

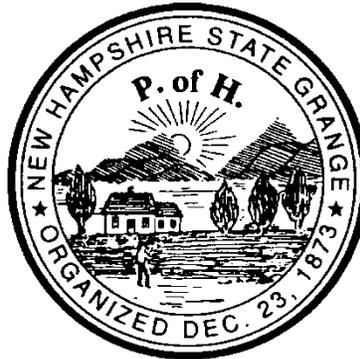
PROCEEDINGS

of the

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL SESSION

**NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE GRANGE**

Of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry



Held in

Keene, NH

October 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2010

Carolyn J. Ross, Secretary

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STATE GRANGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Organized December 23, 1873

Incorporated July 2, 1875

ROLL OF HONOR PAST MASTERS

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

* *Deceased*

† *Present during Session*

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE OF THE ORDER OF THE PATRONS OF
HUSBANDRY
BEST WESTERN SOVEREIGN HOTEL, KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Thursday, October 28, 2010

New Hampshire State Grange Officers marched in to officially open the 137th Annual Session at 7:00 p.m.

State Master Beth Merrill called the session to order with the Grange opening in the Sixth Degree. The Roll Call of Officers found all present. The Grange was then lowered to the Fourth Degree.

State Steward Chris Heath announced that National Representatives, Phil and Maureen Prelli were our honored guests in waiting. The Pirelli's were escorted to the Master's Station. Secretary of the National Grange Board of Directors and Past Master, CT State Grange, Phil Prelli brought his greetings and the former First Lady of the CT State Grange, Maureen Prelli was also asked for her greetings.

The Roll Call of Granges found a quorum present.

State Master Beth Merrill called a brief recess to prepare for the conferral of the Fourth Degree.

The Fourth Degree was conferred by Walpole Grange #125 under the direction of Deputies Kathy Yardley and Jane Trombi.

The Fourth Degree Team members were:

Master	Kathy Yardley
Overseer	Joe Dion
Lecturer	Myra Mansouri
Steward	Curt Congdon
Asst. Steward	Chas Street
L.A.S.	Tara Sad
Chaplain	Peg Dion
Treasurer	Bob Graves
Secretary	Kathy Campbell
Gatekeeper	Peggy Graves
Ceres	Marie Paoletta
Pomona	Barbara Plumley
Flora	Betsy Congdon
Exc. Comm.	Marcia Galloway
	Sara Beauregard
Tableau	Gwen Yardley

Feast Table	Beth Merrill
Pianist	Lester Gibbs
Soloist	Donald Ross
Marching Candidates	Ann Leger
	Cindy Westover
	Bob Varnum
	Adam Paquin

State Master Beth Merrill called a brief recess to prepare for the Memorial Service.

The Grange was called back to order with the gates closed.

State Chaplain Matt Clark conducted the Memorial Service.

Worthy Master, National Reps., Fellow State Officers, Brothers and Sisters all. As we gather here this evening to remember those whose labors here on earth have finished I would like us to remember two groups of people: our fellow Brothers and Sisters of the Grange and our service men and women. I look around the hall and see some who have served our country, some who have family members currently serving, like Brother Carryl Davis, who is in Afghanistan, and some who are serving that we don't even know. I would like us to stop and remember those who have served, are serving, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives for our freedom. Let us pay tribute to our service men and women with this music video.

Chaplain leads all in prayer.

Once again as we gather here our fraternal circle has been broken. Let us remember that all flesh is mortal and must needs die; but the spirit is immortal and hath returned to God who gave it. As we remember our Brothers and Sisters who have finished their labors here on earth and gone on to the Great Grange Above; let us remember the lives they lived and the things they accomplished.

Poem - "Your Loved One Lives in Your Heart"

May tender mercies soften your grief, may fond recollection bring you relief.
 May you find comfort and peace in the thought of the joy that knowing your loved one brought.

For time and space can never divide or keep your loved one from your side.
 When memory paints, in colors true, the happy hours that belonged to you.

Helen Steiner Rice

Song – In the Garden

Let us honor our fellow laborers who have gone on to the Great Grange Above.
 Worthy Secretary will you please read the roll of our Brothers and Sisters who have laid down their implements on earth and entered the paradise not made

with hands, eternal in the heavens, and received their welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

The State Secretary read the names of our deceased members being recognized and the Graces lit memorial candles and arranged flowers as each name was read.

Somersworth # 264	George Everard	Past State Legislative Committee & Past Master Eastern NH Pomona # 2
Granite # 7	Dorothy Noyes	Past State Youth Committee, Past Master Union Pomona, Past Master Narragansett & Past Master Junior # 150
Prentice Hill # 257	Dorothy Harper	Past State Publicity/Promotions Committee
Baker's River # 290	Calvin Perkins	Past Master Baker's River # 290
Londonderry # 44	Ruth Keeping DeJet	Past Master Londonderry # 44
Mont Calm # 70	Barbara Dessert	Master & Past Master Mont Calm # 70
Mt Livermore # 288	Lester Heath	Spouse of Past Master Lila Heath Lower Intervale # 321
Pineconia # 322	Edwin Grenier	Spouse of Past Master Phyllis Grenier Bow Grange
Stratford # 238	Ida Shannon	Past Master Groveton Grange
Wingold # 308	Robert Andersen	Past Master Wingold # 308
Wingold # 308	Richard A. Smith, Sr.	Past Master Wingold # 308

Music- Amazing Grace

Poem – "When I'm Gone"

When I come to the end of my journey and I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned and remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken; remember some good I have done.
Forget that I ever had heartache and remember I've had loads of fun.
Forget that I stumbled and blundered and sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought some hard battles and won, ere the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going, I would not have you sad for a day,
But in summer just gather some flowers and remember the place where I
lay,
And come in the evening when the sun paints the sky in the west,
Stand for a moment beside me and remember only my best.

Prayer by Chaplain

Taps concluded the Memorial Service.

The first day of the 137th Annual Session of the New Hampshire State Grange closed at 8:55 p.m.

After the State Session closed on Thursday the State Officers formed a reception line. Once through the line all were encouraged to visit the hospitality room hosted by Cheshire County Pomona for fellowship and light snacks. Everyone was then asked to return to the meeting room to learn some fun facts about the State Officers.

“Did you know?” Each State Officer had given State Master Beth Merrill an achievement or funny happening from their lives. As the State Master read these tidbits each State Officer had to own up to it.

“Favorite Songs” Each State Officer gave Beth a favorite song title. The State Officers then formed a semi-circle up front and center of the room. Standing behind their chairs, Officers were only allowed to sit down once their song was guessed. This was achieved by the song being played and asking members in turn around the room to guess. There were four winners Ron, Dan, Marty and Rhoda.

“Did You Notice” Each State Officer had something extra on their person, hidden in plain sight while they were in the receiving line. Items such as baggies, paper clips, screws, buttons etc. had to be identified with the person wearing them.

Friday Morning, October 29, 2010

The second day of the 137th Annual Session of the New Hampshire State Grange was called to order at 8:30 AM. Roll call of officers found all present. The roll call of Granges found a quorum present. The minutes of the Thursday evening session were read and approved by the delegates.

State Master Beth Merrill recognized Phil Prelli, Secretary, National Grange Board of Directors and Past Master of the CT State Grange and Maureen Prelli, former first lady of the CT State Grange, as our honored guests. Also introduced were Rosyln Heath, a member of the Florida State Grange Executive Committee, Walter Elwell, Past Legislative/Agriculture Director of the RI State Grange and his wife, Norma, Past Co-chairman Director Agriculture committee of the Rhode Island State Grange. All dignitaries were asked for their greetings.

State Master Beth Merrill announced the Master’s Address Committee: Shelley Huntoon, Lucy Woodes, Carol Dumont and Ed Ford. The members of the Credentials Committee are: Pat Izzo, Chairman and Lucia Savage. The members of the Resolutions Committee are: Rick Bailey, Chairman, Wayne Turcotte, Anne Boisvert and Bob Trombi. Our Parliamentarian is Donald Ross.

The State Secretary read three additional resolutions that were presented to her.

**NH STATE GRANGE SESSION
2010 RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution #1 – Submitted by Rochester Grange #86

Subject: Alcoholic Beverages in Grange Halls by Non-Grange Groups

WHEREAS, The National Grange Bylaws state in Chapter 10. 11. 4 that “A State Grange may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at functions sponsored by non-Granger groups that rent or lease Grange property by adoption of a policy in the State Grange By-Laws. Such renters shall provide proof of host liquor or liquor liability coverage.”; and

WHEREAS, some of our Grange halls are currently used by religious organizations that regularly use wine during communion service; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-laws Article XII General Provisions, Section I, be changed by adding:
Division 10. NH State Grange policy shall permit religious organizations meeting in Grange halls in NH to use wine during religious ceremonies such as communion.

Resolution #2 – Submitted by Rochester Grange #86

Subject: Alcoholic Beverages in Grange Halls

WHEREAS, The National Grange By-laws state in Chapter 10. 11. 2 that “A State Grange may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at Grange sponsored activities by adoption of a policy in the State Grange By-laws. The individual Grange shall obtain host liquor or liquor liability coverage if it sponsors any events where alcohol will be served.”; and

WHEREAS, some of our Granges are using alcoholic beverages in fundraisers, have winemaking demonstrations or give it as a gift; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-laws Article XII General Provisions, Section 1, be changed by adding:
Division 11. NH State Grange policy shall permit the use of alcoholic beverages in fundraisers, in demonstrations or as gifts. Such containers shall remain sealed at such Grange meeting or activity.

Resolution #3 – Submitted by Chichester Grange #132

Subject: Respect for the United States Flag and the National Anthem

WHEREAS, presenting the United States flag and singing the National Anthem are customary activities at Grange meetings and events; and

WHEREAS, Grangers have noticed that many citizens seem to be unaware that a civilian salute is the proper way to show respect during singing the National Anthem at public events; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange be requested to develop a poster or other simple means of drawing attention to proper flag etiquette. Local Granges could then purchase such material and donate it to schools and sports teams or display it in appropriate locations to raise awareness of the way to show proper respect to the United States Flag.

Resolution #4 – Submitted by Sunapee Lake Grange #112
Subject: Reinstitute the Agriculture Committee

WHEREAS, the Grange is based on agriculture and we are here for farmers; and

WHEREAS, more people are returning to agriculture thus making them prospective members; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National and State Granges reinstitute the Agriculture committee and this committee should be for education and legislation purposes.

Resolution #5 – Submitted by Blow-Me-Down Grange #234
Subject: Grange Hall Building Insurance

WHEREAS, building insurance for Granges is skyrocketing; and

WHEREAS, most Granges cannot afford the rise in premiums; and

WHEREAS, Grange Halls are our identity in a community and we should try to keep them; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Grange contact insurance companies about group rates for Granges in the state.

Resolution #6 – Submitted by Antrim Grange #98
Subject: National Grange Executive Committee Sashes

WHEREAS, National Grange Executive Committee members are no longer elected to a four year term; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Article 11.6.2 of the National Grange Digest be amended by eliminating the sentence “Executive Committee sashes to be embroidered as above...”

Resolution #7 – Submitted by Antrim Grange #98
Subject: National Grange Term Limits

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 4.10.2(E) of the National Grange Digest be amended to read “National Grange - In the National Grange, officers shall be elected and installed biennially at the annual meeting. No member shall serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office, with the exception of the office of Master. No officer shall hold two elected offices concurrently.

Resolution #8 – Submitted by Antrim Grange #98
Subject: Executive Committee 4.10.1 (c) (1)

WHEREAS, the Master, Treasurer, or Secretary of the Junior, Subordinate, Pomona, and State Granges should not also serve as elected members of the Executive Committee; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Article 4.10.1 (c) (1) of the National Grange Digest be amended by adding the words “except the Master, Treasurer, and Secretary” of the Junior, Subordinate, Pomona and State Granges may also be elected to the Executive Committee of said Granges.

Resolution #9 - Submitted by Antrim Grange #98
Subject: Master, Treasurer, Secretary

WHEREAS, the Master, Treasurer, or Secretary of a Grange should not also serve as one of these other officers concurrently in that Grange; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the By-laws of the NH State Grange be amended by changing the following Articles: (1) Article XII (General Provisions) Div. 4. Add to the end of the Division “The members holding the offices of Master, Treasurer, or Secretary may not also hold another of these three offices at the same time.” (2) Article XIV, Section 4. Add Division 14 to read, “The members holding the offices of Master, Treasurer, or Secretary may not also hold another of these three offices at the same time.” (3) Article XIII, Section 2. Add Division 5 to read, “The members holding the offices of Master, Treasurer, or Secretary may not also hold another of these three offices at the same time.”

