:

This resolution would shorten the length of the State Grange Session, saving money for the Grange and its members. While this would mean not having the Fifth Degree at State Session, it was felt that this Degree is a job of the Pomona, ad not the State Grange.

The resulting vote in favor of this Resolution was unanimous

Resolution #6

Submitted by: Claremont Grange #9

Subject: Humane Treatment of Animals

Whereas the NH State Grange cares about the welfare of all animals in our state; and

Whereas there has been a noted increase in animal hoarding and cruelty cases in our state;

Therefore, be it resolved that the NH State Grange supports laws to address the mental health disorders relating to animal hoarding and cruelty.

Resolution #7

Submitted by: Claremont Grange #9

Subject: Livestock, Pet and Animal Seizure

Whereas the NH State Grange cares about the welfare of all animals in our state, especially Livestock and our beloved pets; and

Whereas the NH State Grange believes that all pet and livestock owners must be afforded due process of law; and

Whereas the NH State Grange believes that property rights must be protected according to law; and

Whereas the NH State Grange believes that seizure of animals should only be enforced as a last resort, and then only with advice of the State Veterinarian or a NH Licensed Veterinarian.

Therefore, be it resolved that the State Veterinarian or his/her designee be the sole decision-maker in the seizure of livestock; and

Be it further resolved that local law enforcement officers be the decision-makers regarding seizure of small animals or pets, only with the advice of a licensed and practicing veterinarian; and

Be it further resolved that local law enforcement officers and/or licensed veterinarians are the only authorized investigators in cases of animal abuse and neglect; and

Be it further resolved that local law enforcement officers be required to use the manual for police officers published by the Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals as their guide to identifying and dealing with animal cruelty; and

Be it further resolved that NH judges should always have discretion in the sentencing of citizens convicted of animal neglect, and that judges should take into consideration various options for animal seizure, including seizure in place; and

Be it further resolved that the cost of care for any seized animals must be reasonable and free of administrative costs.

Resolution #1 Defeated

Resolution #2 Passed

Resolution #3 Passed as amended

Resolution #4 Defeated

Motion made and seconded to reconsider the resolution #4 passed Kerriann Heath from Centennial Withdrew the resolution

Resolution #5 Defeated

Resolution #6 Passed

Resolution #7 Passed

Richard Patten was escorted to the Master's station to give the report of the Master's address committee

Master's Address Committee

We recognize that State Master, Chris Heath has worked hard at his goal. Although not all were accomplished, the remaining goals are still obtainable by future leadership.

We strongly endorse the Master's suggestion to form a membership committee consisting of a director & committee member as necessary to cover the various regions of the state. The first task of the membership committee should be to create a poll sent by first class mail to each Grange member to identify positive areas for improvement and opportunities for growth. This would also update the membership list for the State Secretary.

We approve his suggestion to embrace the ability to spread the word of each Grange directive through social media. Communication with the membership should be encouraged and through all means available.

We realize there are negative thoughts and ideas at Granges and we suggest programs to encourage togetherness as a family fraternity.

Approve the suggestion that members should offer assistance and guidance and act as role models for the new members. Granges should be encouraged to provide programs geared towards the family as a whole and be open to their ideas for change.

We recognize Chris' rich history in the Grange, applaud his direction, enthusiasm and hard work during his term of office and wish him well as he continues his Grange journey.

We thank you for the privilege for serving on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Patten, Cam Twiss, Doris Mitton
Master Address Committee

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Emilie Leclerc was escorted to the Maser's station to present the credentials committee.

Report of the Credentials Committee:

Voting Delegates	
Master	24
Wives of Masters	5
Husbands of Masters	1
Delegates	33
Total Delegates	63
State Officers	20
Deputies	12
Committee Members	32
Non-Delegates	30
Special Guests	4

Respectfully submitted,

Emilie Leclerc, Chairman

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Motion and seconded to have the executive committee approve the minutes of Saturday and Sunday.

With no more business to conduct, the third day of the 145th Annual Session of the New Hampshire State Grange was closed in the Fourth Degree at 3:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
NH State Grange

The Saturday evening session open at 7:00 by the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange. State Secretary, Gerald J. Leclerc announced that the following members have presented applications for admission to the Court of Flora.