Resolution #10 - Submitted by Antrim Grange #98
Subject: Sale of Grange Halls

WHEREAS, the line of communication between a Grange that wishes to sell its hall and the State Grange Executive Committee needs to be clear, concise, and certain; and

WHEREAS, some Granges believe they have followed Grange law when going through the process of a sale or transfer of real property, but neglected to get final written approval from the State Grange Executive Committee, which down the road, can result in serious legal problems; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Article XI, Chapter 4.11.1 (B) be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the Division. "The written consent shall be in the form of a letter or document and must be signed by the State Grange Master, Secretary and Chairman of the Executive Committee."

Resolution #11 - Submitted by Antrim Grange #98

Subject: Industrial HEMP

BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Hampshire State Grange rescinds Resolution #7, Industrial Hemp on Pine Ridge Reservation, adopted at the 2009 New Hampshire State Grange session. The wording of the resolution is as follows;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange become a signatory to the following petition to be sent to U. S. President Barack Obama; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE PETITION BE FORWARDED TO The National Grange for its consideration: We the following groups and individuals urge you, President Obama, to support, by all means possible, the Oglala Sioux nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation in their efforts to grow, harvest and sell industrial hemp in accordance with the signed treaties of 1851 and 1868 with the U. S. Government in order to supply employment to the indigenous peoples whose current unemployment rate is upwards of 85%."

Resolution #12 - Submitted by Arlington Grange #139

Subject: Late Quarterly Reports

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire State Grange is required to submit quarterly reports and make dues payments to the National Grange; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire State Grange makes its quarterly reports and payments to National grange based on the most current information available; and

WHEREAS, the Granges that do not report on time often times report a loss of membership and therefore pay less to the State Grange than what was already reported and paid to National Grange; therefore be it

RESOLVED, Article XIV Section 1 be amended by adding Division 6 to read: "Subordinate Granges that are late in filing reports to the State Grange be required to pay any back dues to cover the amount already paid to the National Grange."

Resolution #13 - Submitted by State Grange Executive Committee
Subject: New England Grange Building

WHEREAS, the New England Grange Building is owned by the six New England States; and

WHEREAS, this ownership makes this a unique Grange Building not under the jurisdiction or control of anyone of the six (6) State Granges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the New England Grange Building, consisting of three (3) members from each State, is responsible for the oversight and management of the Building; and

WHEREAS, the Board has Bylaws and rules controlling the oversight and use of the building; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that each of the New England State Granges by copy of this Resolution affirm that the New England Grange Building Trustees comply with the National Grange Bylaws concerning the presence of alcohol in Grange Buildings and it not be the responsibility of any one of the State Granges.

Resolution #14 – Submitted by Walpole Grange # 125
Subject: Tuttle Farm in Dover, NH

WHEREAS, the farm in Dover, NH known as The Tuttle Farm has been owned by the Tuttle family for eleven generations, since 1632; and

WHEREAS, records indicate no other farm in the United States has been in the ownership of a same family for so many consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, it is in the national interest to honor and preserve such sites for their historical value; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we urge the National Grange to:

- (a) Proclaim its interest in seeing that the deed for the Tuttle Farm remains in the possession of the Tuttle family; and
- (b) Take steps to organize support on a National level to achieve this goal.

Resolution # 15 – Submitted by Park Grange # 249
Subject: Food Stamp Regulation Change

WHEREAS, food stamp use is climbing; and

WHEREAS, obesity is pandemic in America; and

WHEREAS, present food stamp regulations do not allow the choice of healthier deli prepared foods, both hot or cold, that are generally cheaper and healthier; and

WHEREAS, some food stamp recipients do not have time to prepare a healthy meal at home; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange supports legislation changing food stamp regulations to allow deli prepared foods; and be it further

RESOLVED, that food stamp issuing agencies educate food stamp recipients to make healthier food choices.

Resolution # 16 – Submitted by Park Grange # 249
Subject: Labeling of Household Cleaners

WHEREAS, household cleaner makers are presently not required to print the ingredients on its containers as in food; and

WHEREAS, a lot of chemicals are now being found to be harmful to the environment, animals and humans; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange support legislation requiring labeling of ingredients on household cleaners so consumers can make educated decisions when purchasing cleaning products.

State Secretary Carolyn Ross read the Convention Rules.

Standing Rules of the 137th Annual Convention
New Hampshire State Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry
Best Western Sovereign Hotel Keene, NH
October 28 – 31, 2010

1. All persons, except special guests, shall be registered. Nametags and programs shall be issued.
2. Admission to the meetings shall be by nametag and password only. Upon giving proper password, the meeting Deputy will provide a colored sticker for the name badge to eliminate the need for giving the password again at this Session. If you are not wearing your nametag, you will be refused admittance.
3. As a common courtesy to all members, cell phones are to be turned off, or set on vibrate.
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 seated 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 material for the permanent record, immediately on presentation, shall be given to the State Secretary, via a Scan Disk which the State Secretary will provide and a paper copy of 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 Bylaws and these Standing Rules.
13. These Standing Rules shall be presented to the members for adoption; a 2/3 vote shall be required for adoption.

Acting Steward, Bob Varnum announced that Jeff Holmes, President of the NH Farm Bureau was in waiting. Jeff then addressed the delegate body.

State Treasurer Gail Turcotte was called upon to give her report.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Associate State Officers, Members of the Pink Sash Family, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters:

I am pleased to bring you my third report as State Treasurer. I will not give you complete details of our finances, as those will be printed in the Journal. These are some highlights of our past year that I would like to share with you now.

The NH State Grange Executive Committee concluded a yearlong comparison study of three financial advisory firms in August. After careful consideration a new firm Morgan Stanley Smith Barney was selected and all invested funds are in the process of being transferred to this new firm. The money is now in mutual funds and is currently allocated with 60 % in equities, 38% fixed income and 2% cash and equivalents with combined goals of growth and income.

The NH State Grange Executive Committee also adopted an investment and spending policy earlier this year. The new policy provides for a 3.5%

spending rate based on a 3 year rolling average of the market value as of September 30 annually for all of our accounts.

We continue to carry the value of the State Grange Building at the purchase price of \$87,500.00. Our Account Receivable is at \$1,280.00 with no changes during the year.

A quick review of the special funds shows the Education Loan Fund granting scholarships in the amount of \$4,400. The Randall Richardson Memorial Youth Fund received donations of \$125 and expenses incurred for Youth Work amounted to \$200.

Fiscal year 2009 was the second year that all Subordinate and Pomona Granges were required to file the 990-N report with the Internal Revenue Service. Filing this report is an annual requirement with each year's report due to the IRS by February 15. I do have some of the 2009 paper version 990-EZ forms available for those few Granges that are unable to file electronically.

All NH Granges should renew their incorporation with the State of NH before December 31, 2010. This renewal of incorporation occurs every five years and if your Grange has not yet filed this report with the State of NH Secretary of State's Office I urge you to do so as soon as possible. I mailed complete details on how to file this report to each Grange Master last January. You may file on line and pay an extra fee or you may go online and print a paper version of your Grange's unique report form and file by regular mail. The fee is \$25 by mail and failure to file will cause your Grange to lose your non-profit status with the State of NH. If any Grange needs assistance printing their unique report form I will be glad to help them.

I would like to thank Don Ross, Chairman of the Executive Committee for his continuing assistance during this past year. Don has attended meetings with our new financial advisor with me and he is always willing to listen to my questions and concerns offering sound advice whenever I consult with him.

Thanks also to Carolyn Ross, State Secretary for continuing to handle her part of our shared financial duties in a timely and efficient manner. We have not paid any late fees or service charges in the past two years thanks to her efficiency. Carolyn was also able to use several discount coupons from Staples during the past year that resulted in significant savings to the NH State Grange.

Fraternally submitted, Gail M. Turcotte, Treasurer New Hampshire State Grange

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2009	TD Banknorth Checking Account	5,940.51
	Income- Exhibit B	67,814.88
	Expense- Exhibit C	-68,500.45
September 30, 2010	Balance	5,254.94

Accounts Receivable

October 1, 2009	Balance	1,280.00
September 30, 2010	Balance	1,280.00

State Grange Building

October 1, 2009	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2010	Purchase Price	87,500.00

EXHIBIT B NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE Income

Investments

Operating Account Income	5,177.85
Special Escrow Account Income	3,518.43
Withdrawals from Principal	0.00
Defunct Granges Income	1,607.27

Other Income

Accounts Receivable	0.00
Bonding Fees Subordinate & Pomona	2,358.00
Donations	440.25
Dues & Fees	38,418.75
Eastern States/Blueberry Pie	1,300.00
National Grange Session Assessment	1,658.00
Operations	
Family Weekend	0.00
Fund Raising	3,298.50
<i>Granite State Granger</i> Donations	1,215.00
State Grange Building Use	1,850.00
State Session	3,365.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	21.00
Sixth Degree Fees	100.00
Spring Fling	620.00
Supply Department	1,304.90
Funds Past Publicist	305.00
National Grange for Peterborough #35	400.00

Lecturer's Gift	10.00
Jaffrey Grange Treasury	771.93
State Grange Building Fund Donations	75.00
Total Income	67,814.88

**Exhibit C
NH State Grange
Expenses 2009-2010**

Date	Paid to	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/14/09	NH State Grange Publicist	Publicist	1358	305.00
10/15/09	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	1359	109.00
10/15/09	Gilman Grange #1	Escrow Income	1360	825.85
10/17/09	NH State Grange Supply Account	Supply Department	1361	30.50
10/17/09	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1362	32.21
10/20/09	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1363	86.24
10/28/09	Mark Collins	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1364	137.95
10/28/09	Daniel Bascom	Fund Raising	1365	15.28
10/28/09	Gwen Yardley	Anniversary Fund	1366	22.50
10/28/09	Beth Merrill	Anniversary Fund	1367	6.00
10/31/09	Peterborough Grange # 35	National Compensation	1368	400.00
11/01/09	Ashworth by the Sea	State Session	1369	2,847.86
11/05/09	Business Card	P/P/S, Sup Dpt, St Sess	1370	896.32
11/05/09	Mark Collins	State Session	1371	30.48
11/05/09	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1372	46.98
11/05/09	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1373	60.00
11/09/09	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1374	22.55
11/19/09	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1375	32.17
11/19/09	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1376	81.29
11/25/09	National Grange	Dues- National Grange	1377	4,237.50
11/27/09	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1378	8.90
12/05/09	Business Card	St Sess/Sup Dpt/P-P-S	1379	332.31
12/05/09	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1380	120.00
12/09/09	Family & Community Services	Department Budgets	1381	315.00
12/09/09	Grange Services	Department Budgets	1382	70.00
12/09/09	Lecturer	Department Budgets	1383	770.00
12/09/09	Legislative	Department Budgets	1384	315.00
12/09/09	Trustees of Trust Funds	Department Budgets	1385	70.00
12/09/09	Youth/Junior	Department Budgets	1386	450.00
12/09/09	Publicist	Publicist	1387	50.00
12/09/09	Beth Merrill	Master's Expenses	1388	1,000.00
12/09/09	Carolyn Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1389	500.00
12/09/09	Gail Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	1390	500.00
12/16/09	Gail Turcotte	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1391	60.43
12/16/09	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1392	40.00
12/18/09	Leo Belisle	State Grange Building	1393	55.00
12/18/09	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1394	32.17
12/18/09	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1395	43.74
12/18/09	Tricia Taylor	General Deputy	1396	100.00
12/21/09	National Grange	Donation	1397	415.00

12/21/09	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1398	120.00
12/28/09	A.L. McDonnell Co. Inc	State Grange Building	1399	634.05
12/29/09	NGM Insurance Co.	State Grange Insurance	1400	2,243.00
12/31/09	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1401	1,022.44
12/31/09	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1402	11.12
12/31/09	National Grange	Sixth Degree Fees	1403	25.00
12/29/09	Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1404	278.93
01/09/10	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1405	40.00
01/16/10	Leone,McDonnell & Roberts	Income Tax Preparation	1406	1,586.00
01/16/10	Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1407	275.00
01/18/10	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	1408	58.60
01/18/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1409	32.21
01/18/10	Gilman Grange #1	Escrow Income	1410	899.75
01/18/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1411	65.21
01/27/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1412	11.12
01/27/10	Leo Belisle	State Grange Building	1413	55.00
01/27/10	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1414	1,062.35
02/03/10	Secretary of State	Legal Fees	1415	25.00
02/03/10	Wensley & Jones P.L.L.C.	Legal Fees	1416	300.00
02/08/10	National Grange	Bonding Fees Sub.Pom.St	1417	2,474.00
02/08/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1418	120.00
02/08/10	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1419	80.00
02/13/10	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1420	53.00
02/17/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1421	56.69
02/17/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1422	32.29
02/21/10	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1423	40.00
02/25/10	Donald F Whittum Law Office	Legal Fees	1424	71.82
02/27/10	National Grange	Dues- National Grange	1425	4,130.00
02/27/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1426	11.12
03/01/10	Business Card	Supply Dpt/P-P-S	1427	115.27
03/05/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1428	120.00
03/05/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1429	8.78
03/05/10	Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building	1430	100.00
03/05/10	Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1431	316.56
03/06/10	Carolyn Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1432	500.00
03/06/10	Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1433	275.25
03/12/10	NH State Grange	Jaffrey Grange Treasury	1434	771.93
03/13/10	Shaker Regional School District	Spring Fling	1435	100.00
03/18/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1436	32.29
03/18/10	Donald F Whittum Law Office	Legal Fees	1437	284.31
03/24/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1438	42.16
03/24/10	Beth Merrill	Master's Expenses	1439	1,000.00
03/24/10	Gail Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	1440	500.00
03/24/10	Gail Turcotte	Print/Post/Supply/St Sess	1441	342.63
03/29/10	NGM Insurance Co.	St Grange Other Bldg Ins	1442	810.00
03/29/10	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1443	44.00
03/29/10	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1444	50.79
03/29/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1445	11.12
03/31/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1446	120.00
03/31/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1447	10.29

04/07/10	Harland Clarke	Printing/Postage/Supplies	ACH	28.48
04/11/10	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	1448	109.00
04/11/10	Donald F Whittum Law Office	Legal Fees	1449	215.54
04/15/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1450	32.24
04/18/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1451	55.18
04/20/10	Gilman Grange #1	Escrow Income	1452	914.42
04/28/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1453	11.12
04/28/10	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1454	332.50
05/03/10	Postmaster	Bulk Mail Permit	1455	185.00
05/04/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1456	120.00
05/06/10	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1457	25.00
05/12/10	Shaker Regional School District	Spring Fling	1458	312.50
05/13/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1459	32.30
05/13/10	Donald F Whittum Law Office	Legal Fees	1460	530.43
05/13/10	Mark Collins	Department Budgets	1461	217.12
05/13/10	Suncook Valley Pomona	Patron's Plunge Donation	1462	250.00
05/18/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1463	85.70
05/31/10	Gail Turcotte	Department Budgets	1464	19.99
05/31/10	Business Card	Supply Department	1465	172.19
06/02/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1466	120.00
06/02/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1467	11.12
06/01/10	National Grange	Dues- National Grange	1468	4,704.00
06/10/10	Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1469	316.56
06/10/10	Family & Community Services	Department Budgets	1470	315.00
06/10/10	Grange Services	Department Budgets	1471	70.00
06/10/10	Legislative	Department Budgets	1472	315.00
06/10/10	Trustees of Trust Funds	Department Budgets	1473	70.00
06/10/10	Youth/Junior	Department Budgets	1474	450.00
06/10/10	Publicist	Publicist	1475	50.00
06/16/10	Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1476	271.46
06/16/10	Donald F Whittum Law Office	Legal Fees	1477	115.16
06/16/10	Beth Merrill	Master's Expenses	1478	1,000.00
06/16/10	Carolyn Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1479	500.00
06/16/10	Gail Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	1480	500.00
06/16/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1481	32.30
06/16/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1482	90.65
06/18/10	National Grange	National Session Assess	1483	2,329.00
06/28/10	Gail Turcotte	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1484	65.82
06/28/10	Business Card	Supply Dpt/P-P-S	1485	196.32
06/28/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1486	11.12
06/30/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1487	120.00
07/06/10	Town & Country Motor Inn	State Session Deposit	1488	500.00
07/14/10	Beth Merrill	Lecturer's Gift	1489	10.00
07/14/10	NH State Grange Supply Account	Supply Department	1490	2.00
07/14/10	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	1491	53.00
07/14/10	Lavallee Oil Inc	State Grange Building	1492	1,782.66
07/19/10	Gilman Grange #1	Escrow Income	1493	878.41
07/19/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1494	32.25
07/19/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1495	144.45
07/21/10	Donald F Whittum Law Office	Legal Fees	1496	612.50

07/21/10	Orkin Pest Control	State Grange Building	1497	300.00
07/29/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1498	12.83
08/02/10	Business Card	Supply Dpt/P-P-S	1499	87.69
08/02/10	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1500	15.95
08/11/10	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1501	25.00
08/11/10	Donald F Whittum Law Office	Legal Fees	1502	342.66
08/11/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1503	120.00
08/13/10	Merrimack County Pomona #3	National Session Assess	1504	18.00
08/13/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1505	32.14
08/23/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1506	183.20
08/23/10	State of New Hampshire	Legal Fees	1507	25.00
08/30/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1508	13.29
08/30/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1509	120.00
08/30/10	Dept. of the Treasury	Legal Fees	1510	850.00
08/30/10	National Grange	Dues- National Grange	1511	4,635.00
09/02/10	Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1512	265.37
09/02/10	NH Farm & Forest Expo	Farm & Forest Expo	1513	345.00
09/06/10	Business Card	P/P/S, Sup Dpt, St Sess	1514	173.66
09/06/10	Donald F Whittum Law Office	Legal Fees	1515	52.50
09/06/10	Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1516	316.56
09/18/10	Beth Merrill	Master's Expenses	1517	1,000.00
09/18/10	Carolyn Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1518	500.00
09/18/10	Gail Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	1519	500.00
09/19/20	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1520	174.77
09/19/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1521	32.14
09/20/10	Donald R Ross	Deputies	1522	200.00
09/20/10	Arthur Merrill	Deputies	1523	200.00
09/20/10	Ida Hutchins	Deputies	1524	140.00
09/20/10	Dorothy Haskins	Deputies	1525	140.00
09/20/10	Anne Boisvert	Deputies	1526	100.00
09/20/10	Kathy Yardley	Deputies	1527	100.00
09/20/10	Neil MacDonald	Deputies	1528	100.00
09/20/10	Arlene Fall	Deputies	1529	100.00
09/20/10	Marylin Machia	Deputies	1530	75.00
09/20/10	Jerry Leclerc	Deputies	1531	90.00
09/20/10	Jane Trombi	Deputies	1532	90.00
09/20/10	Jean Abbott	Deputies	1533	90.00
09/20/10	Ralph Russell, Sr	Deputies	1534	75.00
09/20/10	Tricia Taylor	General Deputy	1535	150.00
09/26/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Bldg	1536	13.29
09/26/10	Gail Turcotte	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1537	52.92
09/30/10	Business Card	P/P/S, Sup Dpt, St Sess	1538	363.68
09/30/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1539	120.00
Total Expenses				68,500.45

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
TD WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

Operating Account

October 10, 2009	Balance	41,296.88
	Income	1,281.25
	Quarterly Income Paid	-1,116.83
	Realized Gain/Loss	1,248.49
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-997.77
	Closure Fee	-29.89
	Withdrawal	-41,682.13
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	0.00
Footnote:	<i>Fees were taken out of income prior to allocation of income</i>	
	Funds transferred to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
EDWARD JONES**

Operating Account

September 26, 2009	Balance	102,171.29
	Income	2,261.05
	Quarterly Income Paid	-3,424.49
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	3,383.68
	Fees Paid	-1,012.45
	Withdrawal	-103,379.08
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	0.00
Footnote:	Funds transferred to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**

Operating Account

September 14, 2010	Balance	0.00
	Transferred	146,798.62
	Earnings	22.91
	Fees paid	-239.70
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	2,954.28
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	149,536.11

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
TD WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

Defunct Granges

October 10, 2009	Balance	30,383.74
	Income	942.80
	Realized Gain/Loss	-1,495.69
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,680.16
	Closure Fee	-21.99
	Withdrawal	-31,489.02

September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	0.00
Footnote:	<i>Fees were taken out of income prior to allocation of income</i>	
	Funds transferred to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
Defunct Granges**

May 27, 2010	Deposit	1,552.88
	Interest	3.57
	Withdrawal	-1,556.45
September 30, 2010	Ending Balance	0.00
Footnote:	Funds transferred to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	

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

September 14, 2010	Balance	0.00
	Deposits	32,790.47
	Income	5.38
	Fees paid	-169.97
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	657.54
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	33,283.42

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
TD WEALTH MANAGEMENT
Escrow Accounts**

October 10, 2009	Balance	388,884.94
	Income	11,659.40
	Paid to Granges	-19,972.78
	Realized Gain/Loss	-8,225.73
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	10,454.70
	Closure Fees	-271.84
	Withdrawal	-386,601.71
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	0.00
Footnote:	<i>Fees were taken out of income prior to allocation of income</i>	
	Funds transferred to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	

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

September 14, 2010	Balance	105,161.53
	Transferred	386,601.71
	Income	176.11
	Fees Paid	-2,985.74

	Unrealized Gain/Loss	9,401.13
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	498,354.94

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
TD WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

Randall Richardson Memorial Youth Fund

October 10, 2009	Balance	20,493.18
	Income	514.81
	Realized Gain/Loss	-8.52
	Paid to Youth	-750.00
	Closure Fee	-11.97
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	108.98
	Withdrawal	-20,346.48
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	0.00
Footnote:	<i>Fees were taken out of income prior to allocation of income</i>	
	Funds transferred to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**

Randall Richardson Memorial Youth Fund

September 14, 2010	Balance	0.00
	Transferred	20,346.48
	Contributions	125.00
	Income	3.24
	Fees Paid	-12.45
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	409.87
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	20,872.14

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
TD WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

Education Loan Fund

October 10, 2009	Balance	114,296.59
	Income	3,515.33
	Realized Gain/Loss	-847.75
	Scholarships	-5,900.00
	Closure Fee	-84.82
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,684.86
	Withdrawal	-118,564.21
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	0.00
Footnote:	<i>Fees were taken out of income prior to allocation of income</i>	

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

September 14, 2010	Balance	0.00
	Transferred	118,564.21
	Income	18.92
	Fees Paid	-72.52
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	2,388.52
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	120,899.13

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
TD WEALTH MANAGEMENT
NH Grange Trust**

October 10, 2009	Balance	43,288.50
	Income	558.21
	Realized Gain/Loss	35.94
	Paid to Grangers	-679.30
	Fees Paid	-297.68
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	198.69
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	43,104.36
Footnote:	<i>Fees were taken out of income prior to allocation of income</i>	

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
TD WEALTH MANAGEMENT
NH Grange Trust- Blaisdell Fund**

October 10, 2009	Balance	10,230.15
	Income	120.53
	Realized Gain/Loss	70.89
	Fees Paid	-71.00
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	44.57
September 30, 2010	Ending Market Value	10,395.14
Footnote:	<i>Fees were taken out of income prior to allocation of income</i>	

**NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANGE TRUST
CHECKBOOK SUMMARY**

October 1, 2009	TD Banknorth Checking Account	229.14
Income	Donations	0.00
	Budget from State Grange	140.00
	Transfer from trust/aid to members	<u>1,079.30</u>
Total Income		1,219.30
Less	Aid paid to members	1,079.30
Expenses	State of NH- charitable filing fee	<u>75.00</u>
Total		-1,154.30

40- year seals- 6
45- year seals- 5

75- year certificates- 5
80- year letters- 3
85- year seals- 2

The Journal of Proceedings remains my undoing. It is just one of those things that always ends up taking a back seat. I do however want to sincerely thank Linda Neilson of Arlington Grange for doing the bulk of the work that it takes to produce the Journal of Proceedings. Having never been to one of our State Sessions it just amazes me what a professional job Linda does, especially without a whole lot of guidance from me.

This year I decided that I wanted to change the badges we use to gain admittance to meetings, as I had recently attended the North East Lecturer's Conference where they use the badges that hang around your neck. I do hope you will like not having to put holes in your clothes and trying to figure out how to get your name tag on straight. A very big Thank You to Marie Hall for printing the name tags so that we did not have to waste any more cards than was necessary.

A very special thank you to my Credentials Committee, this year again chaired by Patricia Izzo along with Lucia Savage. I now can just tell Pat and Lucia it's your committee to take care of and I never have to worry about what a great job they both will do in taking care of the credentials.

Many thanks to Marie Hall and Ken Berry for helping me to put the 2010 Rosters together back last December.

Thanks to our State Lecturer, Marie Hall for all the times she gets to listen to me vent. It helps to have a friend that will listen and when things get really out of hand, more than likely you can find us in Connecticut.

Another big thank you goes to my brother, Ken Berry as he gets to do my errands that I am unable to take care of during the day. Ken keeps learning how fussy I am about putting packets together in a professional looking fashion.

Now there is Donald, who gets to do all of the lugging and lifting of boxes and numerous trips up and down the cellar stairs in order for me to fill orders that have been requested by Secretaries. Occasionally the air gets a little blue in the house, as we do not always agree on certain subjects. Somehow it always works out in the end.