James Bower	Stratford Grange #238
Orman W. Hall	Cocheco Grange #81
Alton H. Martin	Claremont Grange #9
Jeanette Pratt	Cocheco Grange #81

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

Flora's Court

State Flora: Lois Enman
Personal Attendants: Sandra Binette, Rochester Grange
Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

Court Ladies: Arlene Fall, Rochester Grange
Diane Collins, Claremont Grange
Carolee Barrett, Golden Rod Grange
Linda Neilson, Arlington Grange

State Pomona: Sarah Leclerc
Personal Attendants: Patrice Lawlor, Hudson Grange
Ida Hutchins, Baker's River Grange

State Ceres: Kerrienne Heath
Personal Attendants: Crystal Seward, Rockingham Grange
Mary West, Chichester Grange

Solist's: Gerald J. Leclerc
Lighting: Adam Terrell, Shawn Scanzani
Flag Bearer: Lynn Clark

Honor Court:

Phil Prelli	National Grange Overseer
Maureen Prelli	Assembly of Demeter
Richard and Patricia Bailey	Past State Steward and State Flora
Rachel Bailey	Past State Pomona
Ida Hutchins	Past State Pomona
Kimber Bascom	Past State Flora
Ann Leger	Past State Flora
Virginia Clark	Past State Pomona
Joann Brandt	Past State Flora
Jim Tetreault	Past State Master
Hannah West	Past State Ceres

2018 Rose Drill:

Gloria Davis
Joann Brandt
Sherrill Bokousky
Camilie Twiss
Kimber Bascom

Assisted by the following State Officers:

Wilber Heath
Beth Merrill
Tricia Taylor
Matt Clark
Adam Paquin-Varnum
Arthur Merrill
Kathy Yardley
Bob Trombi
Jane Trombi
Gerald Leclerc

Parade of Deputies: Lead by, General Deputy, Andrew Savage

Jean Abbott, Norman Brandt, Arthur Merrill, Adam Paquin-Varnum, Tricia Taylor,
Kathy Yardley, Arlene Fall, Ida Hutchins, Wilber Heath, Jim Tetreault.

Phil & Maureen Prelli were presented a gift from Chris and Kerriann with items from the State of NH.

The New Hampshire State Grange Session was closed in the Fourth Degree. A receiving line of the State Officers followed the closing.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange

Sunday, October 28, 2018

An inspirational Church Service was conducted by, State Chaplain, Matthew Clark.

Installation of The New Hampshire State Grange officers. Conducted by Arthur Merrill with all officers taking part. Past State Master, Beth Merrill installed Master elect Cristopher Heath, National Overseer, Phil Prelli installed Overseer elect Robert Trombi, each officer then installed the next officer in line finishing with Phil Prelli installing the Musician Lester Gibbs using a charge that was written by his Grandmother.

State Master Heath then introduced the newly appointed Directors:

Youth:	Rachel Scanzani
Family/Community	Kathy Yardley and Joyce Martin
Grange Services	Linda Phelps
Membership	James Tetreault and Gloria Davis

All other Directors will continue to serve for their respective committees.

2017-2018 Subordinate Grange Tabular Scores

Grange	Number	Membership		Real Estate	Total Assets	Attendance
		6/30/2017	6/30/2018			
Antrim	98	25	21	\$ 87,400.00	\$ 116,114.79	8
Arlington	139	25	21	\$ 101,100.00	\$ 104,630.51	8
Aurora	235	26	24	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 71,364.67	5
Baker's River	290	15	17	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 34,743.62	5
Barnstead	360					
Blazing Star	71	60	63	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 346,065.67	7
Blow-Me-Down	234	42	40	\$ 301,100.00	\$ 410,778.13	8
Centennial	185	27	27	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 37,354.91	8
Chichester	132	35	32		\$ 6,683.51	6
Claremont	9	16	16		\$ 2,195.94	8
Cochecho	81	25	29	\$ 109,200.00	\$ 117,464.04	11
Concord	322	32	67		\$ 18,611.36	12
Crown Point	65	34	32		\$ 14,673.23	8
Croydon	357					
Dorchester	280	18	17		\$ 30,721.89	5
Gilman	1	21	23		\$ 255,824.26	7
Golden Rod	114	13	23		\$ 19,261.45	12
Granite State	149					
Halloween	317	11	10	\$ 124,600.00	\$ 127,264.21	5
Hampton Falls	171					
Harmony	99	43	34		\$ 10,873.71	11
Henry Wilson	205	23	21	\$ 24,600.00	\$ 27,866.24	7
Hudson	11	28	28	\$ 412,300.00	\$ 460,935.10	9
Jeremiah Smith	161					
Joe English	53					
Lake Shore	128	17	17		\$ 123,887.11	7
Londonderry	44					
Lower Intervale	321	30	31	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 51,561.55	14
Meriden	151	13	13	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 185,381.74	6
Mohawk	217	47	46	\$ 85,400.00	\$ 104,728.62	15
Mount Hope	77	34	35		\$ 4,443.00	10
Mt Livermore	288					4
Mt Pistareen	145	18	16	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 202,462.09	7