Last but not least I owe my biggest thank you to our State Treasurer, Gail Turcotte. Gail has always cheerfully and graciously answered all of my questions. Occasionally both Gail and I have those senior moments when neither of us can remember what we did or what we were supposed to do. I rely on Gail for her advice and someone who will listen to me when I am overwhelmed and whiny.

To the Pomona and Subordinate Secretaries- never be afraid to ask a question. If you call me, I will do my best to call you back in a timely fashion. Email is always good (I do read mine more than some others) and again I will respond to you just as soon as I can.

For those of you who have not heard yet, as of January 7, 2011, I will be retiring from my job at UNH. UNH is going through one of those buy outs for those of us that have been there too long (only 41 years for me). There is so much that I want and need to do in order to get the State Grange membership database up to date. The first job on my agenda will be to clean the State Secretary's office out with all the "stuff" that needs to be taken care of.

My wish for all is a healthy and prosperous 2011.

Fraternally, Carolyn J. Ross, NH State Grange Secretary

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Executive Committee Chairman Donald Ross gave his report as Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee. Donald also read the minutes of the August 12, 2010 Executive Committee meeting.

Report of the Executive Committee

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Fellow State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters:

The State Executive Committee had another busy year. We have met six times beginning November 27, 2009 to our last meeting on October 24, 2010.

Subordinate Granges continue to either close or consolidate in spite of our State Master, Beth Merrill's best efforts to keep them afloat. At least with consolidation our Golden Sheaf members will not lose their continuous years of membership.

The Patron's Plunge at last year's State Session yielded a fantastic return of \$2698.00 which greatly helped the State Grange checking account. We can only hope that this year's project – "Kiss the Pig" will be just as successful.

The State Grange Building in Hooksett continues to receive upgrades per orders from the Hooksett Fire Marshall. We have had to install emergency lights and exit signs. Recently it was brought to our attention that the State Grange Building has carpenter ants in the walls. Orkin Pest Control has been contracted to eradicate the pests.

The State Grange currently has charge of selling two Grange Halls (Contoocook and Starr King in Jefferson). The Starr King Grange Hall has been shown

several times to prospective buyers but with a soft real estate market it's a slow process as the prospective buyers all want something for nothing. On that note a local non-Grange resident, Peter Estabrooks continues to keep the Starr King lawn mowed at no cost to the State Grange. Peter has a great respect for our organization and feels that this is the least that he can do for the town of Jefferson.

The 501C-3 fund is still being formed and is nearing completion. It has been a very complex procedure to establish this fund. The committee that was set up to work out the details for the 501C-3 has spent many hours working and many hours on the road to get together for meetings. More details from the committee chairman will be heard later on in Session.

At our August 12, 2010 Executive Committee meeting, Rodney Huntoon of the Trustees of the Trust Funds brought to our attention the continued liability of loaning out durable medical equipment that we have stored at the State Grange Building. The State Grange Executive Committee made a recommendation to the Trustees of the Trust Funds, to discontinue loaning out any medical equipment because of liability issues and because much of the equipment is antiquated.

The State Grange continues to grapple with legal issues concerning our Subordinate Grange halls such as boundary disputes or Grange halls sitting on privately owned land including privately owned sources of water. At the turn of the century these sometimes loosely worded documents, although legal at the time can change dramatically when ownership of said parcels change hands.

Hannah West continues to do an excellent job at the Editor of the *Granite State Granger*. Hannah passes on numerous e-mails of importance to our members which enable those of us with electronic capabilities to know what's happening in the state.

Investment Firms: We have had a trial period from August 2009 to August 2010 to consider changing the State Grange invested funds. The firms we approached were: Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney (largest publically traded firm in the US), Edward Jones (largest privately owned firm in the US and TD Bank Wealth Management. All of the investment firms were all given the same parameters of investing and tolerance risk. TD Bank Wealth Management returned a yield of 4%; Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney and Edward Jones both returned a yield of 8%. Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney was chosen by the State Grange Executive Committee as our new investment firm as they offered more bookkeeping services that we needed at NO extra cost. I will say that it was a tough decision as both firms were excellent to deal with.

To our Worthy Master, Beth Merrill, we owe you many thanks of appreciation for all that you do for our order. Beth works tirelessly into the wee hours of the night

on numerous Grange matters. Beth is always constantly on the go, traveling far and wide across NH and also to our neighboring states. Beth is extremely tactful in her pearls of wisdom in her many letters to struggling Granges and so much writing regarding legal issues in our state. Although Beth is well versed in Grange law, she is not averse to seeking out a second opinion on a particular touchy subject or concern.

To our Worthy State Treasurer, Gail Turcotte, you as well work countless hours in dealing with the prospective investment firms and preparing our financial end of the year documents for our accounting firm. Gail works tirelessly in dealing with the IRS concerning the 990-N form and helping out Granges who need her expertise in dealing with the IRS and the State of NH with the Incorporation forms. In my travels across the state many a Patron has spoken to me in length about Gail's excellent sources of information for them concerning any financial questions they might have.

To our Worthy State Secretary, Carolyn Ross, she has spent numerous hours updating membership records, filling orders from Secretary's and answering questions in a timely manner thus keeping the lines of communication open. Carolyn continues to work very closely with our State Treasurer, Gail Turcotte on keeping the flow of dues money for deposit and sending approved bills to be paid to Gail so that they can be paid in a timely fashion. Since Gail gets bills as soon as possible, Gail is able to take advantage of any discounts that can be had. Carolyn also takes advantage of a Staples Rewards card and always tries to buy what she needs on SALE. Carolyn has been able to save the State Grange hundreds of dollars from the Supply Account (a Thrifty New Englander!).

I, of course owe many thanks to Carolyn for deciphering my handwriting in sending out my e-mails of correspondence to various State Officers and Department Heads. Carolyn's forte is the computer, while mine is the TELEPHONE. Carolyn's nickname for me is "Chatty Cathy", however the State Master, State Treasurer and others know that they can call me at any hour of the day or night for consultation or just simply to "vent".

In closing, I would like to say that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as the Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is comprised of members from all walks of life and is much diversified. However, we all work together as a team for the best interests of the Grange.

Respectfully submitted, Donald R. Ross, Chairman NH State Grange Executive Committee

Executive Committee Minutes

NH State Grange Executive Committee Minutes, October 31, 2009

Ashworth by the Sea, Hampton, NH

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 p.m. All members were present.

Chairman Don Ross welcomed Robert Haefner, newly elected on October 31, and Hannah West, re-elected on October 31, to the Board.

Donald Ross was re-elected as Chairman and Hannah West was elected as Secretary of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Each member signed two copies of the Conflict of Interest policy. State Secretary Carolyn Ross will keep a copy on file and each member will have a copy for his/her records.

State Treasurer reported that all members of the Trustees of Trust Funds have signed contracts with TD Wealth Management for the NH Grange Trust and the Blaisdell Fund, and the contracts have been returned to TD Wealth Management. These are new contracts for stand-alone mutual fund accounts, one contract for each trust fund account.

A letter was read from Golden Rod Grange stating that they would like to start receiving annual income from their escrow account in 2010. They also requested a disbursement of two thousand dollars from the escrow account to spend on bathrooms for their meeting hall. The request was voted upon favorably and their annual income money will be disbursed in April, 2010.

State Treasurer has heard from the financial advisors in charge of State Grange investments with suggestions for the State Grange written investment policy.

These suggestions will be discussed at our next meeting.

Next meeting will be Friday, November 27, at 7 p.m. in the State Grange Building. Department books will be audited at that time.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Hannah West, Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee

Minutes for November 27, 2009

State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

Present: Don Ross, Dan Bascom, Bob Haefner, Mark Collins, Beth Merrill, Gail Turcotte, Carolyn Ross, Jim Tetreault, Hannah West

Department books were audited before the meeting.

Members enjoyed a Turkey Pie supper prepared by Donald Ross.

Meeting called to order at 7:25 p.m.

State Secretary Carolyn Ross read a list of Granges not reporting or not bonded.

It was decided to send each Grange two rosters and one copy of the by-laws.

Additional copies may be downloaded from the State Grange website or purchased from the State Secretary.

On behalf of Rochester Grange Dan Bascom asked for permission from the State Executive Committee to allow the use of alcohol in their Grange Hall by the Episcopal Church, which rents it. Permission was granted on a temporary basis. A state by-laws change is necessary if alcohol will be used in the hall permanently.

It was moved by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to have a licensed electrician do the wiring of emergency lights and exit signs required by the

Hooksett Fire Marshall in the State Grange Building. The motion passed. Marty Boisvert will hire an electrician and submit the bill for the work to the State Secretary. Marty has already purchased the emergency lights and exit signs. State Treasurer Gail Turcotte reported that Grafton Star Grange has not filed with the IRS according to their Treasurer. Gail advised her to seek professional help and to file as soon as possible.

The new mutual funds for the State Grange Trust have been set up. The old accounts have been valued. Paperwork is still in progress.

A new Junior Director is coming on board soon. Bank accounts will need to be adjusted.

It was moved by Dan Bascom and seconded by Bob Haefner to assess Pomona Granges one dollar per subordinate Grange member for future national session's fund. The motion passed. State Secretary will bill the Pomona Secretaries. State Master will send a letter to the Pomona Masters. Beth reported that this is a five-year plan.

Minor changes were made in the wording of the NH State Grange Investment Policy.

Starr King Grange Hall is being aggressively marketed by the realtor, who hopes it will sell as soon as January, 2010. The contents of the hall need to be moved. Chris Hadsel should be contacted to look at the stage curtain and advise how to move it.

Fidelity Grange will vote to close on December 16, 2009. Wingold Grange will take the Fidelity members. All the paperwork has not yet been done. Dan Bascom and Don Ross will represent the State Grange on December 16.

Mark Collins will collect the roll book of Sullivan County Pomona.

The Pansy Rebekah Lodge will be charged \$25.00 per month to use their storeroom at the State Grange Building as they no longer meet regularly at the building.

Donald Ross brought up the topic of what should be done about Granges who are not holding meetings. No decision was reached.

The latest count for the proceeds of the Patron's Plunge was \$2,695. Fifty dollars of that was requested by the donor to go to the Dictionary Project. Forty-five dollars was earmarked for the National Master, and Beth has \$390 more for National Grange.

Jim Tetreault has the evaluation forms from State Session. They were passed round the room for members to glance at.

Beth Merrill gave an update on Granges:

Ashuelot – Date to close is December 4th. They will consolidate with Prentice Hill.

Charlestown – Gwen Yardley has gone to Charlestown Town Hall and brought home one load of Grange stuff. She will go back again for another load in the near future.

Contoocook – electricity has been turned off in their hall and they have been dispersing furniture and other items; will send info about realty listing to Don Ross or Hannah West

Londonderry – have held meetings; working on their building fund; applied for LChip funding and still waiting to hear; not sure when next meeting will be, but will let us know

Riverhill – changing officers in January; yard sale was a success; aware of bonding bill and working on figuring out how to pay quarterlies; goal to raise \$5000 to fix up kitchen downstairs

Warren Pond – second follow-up meeting had one or two people come. Now have a local contact to help get things going. He's working with Bob & Jane Trombi as they are members of WPG.

Wicwas Lake – latest attempt to follow up with them was postponed due to hospitalization of Master.

Jim Tetreault updated the project report form.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at State Grange Building.

Respectfully submitted, Hannah West, EC Secretary

NH State Grange EC Minutes

March 4, 2010

Present: Mark Collins, Carolyn Ross, Gail Turcotte, Don Ross, Jim Tetreault, Bob Haefner, Beth Merrill, Hannah West

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. in the State Grange Building. Minutes of Nov. 27 meeting and Conference Call were approved.

Question by Bob Haefner about how often income is received.

A. Invested fund income is paid quarterly. The State Grange does not have the use of all invested funds as some belong to individual Granges. Granges pay dues quarterly.

State Treasurer's issues:

State Treasurer gave Quarterly Income & Expenses Report, State Session Financial Report and Dues and Bonding Owed Report. She passed out an invested funds comparison sheet update. It was moved by Carolyn and seconded by Hannah to accept these reports.

Bonding and Dues: There needs to be policy on recovering dues and bonding arrears from Granges which have closed if they have any funds left after closing. There was considerable discussion about how to collect back dues from Granges who owe them. Mark, Carolyn, and Gail were appointed to come up with a Past Due notice which could be sent out by the State Secretary as a reminder. It was suggested that the notice be copied to the Deputy for that Grange.

TD Wealth Management has assigned a new portfolio manager for the NH State Grange. Her name is Maryse "Maggie" Pelletier and she works out of Manchester, NH.

State Treasurer has mailed a letter about renewal of incorporation to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange. It was also printed in the *Granite State Granger*. A copy is on file with these minutes.

The NH State Grange Trust Funds have approval from the NH Attorney General's office and historical dollar values have been set on the funds. They are now in business.

Sullivan County Pomona will send a check for the money in their treasury when their CD's come due. Sullivan County Pomona gave a check for the September Quarterly Dues when they closed. Members were reassigned to Merrimack County and Mascoma Valley Pomonas.

The Youth Department will be handling the funds for the Junior Department. Jaffrey Grange sent in a check for \$771.93 from their treasury. Since they are not officially closed, the money cannot be put in the Defunct Grange account and is currently in the general fund. It was decided to put the Jaffrey money in a CD at Federal Savings Bank for a period of 18 months with no penalty for early withdrawal.

It was decided to invite representatives from the investment firms to report briefly to the Executive Committee at the 6th month mark, which would be our next meeting.

State Secretary's issues:

The Saturday minutes of the NH State Grange Annual Session were approved with "whatever changes the State Master wants to make."

The State Secretary's quarterly report was accepted.

It was moved by Beth and seconded by Mark to distribute the 2009 Journal of Proceedings as we did the 2008 Journal, i.e. electronically with paper copies available from the State Secretary at a cost of \$7.00 each. The motion passed.

State Master's Issues:

Attorney Don Whittum is now in practice for himself. He is currently working on letters about Rockingham Grange business for which the State Grange will pay and a letter to the Jaffrey Town Attorney about Jaffrey Grange, and affidavits for Grafton Star Grange.

Beth reported on the National Master's Conference in Orlando. The Grange Trademark Defense Fund fell far short of expectations and continuing donations are needed.

A committee needs to be appointed to look into possible sale of the State Grange Building as was voted at the 2009 State Session.

Executive Committee Chairman's issues:

A prospective buyer is currently bidding on the Starr King Grange Building. Peter Estabrooks has offered to rent the building if it doesn't sell.

The State Grange Building Occupancy Permit has been renewed. The original copy of the fire retardant paint can label has been placed in the frame behind the permit. The Knox Box still needs to be attached.

Jim Tetreault went over the project sheet.

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 13; at 7:30 p.m. Don will schedule the financial advisors at half hour intervals to make their reports.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Hannah West, EC Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee Minutes for May 13, 2010

State Grange Building

Present: Jim Tetreault, Don Ross, Dan Bascom, Bob Haefner, Beth Merrill, Mark Collins, Gail Turcotte, Carolyn Ross, Hannah West

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Don Ross.

Maggie Pelletier from TD Bank was present to give an update on State Grange investments. She has been with TD Bank for 14 years and Citizens Bank for 10 years. She usually works with individuals and groups who have over a million dollars invested. She likes our spending and investment policies, although she feels that a return of 5% after inflation and fees is an aggressive goal. She had an Investment Objective Authorization Change Form, which Gail Turcotte and Don Ross signed as Treasurer and EC Chairman. They also signed the actual investment and spending policies. The next performance review will be six months from now.

Don and Gail had met with representatives of Edward Jones and Morgan, Stanley, Smith & Barney prior to this meeting. Grange funds at both firms show a higher rate of return than at TD Bank. For future planning Edward Jones does not offer sub-accounting. MSSB does offer sub-accounting service. A Comparison Sheet for the invested funds at all three institutions was handed out by Gail Turcotte.

Gail Turcotte presented the Treasurer's Report. Dues are not coming in as well as Gail had expected when she made budget plans. The money raised by the Patron's Plunge has kept the Grange going so far this year. It may be necessary to dip into principal soon. Mark Collins moved and Dan Bascom seconded a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Gail has been dealing with the Internal Revenue Service. She tried in January, 2009, to change the fiscal year for all Granges to October 1 - September 30. She received confirmation in March, 2009, that the change had been made, but apparently it hadn't. Gail was informed by the IRS Office in Ogden, Utah, that there is a Tax Payer Advocate Office in Portsmouth, NH, and she is now working with them. The State Grange has two tax ID numbers – one for departments and one for everything else. Gail has filed a report to the IRS for the number that applies to departments.

There was discussion of a website (www.grangehemppolicy.info) done by an Antrim Grange member which is not sanctioned by Antrim Grange or by the NH State Grange. It was moved by Mark Collins and seconded by Dan Bascom that "This Grange hemp policy website has not been officially approved by the NH State Grange." The motion passed. Don Ross will send a letter to the person responsible for the website with a copy to Beth Merrill as State Master and a copy to National Grange.

Bob Haefner described the work of the Pease Greeters and asked if helping them could be made an official State Grange project. This matter would need to be brought up at the annual State Session or taken on as part of the work of a State Grange committee.

Beth Merrill moved and Mark Collins seconded a motion to give \$250 of the money raised by the Patron's Plunge to the NH Dictionary Project to be spent on dictionaries for NH third graders. The motion passed.

The Town of Hooksett will be having a Farmers Market on Riverside Drive each Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. from July 14 into October. The road will be closed to traffic during Market hours. No one is currently using the State Grange Building on Wednesday afternoon or evening.

The question arose about supervision for Youth Rally, an overnight event. How many supervisory adults have been screened? Beth will speak to Chris Heath and Lynn Clark about this matter. It was moved by Bob Haefner and seconded by Mark Collins to authorize the Youth Director to provide a list of screened adults attending this event and to request that a brief training for this event be provided. The motion passed.

The bus trip to Washington, DC, has been cancelled. Refunds will be issued. The New Hampshire Grange Foundation is looking for suggestions of names for additional trustees.

Beth Merrill has appointed a committee with David Boynton as chair to study the feasibility of selling the State Grange Building. Ida Hutchins and Claire Gagne are also on the committee.

Dan Bascom moved and Bob Haefner seconded a motion to allow Marie Hall to use the spinet from the State Grange Building for Spotlight NH if there is no piano at Camp Spaulding. The motion passed.

It was moved by Dan Bascom and seconded by Hannah West to accept a contract with the Town & Country in Shelburne, NH, for the 2011 annual session. The motion passed.

Acton Fair in Maine is looking for participants from New Hampshire. Beth Merrill gave them the names of some contacts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Hannah West, EC Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee Minutes July 1, 2010

Meeting called to order at State Grange Building at 7:43 p.m.

Present: Jim Tetreault, Don Ross, Bob Haefner, Dan Bascom, Beth Merrill, Mark Collins, Carolyn Ross, Gail Turcotte, Hannah West

Budget for 2011

Treasurer will prepare a preliminary budget for discussion at August 12 meeting.

Funds held by Departments at end of year will pass to the next director.

New directors will receive half of the current budget at the beginning of their term.

They will be expected to keep books and have them ready for audit at the end of the year. They should also submit a budget for the ensuing year.

The Departments will remain the same.

Spring Fling will continue.

Add a budget line for "training." This will cover in-state training sessions and some costs for people attending training offered by National Grange.

By-laws addendum – What needs to be included? Gail Turcotte will work on this project with Rodney Huntoon and Hannah West as a committee.

Affordable insurance for Grange Halls: National Grange Mutual (NGM) seems to be the best possibility. Individual Granges will have to find a local agent who carries NGM.

Carolyn had a newspaper article about a supper for “Benefit of Grange” in a town which does not have a Grange but has a former Grange Hall for which the supper proceeds were intended. Beth will check with National Master to see what to do about this matter.

Arthur Merrill was elected to serve as the second NH delegate to National Grange Convention in November.

The Town of Hooksett will be holding a Farmer’s Market on Riverside Drive, the street where the State Grange Building is located. The Market will run on Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. from mid-July into October, and Riverside Drive will be closed to traffic during those hours. The vendor area may spill over onto State Grange Building property, depending on how many vendors there are. The Grange is welcome to participate in the Market if they wish. Products sold are to be locally grown or handmade. Questions were raised about insurance liability. Hannah West will follow up.

There is a contract with the Town and Country in Shelburne for the 2011 State Grange convention. State Secretary will sign it, and State Treasurer will send a check for the required deposit.

There are carpenter ants in the wall of the State Grange Building. It was moved by Mark Collins and seconded by Carolyn Ross to hire Orkin Pest Control to rid the State Grange Building of carpenter ants and other pests. The necessary money will come from the State Grange Building Fund. Motion passed.

Jim Tetreault reported that during his visit to the National Grange Building in Washington, DC at the time of its rededication he noticed in the Saunders Library a portrait of James Farmer, a National Lecturer from NH, which had no identifying nameplate. It was moved by Dan Bascom and seconded by Carolyn Ross to have Jim Tetreault ask the National Grange to have a nameplate made for the picture and send the bill to the NH State Grange. Motion passed.

Starr King Grange Hall – Beth Merrill and Christine Hadsel will go there on July 2 to remove the stage curtain. The curtain will be stored at Antrim Grange Hall with the hope that it will eventually go to the NE Grange Building at the Big E. The hall has not sold yet.

Jim Tetreault went over the project sheet.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Mark Collins. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on August 12th at the State Grange Building.

Respectfully submitted, Hannah West, EC Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee Minutes August 12, 2010

Present: State Master Beth Merrill, State Overseer James Tetreault, State Secretary Carolyn Ross, State Treasurer Gail Turcotte, Executive Committee Chairman Donald Ross, Executive Committee members Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, Daniel Bascom, and Hannah West.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Donald Ross at 7:30 p.m. in the State Grange Building.

Moved by Bob Haefner, seconded by Dan Bascom to accept the minutes of the July 1, 2010, meeting. Motion passed.

State Secretary Carolyn Ross presented her report for the quarter ending June 30, 2010. Moved by Dan Bascom, seconded by Mark Collins to accept the quarterly report. Motion passed.

State Treasurer Gail Turcotte gave a summary of how the invested funds have done during the past year. The Morgan Stanley Smith Barney account and the Edward Jones account have been earning about eight per cent. The TD account has been closer to four percent. Gail also presented information gleaned from questions to the financial advisors about sub-accounting and about how the many smaller accounts would be invested.

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney offers sub-accounting and will waive the fees for doing it. Edward Jones does not offer sub-accounting.

If the accounts are moved from TD Bank there will be closure fees.

It was moved by Bob Haefner and seconded by Mark Collins to select Morgan Stanley Smith Barney to manage the invested funds under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7 yes, 0 no) at 8:15 p.m.

The signatories (Beth Merrill, Gail Turcotte, and Donald Ross) will remain the same for now.

It was moved by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Haefner that funds that are controlled by the Executive Committee which do not have existing special rules should follow the same guidelines as the State Grange Operating Fund. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7 yes, 0 no) at 8:45 p.m.

A question was raised about Granges with escrow accounts. They have been receiving a five percent yearly income according to past spending policy. The next check they receive (April, 2011) will reflect the new spending policy of 3.5 percent, a lower figure. Will this lower figure be enough for those Granges, which count on the escrow check to meet some of their expenses? It was decided to have the State Treasurer write a letter to the Granges with escrow accounts informing them of the change in spending policy. If they do need additional funds they may request them, subject to the regulations set up in the by-laws.

State Grange Treasurer Gail Turcotte presented a proposed budget. It was decided to raise the budget line for donations to \$4,000 to give a goal to work toward.

Mark Collins moved and Carolyn Ross seconded a motion to accept the proposed budget as written with the one change to increase the line for donations to \$4,000 on the income section. The motion passed.

It was moved by Beth Merrill and seconded by Don Ross to re-elect Diane Collins to the Trustees of Trust Funds for three years. The motion passed.

Hannah West spoke about the Hooksett Farmer's Market to the agent from Eames Insurance, which carries the policy on the State Grange Building. The State Grange liability will cover claims for accidents, which might happen on the property that goes with the building.

The Northeast Connection is a group composed of the State Masters and Overseers in the seven states, which comprise the Northeast Region (New England States plus New York). They are currently meeting to plan the 2013 National Grange Session. It is customary for the State Master of the host state to be the Session's Director and for the State Treasurer of the host state to serve as Treasurer of the group. New Hampshire is the host state for 2013. That means that the NH State Grange tax ID number, Financial Policy, and the like would be impacted. A bank account needs to be established soon to handle assessment and fund-raising money and ten thousand dollars left over in Connecticut after the 2008 conference.

Mark Collins moved and Dan Bascom seconded that the NH State Grange take the responsibility for handling the money of the NE Connection for the 2013 National Grange Convention and authorize the forwarding of NH's investment/spending policies to the board of the NE Connection. The motion passed.

Bills for the 2013 session would be sent to the Session's Director who would forward them to the Treasurer for payment.

Beth Merrill distributed the schedule for the 2010 State Session in Keene for the EC to look over. There was considerable discussion about when to close the Silent Auction at State Session. No vote was taken, but the prevailing attitude was to leave it up, if space allows, until the Banquet in hopes of attracting more bidders.