Park	249	34	32		\$ 12,000.00	7
Pembroke	111	27	25		\$ 25,888.13	7
Pine Grove	298	18	19		\$ 11,446.64	9
Riverhill	346	12	15	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,724.98	8
Riverside	137					
Rochester	86	53	50	\$ 192,300.00	\$ 229,691.04	11
Rockingham	183	22	20	\$ 219,600.00	\$ 231,105.11	6
Stratford	238	11	11		\$ 2,029.11	4
Sunapee Lake	112					
Tuftonborough	142	17	17	\$ 117,300.00	\$ 123,444.83	7
Walpole	125	51	49		\$ 7,232.15	13
Watatic	36	18	18		\$ 5,372.46	7
Wicwas Lake	292	88	87	\$ 156,400.00	\$ 168,180.76	26
Wingold	308	58	52		\$ 15,339.45	10
Winthrop	315					

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2017	TD Bank Checking Account	7,348.64
	Income – Exhibit B	85,817.01
	Expense – Exhibit C	<u>-92,008.91</u>
September 30, 2018	Balance	1,156.74

Accounts Receivable

October 1, 2017	Balance	2,045.00
	Payment on loans	<u>0</u>
September 30, 2018	Balance	2,045.00

State Grange Building Hooksett

October 1, 2017	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2018	Purchase Price	87,500.00

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

October 1, 2017	TD Checking Account	421.71
	Income	1,893.84
	Expense	<u>-1,963.50</u>
September 30, 2018	Balance	352.05

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

October 1, 2017	Balance	221,572.83
	Transferred	0.00
	Taxable Income	4,562.20
	Realized Gain/Loss	876.09
	Deposits	24,227.25
	Quarterly Income Paid	-7,073.51
	Withdrawals	-16.34
	Fees Paid	-2,718.59
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	30,842.85
September 30, 2018	Ending Market Value	255,024.96

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY
Defunct Granges**

October 1, 2017	Balance	32,521.37
	Taxable Income	553.04
	Realized Gain/Loss	775.80
	Deposit	.00
	Withdrawals	-591.51
	Fees paid	-393.65
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	3,339.27
September 30, 2018	Ending Market Value	33,396.07

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
US TREASURY I SERIES BOND
Defunct Grange**

October 1, 2012	Purchase Price	2,106.91
September 30, 2018	Purchase Price carried forward	2,106.91

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY
Escrow Accounts**

October 1, 2017	Balance	540,044.82
	Taxable Income	11,051.20
	Realized Gain/Loss	5,508.93
	Paid Granges	-19,855.65
	Deposits	.04
	Withdrawal	-3,489.37
	Fees Paid	-6,568.27
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	74,873.92
September 30, 2018	Ending Market Value	559,886.74

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY
Randall Richardson Memorial Youth Fund**

October 1, 2017	Balance	28,518.32
	Taxable Income	585.02
	Contributions	.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	59.00
	Aid to Youth	-900.00
	Fees Paid	-348.71
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	4,309.45
September 30, 2018	Ending Market Value	29,915.54

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY
Education Loan Fund**

October 1, 2017	Balance	155,302.30
	Taxable Income	3,275.24
	Realized Gain/Loss	1,416.84
	Scholarships	-5,000.00
	Fees Paid	-1,931.58
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	22,353.48
September 30, 2018	Ending Market Value	163,166.21

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY
Northeast Connection**

October 1, 2017	Balance	35,384.87
	Deposits	13,350.77
	Taxable Income	692.42
	Realized Gain/Loss	1,006.78
	Withdrawals	-3,683.74
	Fees Paid	-467.83
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	3,054.18
September 30, 2018	Ending Market Value	48,388.81