A report of the Grange Foundation sent by Jean Abbott was read aloud by EC Chairman Donald Ross. No mention was made of a Tax ID number. Bob Haefner stated that he is now on the Foundation Board of Directors, which currently consists of six Grange members and five non-Grange members. Recent additions on the non-Grange side include NH Commission of Agriculture Lorraine Merrill, Gail McWilliam-Jelley, and John Porter – all of whom are important figures on the NH agricultural scene.

Gail Turcotte feels that a majority of Grange members on the Foundation Board would best serve Grange interests. The Foundation Board feels that individuals representing a broader spectrum of interests would help with fund raising. It was also mentioned that, if Grange interests are prominent in the by-laws and mission statement, then the Board is pledged to protect such interests.

Illegal Hemp Website- Don Ross has sent a letter to the member involved saying that the site was illegal and requesting her to take it down. She has ignored the request. Don will send another, more specific letter.

A question was brought from Rodney Huntoon of the Trustees of Trust Funds concerning possible liability from lending out durable medical equipment. The durable medical equipment loaned by the NH State Grange is the responsibility of the Trustees of Trust Funds rather than the Grange Services Committee. The equipment is not necessarily in good working order or in sanitary condition, and the Grange is really not equipped to evaluate it or to repair it.

It was moved by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Haefner to make a recommendation to the Trustees of Trust Funds that the Grange should

discontinue loaning durable medical equipment because of liability and lack of means for proper oversight. The motion passed.

Individual Grange Matters-

Hannah West gave a report on the visit of a GRIT team to Lake Shore Grange on August 9.

Wicwas Lake had a public meeting on August 9. After a desperation article in the local paper, 38 people showed up and 15 filled out applications. They were mainly folks who had attended events in the hall and were interested to see it remain in the community as a place to hold functions.

The charter application for Croydon Grange has been submitted to National Grange.

Beth and Arthur Merrill went to Starr King Grange Hall and removed the stage curtain and two "ears." The other two ears were too badly damaged to be of use. The curtain is currently stored at Antrim Grange Hall. It probably will not be suitable for the NE Grange Building at the Big E because it is too long for the back of the stage and not wide enough for the front.

Sullivan County Pomona – It was moved by Carolyn Ross and seconded by Beth Merrill to give \$200 each to Merrimack County Pomona and Mascoma Valley Pomona from the funds of Sullivan County Pomona to help defray dues costs for the transferred members. The rest of the money is to be placed in a defunct Grange account. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 24, at 1 p.m. in conjunction with the State Officers Sixth Degree rehearsal. Books of the State Secretary and Treasurer, the Trustees of Trust Funds, and the Educational Loan Fund need to be audited at that meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Hannah West, Executive Committee Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee Minutes October 24, 2010

Present: Donald Ross, James Tetreault, Beth Merrill, Carolyn Ross, Gail Turcotte, Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, Daniel Bascom and Hannah West. Meeting at the State Grange Building was called to order by Chairman Donald Ross at 4:04 p.m.

Prior to the meeting the State Secretary's and Treasurer's books were audited as well as the Trustees of the Trust Funds and the Education Loan Fund books. The minutes of the August 12 meeting were approved.

A resolution from Rhode Island about the display of Junior Grange items at the New England Grange Building during the Big E was discussed. It was felt that the matter should be handled by the New England Grange Building Trustees. The resolution will be given to the NH Trustees of the New England Grange Building to bring up at the next meeting of the NEGB Trustees.

Dan Bascom inquired if individual Granges could open an escrow account with the State Grange for their particular Grange investments. The matter was discussed but no answer was reached. Some concerns raised were: Should Granges be charged a fee for the paperwork involved? Should there be a

minimum amount required to open an account? What about rules for withdrawing the money?

Jim Tetreault passed out a list of the priorities he would like the State Grange to follow if he is elected State Master. Beth Merrill questioned how these priorities would fit in with the National Grange priorities, which the NH State Grange has adopted. Jim would also like to see a Grange Growth Team for Pomonas. He plans to appoint Stephen Tracy as an Organizing Deputy. If Stephen were to spend time in an area trying to organize or revitalize a Grange, Grangers there would have to feed and house him as their contribution to his efforts on their behalf.

The Quarterly Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were accepted.

Treasurer Gail Turcotte reported that the Trust Fund annual report to the Attorney General's office has been filed. The 990-N electronic report for the Department's TID has been filed with the IRS. Gail has also submitted the required material for preparing the IRS paper return to the accountants.

The proposed budget for 2010-2011 was presented and discussed. It was moved by Carolyn Ross and seconded by Dan Bascom that the budget be presented to the delegate body at State Session with the amount under fund raising changed to \$4,000. The motion passed.

Beth Merrill suggested that NH update its Membership Benefits information. National Grange has already done this and put out a brochure. NH could add their benefits to the National list.

There will be a brief meeting of the Executive Committee at State Session to elect new officers.

Members will meet on Friday, November 26, for a 5 p.m. supper, auditing of the department books and a business meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Hannah West, EC Secretary

**NH State Grange Executive Committee
Minutes
October 31, 2010**

The NH State Grange Executive Committee met briefly following the installation of officers at the Winchester Town Hall. The first order of business was the election of a chairman for the committee. The names of Don Ross and Wilber Heath were suggested. Paper ballots were cast and the two non-voting members tallied the results. Wilber Heath was elected chairman for the coming year. Suggestions were made for secretary and Beth Merrill received the majority votes and will serve as secretary for the coming year.

Jim announced he was forming a finance committee. The committee would be Gail Turcotte, Treasurer, Don Ross and Beth Merrill as they are all three the present signatories for the invested funds. It was noted that the financial advisors prefer continuity and that Beth will continue to be involved through the Northeast Connection if or when they decide to accept our financial services offer. It was also agreed that as Don Ross had been working on the sale of Starr King Grange Hall, he shall continue to handle that action on behalf of the Executive

Committee. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at the NH State Grange building on November 18, 2010 at 7:30PM. The Chairman will send out notices and request agenda items be sent to him prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Merrill, Secretary NH State Grange Executive Committee

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master Beth Merrill called a brief recess at 9:55 AM.

State Master Beth Merrill called the Grange back to order at 10:15 AM.

State Lecturer Marie Hall was called upon to give her report.

Lecturer's Report

Worthy Master, National Delegates, Pink Sash members, Delegates, Patrons all, the NH State Grange has been very busy this year. On January 6, 2010 the Northeast Leader's Conference was held in Brattleboro Vt. I believe that in order to go to this event one should make sure they carry a shovel in their car as it never fails that at some point in time it will snow. It was the first time in history that the Lecturer's did not have to go back into a break out meeting after the banquet as they were finished with their planning of the Lecturer's Conference before the banquet.

On January 13, 2010 the Lecturer's Committee met at Hooksett Grange and went over the upcoming year's program.

Bowling was held on March 14, 2010 in Manchester at Lakeside Lanes.

Registration began at 11:00 a.m. and bowling commenced at 12:05 p.m. Sixty-three bowled that day with the following results:

MEN'S A	Name	Score	Name	Score	Team A	Score
	1st David Hewes	102	David Hewes	291	Halloween	1st 1186
	2nd Chris Heath	101	Chris Heath	282	TEAM B	
MEN'S B	1st Ben Russell	108	Ben Russell	284	Henry Wilson	1st 1296
	2nd Jon Russell	98	Andrew Savage	277		
MEN'S C	1st John Doves	100	Matt Clark	283	TEAM C	2nd
	2nd Matt Clark	96	Lawrence Brandt	256		
MEN'S D	1st Decatur	100	Forrest Decatur	235	Rochester	1st 1198
	2nd Matt Haefner	82	Patrick Bailey	205	Wingold	2nd 1163
WOMEN'S A	1st Mary Doves	93	Mary Doves	267	TEAM D	
	2nd Dianne Hoitt	88	Dianne Hoitt	261	Hudson	1st 955
WOMEN'S B	1st Judy Bailey	96	Judy Bailey	255		
	2nd Ruth Pelton	91	Sarah Russell	247		
WOMEN'S C	1st Stacey Seymour	95	Jennifer Bailey	244		
	2nd Joan Garland	94	Stacey Seymour	243		
WOMEN'S D	1st Beth Merrill	99	Beth Merrill	233		

2nd	Jane Heath	81	Laura Gotauco	209
			Marion	
		2nd	Woodworth	209

Vermont/NH Night was held on May 8th in Surry at Prentice Hill Grange. A wonderful supper was enjoyed by those who attended which preceded an enjoyable program presented by Vermont Lecturer Lester Gibbs. NH proudly won back the banner for the first time in years.

Maine/NH Night was held on May 15th in Locke Mill Maine. For those that ventured to this region a good time was had by all. Maine had the highest number of attendees. These two events are held each year as a way to extend our Grange family to the states that border NH on each side. If you have never attended one of these events you want to consider trying one. I believe that once you do then you will want to continue to go.

Spot Light NH was held on Saturday, June 5, 2010 in conjunction with the Youth sign-a-song and public speaking contest. I wish that more would take the opportunity to participate. We had only one contestant this year and I am very proud of the job this contestant did both at the State level and particularly at the Regional level. Lynn Clark sang Daddy's Hands and had the tough job of being the first performer on stage at the regional conference. GREAT JOB LYNN. I know you will do a fabulous job at National.

I would like to thank all those Granges that have donated monies to the Talent Fund. Because of you, Lynn was able to attend the North East Lecturer's Conference and will be attending National Grange in November.

A successful Lecturer's Conference was held in Randolph Center, Vermont at the Technical College. We took a vacation to Alaska this year and thanks to Yvonne Crocker, Dot Haskins, Laura Ward, Carolyn Ross, Kenneth Berry, Lynn Clark, Beth Merrill and Davi Penny we were able to put the other State Lecturers and the National Reps through their paces and present to all a fun program. It was great to have new faces and youth represented at our conference and take part in putting on the program. Thanks again for all those that did attend. I could not do it alone.

This conference is open to every Grange member, not only Lecturers. I strongly urge those who have not attended to try it. I cannot express enough about the fellowship, fun, education, idea exchanges, sharing, laughter, and inspiration that each individual who attends brings home. It is my hope that those who attended can bring home and share with their Granges some of the enthusiasm they experienced, and we can spread it across the State. Hope to see you next year in Massachusetts.

Many of you have already been looking at the photos, cards and art work that are out in the display room. The following is a list of winners:

CLASS I: TRADITIONAL		PHOTO CONTEST:	
		CLASS II: DIGITAL/DIGITALLY ENHANCED	
	My Friend/My Companion (Human)	A.	My Friend/My Companion (Animals)
1 st	Beth Merrill – Antrim Grange	1 st	Bonnie Lampman –Rockingham Grange
2 nd	Judith McNally – Hampton Falls Grange	2 nd	Mary Tyler- Winthrop Grange
3 rd	Annie Rice – Wattannick Grange	3 rd	April Farewell- Mont Calm Grange
	B. My Friend/My Companion (Animals)		B. My Friend/My Companion (Animals)

1st James Jacobs – Rochester Grange
2nd Annie Rice – Wattannick Grange

C. Any Body of Water

1st Judith McNally – Hampton Falls Grange
2nd Gail Turcotte – Rochester Grange
3rd Annie Rice – Wattannick Grange

1st Peggy Morgan –Rockingham Grange
2nd April Farewell- Mont Calm Grange
3rd Bonnie Lampman-Rockingham Grange

C. Any Body of Water

1st Elizabeth Congdon-Walpole
2nd Shelley Huntoon – Pineconia
3rd Marie Paoletta-Walpole

CREATIVE CARDS:

CATEGORY I – Hand Stamped or Hand Drawn CATEGORY II – Computer Generated

A. Thank You
1st Gail Turcotte – Rochester Grange
2nd Marion Woodworth – Rochester Grange

B. Invitation
1st Marion Woodworth – Rochester Grange
2nd

C. Get Well
1st Gail Turcotte – Rochester Grange
2nd Marion Woodworth – Rochester Grange
3rd Elizabeth Congdon – Walpole Grange

CATEGORY III - Hand Decorated (Lace, Cross Stitch, Photo, Stickers, Etc.)

A. Thank You
1st Marion Woodworth – Rochester Grange

2nd Gail Turcotte – Rochester Grange

A. Invitation
1st Marion Woodworth – Rochester Grange
2nd Gail Turcotte – Rochester Grange

ART CONTEST:

A. Oils & Acrylics
1st Ruth Pelton – Hampton Falls Grange
2nd Gail Turcotte – Rochester Grange

B. Watercolors – No Entrees

C. Charcoal, Pastels & Pencil
1st Roberta Sliva – Hampton Falls Grange
2nd Jessie Bailey – Rochester Grange
3rd Elizabeth Congdon – Walpole Grange

D. Multi media
1st Marion Woodworth – Rochester Grange

A. Thank You
1st Mary Tyler- Winthrop
2nd

B. Invitation
1st Mary Tyler- Winthrop
2nd Beth Merrill –Antrim

C. Get Well
1st Mary Tyler – Winthrop

C. Get Well
1st Marion Woodworth- Rochester
2nd Gail Turcotte- Rochester
3rd Annie Rice – Wattannick

Junior Level – Although at this time there is no formal Junior Grange there has been attendance at and participation in many of the programs. The above contests were opened to any who wished to participate.

Oils & Acrylics – 1st place – PJ Clark (Age 12)

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST:

POETRY – My Favorite Holiday

- 1ST Annie Rice – Wattannick Grange
2nd Janet L. Sherrod – Hampton Falls Grange

- II. TELL THE STORY My
Favorite Place to be
1st Beth Merrill – Antrim
2nd Lucy Woodes –
Hampton Falls
3rd Mary Tyler – Winthrop
3rd Pamela Kimball Meriden

III READ THE BOOK

- 1st Against Medical Advice by James Patterson – Mary Tyler – Winthrop

This year I received two Lecturers' Report Booklets – Please stop by the table and see these. You will find they are an excellent way of promoting your Grange and recording ALL the hard work that your Grange does and the goals that your Grange has achieved.

1st Place – Blow-Me-Down Grange- Mildred Ingrem

2nd Place – Watatic Grange – Sherrill Bokousky

Please stop by my display table to view ALL of the entries into our contests.

State Community Citizen Award was given to Lynnette Johnson submitted by Walpole Grange.

State Community Service Award was given to Jo Anne Schottler of Pease Greeters submitted by East Rockingham Pomona Grange.

Much has been accomplished through the Lecturer's program this year and I am proud of all who have participated. It's important to think of what goal or goals you would like to see achieved in your Grange this year. The new packets of information for next year are at the Lecturer's Display table and must be signed out by your Grange's Delegate. Please pass the information on to your Grange members so that all who desire may participate in the program that is provided. If the program is left on a shelf in the envelope never to see daylight than you have been remiss in your duties. Activity is the key to success; it creates growth in all areas of life, spiritually, physically, and mentally.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped me this year and over the last four years. Every Grange member in the State of NH has been a great asset for me. I wish to express thanks to Carolyn Ross for all the help she has been, for being there to bounce ideas off of whenever necessary or to just talk with when I was frustrated. My Pomona area has also supported me in every endeavor I have attempted and people all over the State have given their support as well.

I would like to thank all the Grangers of the State of New Hampshire for allowing me to serve as your State Lecturer for the last four years. I have enjoyed the

position and I hope that I have been able to fire-up as many people as possible to participate in the Grange and to encourage those who have never tried to be a Lecturer to do so and to not be afraid of the position. If you will at least try you will find that the rewards far outweigh any fear you may have.
Fraternally Submitted, Marie E. Hall, Lecturer, NH State Grange

The Report was accepted and was ordered printed in the Journal.

State Legislative Chairman, Jim Tetreault was called upon to give his report.

2010 Legislative Department Report

Worth Master, Honored Guests and Brother and Sister Patrons:

It gives me great pleasure to deliver my final report as Legislative Director of the New Hampshire State Grange. I have been your Legislative Director for 10 years, and have enjoyed every moment of the job.

Rather than give just an update of what we did during the last year, I want to share with you what I consider some of our accomplishments over the past 10 years.

- We have established contact with our Congressional Representatives in Washington DC bringing the Grange position to them and letting them know how Grange members feel about different issues concerning our State and Country. Some of the tools we have employed are our own Legislative Policy booklet, the National Grange “Blue Print for Rural America”, and participation in the Legislative Fly-In on a yearly basis hosted by the National Grange
- We have consolidated our positions into a “New Hampshire State Grange Legislative Policy booklet” which can be found on our State Grange website
- We have worked in coalition with other organizations such as the Farm Bureau on important issues like the value of having a Commissioner of Agriculture in the State of New Hampshire; we have worked with the other Northeast State Granges on the Northeast Dairy compact.
- We have established an awards program recognizing outstanding members of the NH House and Senate and established an Award in Memory of Longtime State Senator from Keene, Clesson “Junie” Blaisdell in recognition of outstanding service to the citizens of NH. We also established an award in memory of Robert “Bob” Bodwell for Granges and Grange members who excel in the legislative field.
- We have also re-established a lobbying program in Concord, lobbying the Legislature on issues that are once again important to us. One of the comments we heard was that it was great that the Grange was active in Concord again.
- We have worked with other State Granges in the region to build corresponding policies so when we are in DC we work together, we have the ability to tag team and let Members of Congress know that the

members of the Grange in NH believe in this as well as the member of the Granges in the other states.

- We also hosted two Legislative Fly-Ins here in NH focused on the NH Primary. Participants had the opportunity to participate in an educational portion of the program, and then volunteer on an actual Presidential campaign, and share the experience. We have had people come all the way from Ohio. Ask Lisa Tharpe from Ohio how cold it can really be when you can toss your cup of coffee in the air and the coffee freezes.

We as an organization have had some great successes; I don't believe that the Grange is just a social organization. We are an organization that stands for important issues and we have to be willing to use that authority that comes from the Grassroots and the delegate body of this State Grange. I want to thank you all for your support over the last 10 years. In closing I want to remember some of my past committee members who have passed away my dear friends Bob Bodwell, and George Everard both of these men served with me during most my of tenure as your Legislative Director. I also want to thank Barbara Frangione and Dee Joslyn who are past members of the committee and served the State Grange long and faithfully.

I also want to thank my legislative mentor, Past National Grange Legislative Director Leroy Watson, who encouraged me, taught me, and is a close friend whom I admire, respect and appreciate.

I also want to thank Past State Masters, Dan Bascom, John West and our current State Master Beth Merrill for having placed their confidence in me to serve as your Legislative Director.

Fraternally, James M. Tetreault, Legislative Director NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Membership Chairman Stephen Tracy was called upon to give his report.

The report was given verbally and accepted, see page 124 for the report.

State Historian Richard Patten was called upon to give his report.

State Historian Report 2010

Worthy State Master, State Officers, Honored Guests, and Patrons all:

It is a pleasure to present my report as your State Historian. It is amazing that time after time when I pick up a State Grange Journal, I find bits and pieces of information that shows this organization being so remarkable. What a force this organization was through the years!

We think that Grange members would never become involved in this or that, but we did. This year has been a busy year as your State Historian. I have been pleased to help several individuals who were looking for information about former

Granges that have closed. One gentleman was from the Orford area who was trying to find information about Mt. Cube Grange. Another gentleman was looking for information about the Rural Electrification Committee, which was a Standing Committee in the State Grange during the 1930's to mid1940's. He came to my home to read the Journals and make copies of reports made by the committee.

I had the pleasure of helping a gentleman find information about his relatives who belonged to Highland Lake Grange in East Andover. This was a case with another individual who held the office of Master for Colebrook Grange. This person wondered how many Granges there were in Colebrook at one time.

Then I had another young man who is a student at the University of New Hampshire in Manchester. He came to my home several times to read the sessions of the State Grange in the early 1920's to 1930's. He had been to the State Library and asked if he could do some more research. He told me he would send me a copy of his report when completed. To date, I haven't seen it but I do have his name and will follow up at some point.

I was pleased when our State Membership Director asked me to research Croydon Grange. After much research, I found that this Grange lasted two years before it closed. He also recently asked me for information about any Grange in Grantham. The only Grange I could find in Grantham was Blue Mountain Grange. This unit also closed during the mid1970's. I am always very happy when asked to do research on a particular unit or town having a Grange.

I have continued to update a new version of our State Grange history. However, I also started a new version focusing on my recollections when I joined as a child in 1957 in the Juvenile Grange until it closed two years later. I then resumed by becoming a member at 14 years of age in 1966. I tentatively titled this one, "Seeing the Grange through the eyes of a baby boomer" talking about the history from the time I joined until now. Remembering the old days from the visits of the Deputy for Instruction and Inspection, or reliving the days of Youth Nights or other specialty nights that we no longer celebrate. I also hope to interview members whom I met during those years or those who have since left the Grange.

I am also compiling a history for Pineconia Grange who will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in a few years. I would be very happy to assist any Grange regardless if it is a Junior, Subordinate, or Pomona Grange to write their history and help get it printed. I enjoy hearing people say they never knew that Grange did so much in their community.

Once again, the Great Master of the universe rapped his gavel and called many members of our great organization to his Grange Above. I wonder if they realized how much history they were writing for their organization while they were here.

Some members were never appointed to serve on the State or National Grange level; mostly they contributed their time and talents to their home Grange. In addition, they were there for their brothers and sisters in good and bad times despite personal differences. They wanted to show the community this was an organization that it was an honor to be called a member of.

This year we said a sad farewell to a few of those dedicated Patrons: George Everard, a gentle giant whose deep voice could be heard at many meetings. He served on the State Legislative Committee, as well as an active member of Somersworth Grange. He and his wife, Fran knew how important family was. They supported their children and grandchildren as much as possible. George was a member of other organizations as well.

Unless you lived in Concord or attended Bow Grange in the late 60's to early 70's, you probably didn't meet Edwin Grenier. However, he was the husband of Past Master Phyllis Grenier, whose children were active members. Ed and Phyllis, along with her late sister Louise Chapman provided many rides for the youth of Bow Grange to participate in degree team rehearsals or other youth events. Ed worked for John L. Saturley at Concord Lumber, but made time to get his kids to Grange functions.

Dorothy Harper left us this summer to join her many friends and her late husband Harold in the Great Grange Above. Dorothy was a quiet lady, but if she had an opinion you could be sure to hear it. She remembered the Grange of old marching on the floor when she and Harold were Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward for Degree Teams and assisted Barbara Briggs on the Installation Team. She and Harold would always square those corners when they were marching in degree work. I will never forget the teddy bears she collected when I was State Lecturer and we had the teddy bear march. I am sure she and Harold, along with Barbara Briggs are planning Grange events in the Great Grange Above.

Dorothy Noyes served on the State Youth Committee in the 1970's and 1980'. She and her husband Albert (known as Snooks by many) were honored as the Grange Young Couple of the Year. They belonged to different Subordinate Granges.

Ruth Bassingwaite was a lady who could provide comic relief to any place she traveled to. She held her regular membership in Massachusetts, but became an affiliate member in Jaffrey Grange. She could be counted on to do skits not only in Jaffrey Grange but at New England Lecturer's Conference.

Lila Heath was another Granger who served as secretary for Lower Intervale Grange for many years. She also assisted the late Marjorie Hayes with Lower Intervale Junior Grange helping boys and girls to attend state meetings or Junior Grange camp.

Jacqueline Jennings was a member of Hooksett Grange who didn't attend many meetings but she was a driving force for the senior citizens in the Concord area. She was constantly serving on committees or speaking out on issues facing our elder citizens.

I could continue on as I look at the list of departed members this year. Each of them has their own stories they could share with us. It is important to remember how you would like to be remembered when your days are complete on earth and it's time to join the Great Grange Above.

As I bring my report to a close, I would like to thank our State Master for the honor of serving as State Historian. It is a position that I enjoy very much and I look forward to completing my writings. I would like to wish everyone a very happy and successful 2011.

Fraternally, Dick Patten, State Historian

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

The State Master was called upon to give her Master's Address.

MASTER'S ADDRESS

Distinguished Guests, Officers of the NH State Grange, Delegates and Patrons: It is with pleasure that I present to you now my fourth and final Master's Address.

Travelogue

I'd like to open my Address with a quick travelogue and highlights from the past year while serving as your State Master and Lady Assistant Steward of the National Grange. I wrote details about these in my columns in the *Granite State Granger*, so I won't elaborate here, but would just like to highlight my attendance at the following events for the record:

National Convention in Grand Rapids, MI; Northeast Leaders' Conference in VT; Farm & Forest Expo; Winter Youth Rally; State Masters' Conference in Ocala, FL; Bowling Tournament; National Master's Media Tour meeting; Spring Fling Grange Month Kickoff; the Great Lakes Lecturer's Conference in IN; three meetings of the Grange Building Trustees, five meetings of the Northeast Connection; June Youth Rally, National Grange Building's 50th Anniversary Rededication festivities; Northeast Youth Conference; annual meeting of the NH Grange Foundation; Northeast Lecturer's Conference; the Big "E" Grange building volunteer (7 days); seven Executive Committee meetings, National Rep to the Vermont State Grange; visited at Connecticut State Grange Session, West Thornton's Awards Night, Pembroke's 125th anniversary, Wicwas Lake Grange Obligation ceremony on 18 new members, informational meetings for Croydon and Claremont Granges, Home Ec. Night at Hampton Falls, several

Peterborough Grange meetings and programs, two Degree Days, VT/NH Night, ME/NH Night, several TeamSpeak conferences, Sunapee Lake Grange, two Deputy Schools, Baker's River State Officer's Night, Cheshire County Pomona, and Merrimack County Pomona.