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY
NH Grange Trust**

October 1, 2017	Balance	53,601.22
	Taxable Income	1,117.30
	Deposits	100.00
	Withdrawal	-75.00
	Donations	0.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	167.94
	Aid to Members	-1,655.00
	Fees Paid	-656.95
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	7,745.82
September 30, 2018	Ending Market Value	56,198.99

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY
NH Grange Trust – Blaisdell Fund**

October 1, 2017	Balance	14,923.58
	Taxable Income	337.93
	Realized Gain/Loss	.00
	Fees Paid	-186.63
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	2,378.70
September 30, 2018	Ending Market Value	16,160.16

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE TRUST
CHECKBOOK SUMMARY**

October 1, 2017	Morgan Stanley Checking Account	3,030.20
	Income	
	3.5% Income from investments	1,750.93
	Donations	0.62
	Minus restricted donations & donations	<u>-0.00</u>
	Total Income	4,781.75
	Expenses	
	Aid paid to members	-1,655.00
	State of NH – charitable filing fee	<u>-75.00</u>
	Total Expenses	-1,730.00
September 30, 2018	Ending Balance	3,051.75
	New Hampshire State Grange	

**Income Annual Summary
2017-2018
Exhibit B**

Operating Account Income	7,073.51
Withdrawals from Principal	0.00
Defunct Grange Account	28,331.82
Investment Management	0.00
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	2,294.00
Donations	0.00
Dues & Fees	34,372.44
Family Weekend	0.00
Granite State Granger Donations	895.00
Miscellaneous	1,585.26
National Assessment	1,991.00
National Session 2018 – T shirts	150.00
Operations – Fund Raising	2,000.00
- Eastern States Blueberry Pie	800.00
Sixth Degree Fees	140.00
Spring Fling	19.00
State Grange Building Donations	55.00
State Grange Building Use	1,050.00
State Session	4,379.97
Supply Department	450.01
Trust	0.00
Total	85,617.01
 Less Pleasant Valley Sale	 -21,896.00
Total Income	63,721.01

Exhibit C
 NH State Grange
Expenses 2017-2018

Date	Paid To	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/11/2017	Eversource	State Grange Building		72.41
	Hooksett Sewer			
10/18/2017	Commission	State Grange Building	2760	57.25
10/19/2017	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2761	35.64
10/22/2017	National Grange	Donation for AC	2762	100.00
10/22/2017	Donald F. Whittum	Legal	2763	393.75
10/22/2017	Chris Heath	State Grange Building	2764	60.00
10/22/2017	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Mileage	2765	527.40
10/27/2017	Kim Bascom	State Session - flowers	2766	135.00
10/27/2017	Beth Merrill	Randell Richardson Fund	2767	450.00
10/27/2017	Adam Terrell	Randell Richardson Fund	2768	450.00
10/28/2017	Andrew Savage	Deputy Mileage	2769	139.20
10/28/2017	Arlene Fall	Deputy Mileage	2770	69.80
10/28/2017	Jean Abbott	Deputy Mileage	2771	124.20
10/28/2017	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Mileage	2772	63.90
10/28/2017	NH State Grange	Youth - replacement check	2773	300.00
10/28/2017	The Margate	State Session	2774	4,542.29
10/28/2017	Arlington Grange	Defunct Grange Acct	2775	1,700.00
10/31/2017	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
11/3/2017	Betsy Huber	State Session	2776	264.60
11/3/2017	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies/Session	2777	577.10
	Hooksett Village Water			
11/3/2017	Precinct	State Grange Building	2778	35.00
11/9/2017	Eversource	State Grange Building		40.06
11/14/2017	Lois Enman	State Session	2779	32.89
11/14/2017	Knights of Pythias	Defunct Grange Acct	2780	591.51
11/14/2017	National Grange	State Session	2781	259.42
11/18/2017	National Grange	Dues	2782	3,976.00
11/18/2017	National Grange	Sixth Degree Fees	2783	42.50
11/27/2017	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2784	35.74
11/30/2017	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
12/9/2017	Chris Heath	Masters Expenses	2785	1,250.00
12/9/2017	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	2786	146.57
12/9/2017	Daniel Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	2787	150.00
12/9/2017	Norman Brandt	Agriculture Dept	2788	200.00
12/9/2017	NH State Grange	Family & Community Dept	2789	375.00
12/9/2017	NH State Grange	Grange Services	2790	75.00

12/9/2017	NH State Grange	Lecturers Dept	2791	300.00
12/9/2017	NH State Grange	Legislative Dept	2792	175.00
12/9/2017	NH State Grange	Trust Dept	2793	50.00
12/9/2017	NH State Grange	Youth Dept	2794	200.00
12/9/2017	NH State Grange	Junior Dept	2795	200.00
12/9/2017	Donald F. Whittum	Legal	2796	1,411.78
12/11/2017	Eversource	State Grange Building		52.37
12/22/2017	New Checks	Misc		26.05
12/24/2017	Hannah West	GSG	2797	193.14
12/24/2017	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2798	125.00
12/24/2017	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies/Session	2799	478.93
12/24/2017	Concord Monitor	GSG	2800	297.86
12/31/2017	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
1/2/2018	Richard Patten	Historian	2801	47.27
1/2/2018	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2802	35.74
1/2/2018	Statewide Fire Extinguisher	State Grange Building	2803	35.00
1/2/2018	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	2804	300.00
1/5/2018	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	2805	91.65
1/5/2018	Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	2806	64.83
1/6/2018	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies/Sec		1,637.76
1/12/2018	Eversource	State Grange Building		77.51
1/31/2018	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
2/5/2018	Hooksett Sewer Comm	State Grange Building	2807	57.25
2/5/2018	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	2808	200.00
2/5/2018	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies/Sec	2809	461.32
2/5/2018	MSA Group	Insurance	2810	2,212.00
2/7/2018	Hennessey & Vallee PLLC	Accountant	2811	1,650.00
2/12/2018	Eversource	State Grange Building		137.22
	Hooksett Village Water			
2/15/2018	Precinct	State Grange Building	2812	45.00
2/15/2018	Donald F. Whittum	Legal	2813	430.87
2/15/2018	Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	2814	23.02
2/17/2018	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	2815	34.58
2/25/2018	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	2816	200.00
2/28/2018	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
3/2/2018	National Grange	Dues	2817	3,696.00
3/12/2018	Eversource	State Grange Building		175.64
3/20/2018	Concord Monitor	GSG	2818	301.19
3/21/2001	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	2819	23.58
3/23/2018	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	2820	250.00
3/29/2018	Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building	2821	100.00
3/29/2018	Chris Heath	Masters Expenses	2822	1,250.00

3/29/2018	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	2823	40.43
3/29/2018	Daniel Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	2824	150.00
3/29/2018	Antrim Grange	State Grange Building	2825	210.00
3/29/2018	Donald F. Whittum	Legal	2826	82.03
3/29/2018	Chris Heath	Misc	2827	552.00
3/29/2018	Daniel Bascom	Postage	2828	207.22
3/31/2018	Cheshire County Pomona	Misc	2829	36.00
3/31/2018	Hillsboro County Pomona	Misc	2830	144.00
3/31/2018	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
4/11/2018	Eversource			180.67
4/16/2018	Hooksett Sewer Comm Consolidated	State Grange Building	2831	57.25
4/23/2018	Communications	State Grange Building	2832	20.32
4/19/2018	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	2833	24.64
4/19/2018	Donald F. Whittum	Legal	2834	312.51
4/19/2018	Chris Heath	Misc	2835	391.60
4/30/2018	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
5/6/2018	Business Card Hooksett Village Water	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2836	483.48
5/14/2018	Precinct	State Grange Building	2837	45.00
5/14/2018	Eversource Consolidated			160.70
5/19/2018	Communications	State Grange Building	2838	35.72
5/26/2018	National Grange	Dues	2839	3,699.50
5/31/2018	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
6/4/2018	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2840	21.68
6/4/2018	Taylor Community	Spring Fling	2841	247.50
6/4/2018	Dick Patten	Misc	2842	32.00
6/11/2018	Eversource	State Grange Building		148.85
6/18/2018	Concord Monitor	GSG	2843	298.67
6/18/2018	Hannah West Consolidated	GSG	2844	424.03
6/18/2018	Communications	State Grange Building	2845	35.72
6/15/2018	Chris Heath	Masters Expenses	2846	1,250.00
6/15/2018	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	2847	375.00
6/18/2018	Daniel Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	2848	150.00
6/18/2018	Norman Brandt	Agriculture Dept	2849	200.00
6/18/2018	Deb Patten	Family & Community Dept	2850	375.00
6/18/2018	Lois Enman	Grange Services	2851	75.00
6/18/2018	Jane Trombi	Lecturers Dept	2852	300.00
6/18/2018	NH State Grange	Legislative Dept	2853	175.00
6/18/2018	NH State Grange	Trust Dept	2854	50.00
6/18/2018	NH State Grange	Youth Dept	2855	200.00

6/18/2018	NH State Grange	Junior Dept	2856	200.00
6/15/2018	Antrim Grange	State Grange Building	2858	90.00
6/15/2018	Beth Merrill	State Grange Building	2859	26.46
6/20/2018	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	2857	26.46
6/30/2018	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
7/3/2018	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2860	566.34
7/4/2018	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Mileage	2861	572.40
7/4/2018	Andrew Savage	Deputy Mileage	2862	143.10
7/4/2018	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Mileage	2863	132.60
7/11/2018	Lavallee Oil Co	State Grange Building	2864	251.37
7/11/2018	Hooksett Sewer Comm	State Grange Building	2865	57.25
7/15/2018	Eversource Consolidated	State Grange Building		143.23
7/23/2018	Communications	State Grange Building	2866	35.85
7/31/2018	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
8/4/2018	Arlene Fall	Deputy Mileage	2867	45.60
8/7/2018	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2868	5.13
8/7/2018	National Grange	Assessment	2869	1,431.00
8/7/2018	National Grange	Bonding	2870	3,062.00
8/13/2018	Eversource	State Grange Building		36.84
8/14/2018	Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	2872	33.46
8/14/2018	Eversource Hooksett Village Water	Other Grange Halls	2871	20.32
8/16/2018	Precinct	State Grange Building	2873	45.00
8/19/2018	Lavallee Oil Co Consolidated	State Grange Building	2874	2,295.20
8/27/2018	Communications	State Grange Building	2875	36.33
8/27/2018	National Grange	Dues	2876	3,699.50
8/24/2018	Antrim Grange	State Grange Building	2877	135.00
8/27/2018	NH State Grange	State Grange Building	2878	296.89
8/30/2018	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2879	189.53
8/31/2018	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
9/11/2018	Eversource	State Grange Building		39.15
9/12/2018	Servpro	Other Grange Halls	2880	7,511.92
9/28/2018	Hannah West Consolidated	GSG	2881	194.50
9/28/2018	Communications	State Grange Building	2882	36.33
9/30/2018	Chris Heath	Masters Expenses	2883	1,250.00
9/30/2018	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	2884	375.00
9/30/2018	Daniel Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	2885	140.00
9/30/2018	Daniel Bascom	Postage	2886	70.84
9/30/2018	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00

Exhibit D
New Hampshire State Grange
Expense Annual Summary
2017 – 2018

Accounting Services	1,650.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	2,686.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00
Defunct Grange Account	22,487.51
Department Expenses	
Agriculture	200.00
Family & Community	750.00
Grange Services	150.00
Historian *submit bills quarter	47.27
Lecturer	600.00
Legislative	350.00
Membership	0.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00
Youth	500.00
Junior	400.00
Deputies Expenses	1,679.00
Dues- National Grange	15,071.00
Family Weekend	0.00
General Deputy Expenses	139.20
Granite State Granger/ mailing permit	1,709.39
Leader's School	325.00
Legal Fees	3,103.44
Miscellaneous	4,524.20
National Assessment	1,431.00
National Session 2018	0.00
Office Equipment	0.00
Officer Expenses	0.00
Master	5,000.00
Secretary	1,500.00
Treasurer	590.00
Operations-Fund Raising	0.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	3,099.48
Sixth Degree Fees	42.50
Spring Fling	247.50
State Grange Building	6,640.21
State Grange Insurance	2,212.00
Other Grange Hall Expenses	7,874.29
State Session	5,662.67
State Session Deposit	0.00

State Session Sound System	0.00
Supply Department	0.00
Website	0.00
	91,608.91
Less other Grange Hall Sales	-29,770.29
Totals	61,838.62