2009 National Grange

What a blast we had in Grand Rapids at the 143rd Annual Convention of the National Grange. About 15 NH Grangers attended at least a portion of the convention, including talent winner, Mary West of Chichester Grange, sign-a-song contestants, Chris Heath of Centennial Grange and Allissa Estes of Somersworth Grange. Allissa also served as NH's Youth Ambassador, and Matt and Lynn Clark were the Young Couple. They all did New Hampshire proud! My husband, Arthur Merrill, served as Chairman of the Grange Law Committee, the duties of which kept him very busy and happy during the session. I enjoyed the duties of the Lady Assistant Steward and also served as Attendant #1 for the Seventh Degree, and shared the stage with Dan Bascom, Priest Archon, and Arthur Merrill, Priest Conductor.

National Grange 2013

Plans for the 2013 National Grange Convention, which will be held at the Radisson Hotel and Center of NH in Manchester, are moving forward. The Northeast Connection has elected me to serve as Session Coordinator, and I have gladly and enthusiastically accepted the challenge of this opportunity, although be it with a bit of trepidation. We will want to show off the admirable qualities of our state and our people and make a memorable convention for everyone - just in case it's another 100 years before National Grange convention comes to our state again. Much work lies before us, but I have no doubt that the NH State Grange will work together in bold and creative ways like it always does whenever a new opportunity is presented. Congratulations to Hannah West and Kathy Yardley for having their submissions for the convention theme and logo, respectively, chosen to be used to promote the convention. We will be finalizing the logo design in cooperation with the National Grange Communications Department sometime this winter.

To date, our State Grange has made two annual payments to the National Grange's Convention Assessment Fund. Each State Grange is being assessed \$1 per member per year for a total of five years. This money is being used to create a permanent fund within the National Grange Foundation, the income of which will be used to pay the portion of convention expenses that the National Grange absorbs. The State Grange Executive Committee has asked the Pomona Granges if they will assist in collecting/raising these funds as a service to their district's Granges. Some Pomonas have worked very cooperatively in this endeavor, while others have opted to allow the Subordinate Granges to handle it themselves. Regardless of how it's done, our Executive Committee is grateful for the financial support when reimbursing the State Grange for this expense. Having said that, I must alert you that another, separate assessment will be placed on the State Grange by the Northeast Region for the coming three years.

Fifty cents per member, per year of each of the seven regional State Granges, is being requested by the Northeast Connection in order to accumulate the funds needed to cover the estimated \$31,000 of expenses that are the responsibility of the host region. The Executive Committee has not yet addressed how this money will be raised by the State Grange, so your helpful comments will be welcomed by them, I'm sure.

Incidentally, the regional board has elected the Treasurer of the host State Grange to serve as the Treasurer for the regional board until and through the 2013 session, so keep that in mind when you are electing officers later today. The duties of our State Treasurer, for the next three years, will be expanded beyond the confines of our own State Grange treasury.

National Grange Name Protection Issue

Since 2008 there have been in excess of 24 separate major issues which required attorney action to defend our trademarked Grange name. Most of these have been successfully resolved, some by our challengers ceasing legal action and acknowledging our ownership of the Grange name and others with a license to use the Grange trademark being granted by the National Grange. National Grange has made many cuts and implemented cost saving actions while not eliminating basic services to our Granges and members. When a way to reduce costs without reducing quality has been found, they have done it. Earlier this year, the law firm that has been handling our legal efforts to protect the Grange name assured us that we are approaching the end of the current struggles and after we win this series of battles we will finally be back to a relatively low-cost maintenance mode within the budget. However the negative side of his assurance was that it might take up to another 18 months to reach the finish line and he estimated legal costs of at least \$150,000 during that period. The Executive Committee also met with National Grange Legislative Director Leroy Watson, who is coordinating the staff and volunteer efforts to better manage and control our trademark protection costs. Brother Watson's written report to the Committee showed that since implementing new cost containment strategies earlier this year; our monthly legal bill for April was 30% less than our bill for January. Brother Leroy Watson noted in a written report to the National Grange Executive Committee this year that we are probably at or near the limit of cost savings that the many strategies introduced by the National Grange staff thus far.

However, even with our 15% courtesy discount and our aggressive cost containment strategies, our estimated legal costs for trademark protection are projected to be the largest single monthly expenditures for the National Grange, outside of payroll and building maintenance, for the remainder of this year. They are working on ideas to try to get additional revenue generated, some of which will take place at the National Grange Convention next month.

All Granges should understand that **they** are the ones who use the Grange trademarks in a commercial manner. They raise money to support their halls, community service projects, educational efforts, and legislative programs. Due to

the information gathered during the Tyson Foods portion of the name protection fight, we know that a minimum of 7 to 8 million dollars are generated annually to benefit the projects and activities of the nation's Community Granges just from food related fund-raisers.

National Grange has expended its operating reserve and no longer has the resources to carry this fight without generating new or additional revenue. It cannot be assumed that the best case scenario is what will happen this year and that name protection efforts will not continue to disrupt the budget into 2011.

For those of you who attended the meeting with the National Master in the spring, you have a good idea of what the situation is, as Brother Luttrell explained all this, and more, in great detail and he answered each and every question posed by the audience that night.

Granges and members across the country donated over \$67,000 during the last two years for name protection. The reality is that most Granges have not donated anything. Your National Grange Executive Committee does not want to cut any basic services or concede this fight to those who would use our Grange name for their own commercial profit and then potentially harass local Granges with legal challenges for selling products under the Grange name - but they need our help. A donation or a fund-raiser with the proceeds dedicated to this fight would make a huge difference. The half of my earnings in Saturday's Pig Kissing Contest that I can designate to any Grange charity will go to the Legal Defense Fund, as will that of a couple of my fellow competitors, but I **hope** many more NH Grangers will do their part in financially supporting this important endeavor.

Incidentally, National Grange did cut the funding for National Reps to attend State Sessions in 2010. Many thanks to Gilman Grange #1 for generously offering to sponsor our National Reps this year, and we are delighted to have Phil and Maureen Prelli visiting with us from the state of Connecticut.

Five Priorities

The Five Priorities of the National and NH State Granges are to:

Increase active membership and participation at each Community Grange – Net Gain in Membership Awards go to the following Granges: Blow-Me-Down, Cocheco, Dorchester, Grafton Star, Lake Shore, Mt. Pistareen, Rockingham, Tuftonborough, and Watatic. Three Granges enjoyed large increases in their membership as a result of consolidations: Mt. Livermore, Prentice Hill, and Wingold.

Develop new leaders and give them opportunities at each Community Grange – I've observed new leaders gaining experience in Walpole, Eastern NH Pomona, and Hampton Falls to name a few. Hopefully, these new Officers are receiving an appropriate amount of mentoring from their predecessors as they learn the ropes in their new Grange journey.

Revitalization of Community Granges as a State Grange Priority – The Wicwas Lake Grange revitalization efforts took off last month when I had the great

pleasure of obligating eighteen new members and more are joining at each subsequent meeting. Blow-Me- Down was one that benefited from the GRIT training we received from Rusty Hunt a couple years ago, and seems to be continuing along the pathway to success. Ongoing work by several of our trained volunteers is continuing in several other Granges and the demand and need for more teams is growing every month.

Organize New Community Granges – The State Grange voted to add this as a priority at the State Grange level just last year and now Croydon Grange #357 is the second new Grange organized within a two year period. All credit for the creation of this new Grange goes to Membership Development Director, Stephen Tracy. Initial steps have begun in Claremont to see if there is interest to reorganize that Grange.

Re-emphasize and strengthen the family structure through the Junior and Youth programs – We re-established the June Youth Rally as a weekend event, which resulted in many brand new youth members attending their first rally. You will see a number of these new youth members when they open the session tomorrow morning. I am encouraged by the new faces I've seen at some of our State events this year. I have great expectations for future program leaders to provide the tenacious and inspiring guidance required by these upcoming Grange leaders and to use them as a foundation toward rebuilding our State Grange youth program to the high degree of participation and excellence enjoyed in years past.

A big regret of my term as State Master is our failure to organize a Jr. Grange. We **need** to nurture and develop this level within our organization. I am a proud and grateful Junior Grange alumnus and give full credit for my accomplished Grange journey to the education and preparation I received as a Junior Grange member. As in any of today's youth organizations, the major roadblock in having a successful youth/junior program is finding adults willing to be leaders, so we must be diligent in searching for the right people to carry out this important work.

Member Benefits

National Grange continues to add to their extensive list of member benefits and has recently produced a new member benefits brochure. **I recommend that a new brochure be designed, which highlights all the national and NH State Grange member benefits, so that it can be used by local Granges as well as revitalizing teams in their work of promoting the Grange to future members.**

State Grange Foundation

Under the leadership of Chairman, Jean Abbott, the New Hampshire Grange Foundation is, hopefully, well on its way to receiving 501c-3 status. Approval of the application filed with the IRS is anticipated most any day now. With the aid of Directors, Ken Berry, David Boynton, Marie Hall, and Ruth Holmes, the by-laws of the foundation have been laid out over the course of many meetings during the year. I attended the annual meeting in July and got a sense of the difficult and monotonous job this group has toiled over so diligently and I commend each and every one of the directors for their faithful service to this endeavor. The

Foundation will give a report here tomorrow and you'll be amazed to hear some of the distinguished names they have solicited and added as non-member directors of the foundation.

We do not yet know if the scholarship money that Clarence C. Sprague intended us to receive from his estate is still available, which was one of the main reasons why the foundation was established in the first place, but regardless, the ability of the Foundation to aid our local Granges in their own important projects will become evident soon enough.

Pomona Granges

The National Grange conducted its first Pomona Grange Growth Summit last month in western Pennsylvania. While I was not in attendance, we did send a representation from NH, so we'll have to wait and see what develops from this new focus on Pomonas, both from the state and national levels.

I appreciate the efforts of the few Pomona Masters who are truly making an effort to reach out to the Granges within their district, and to the Pomona Committee chairmen who are embracing their additional role as a member of their corresponding State Committee. A discussion was held at the summer Pomona Masters' meeting as to whether or not this practice should be continued. The resulting decision was that overall it's a good way to enhance communication between the State and Pomona Granges, but that the Directors should generate more regular communications and involve the Pomona Chairmen with more things to do. It also was noted that perhaps a state committee with as many as eleven members may be just too cumbersome to work efficiently. I look forward to seeing what further developments the next administration may come up with to solve these and other issues.

Industrial Hemp

I was proud and excited to be one of a handful of delegates, at last year's national convention, who brought the issue of hemp to the floor for discussion. The resulting vote reversed the negative policy of the National Grange to now favorably support research, production, marketing, and processing of industrial hemp. The experience serves as another example of how a little bit of education of the facts about hemp can do a lot in the way of debunking the negative connotations that have been imposed on this most beneficial plant, presumably by those who have the most to lose once all restrictions for its production in our country are lifted.

My home Grange has submitted a resolution to this convention on the subject of hemp, to which I would like to give some background. The delegate body of the 136th annual session adopted resolution #7, regarding a petition in support of Pine Ridge Reservation's attempts to grow hemp. Not one comment or question arose from the delegate body before the vote took place. In hindsight, I feel that this was either because our delegate body has become desensitized to the stigma of the word "hemp" and therefore wants to support anything that contains the word, or because you felt that since the resolution originated in my home Grange, therefore, I wrote it and you felt obligated to vote in favor of your State

Master's resolution. Whatever the reason, I want to remind you that YOU are the legislators of our Order and therefore are entitled to your opinion and vote of what is best for the organization. Unfortunately, the State Grange's endorsement of last year's resolution #7 has been used by an individual member in a manner that is detrimental to Antrim Grange, the NH State Grange and the National Grange. I sincerely hope that the lesson learned from this particular incident is that the decisions you make at this meeting have far-reaching importance and impact on the world, so it is essential that all delegates educate themselves to the utmost extent on the issues presented in resolutions and therefore make the wisest decisions while casting votes to establish policy for the State Grange.

Spring Fling

The third annual Spring Fling Grange Month Kickoff Event was held in April and featured a number of workshops on topics varying from geocaching to natural landscaping to good Grange publicity. As adults, we have limited opportunities to experience new information and to broaden our knowledge, so the Spring Fling seems to fill that need for many of us. Among the growing number of Grangers who look forward to this event, we had a carload travel down from Mt. Hope Grange in Landaff; this is a Grange that is rarely represented at a State Grange event, so we did take notice of their attendance this year. Spring Fling receives high marks on its evaluation sheets and seems to have quickly become a regular State Grange event and is expected to be offered again next year. It is especially satisfying for me to hear other members beside myself insist and defend the idea that this event continues to stand on its own merit and **not** be used as a venue to hold any other committee meeting or event in conjunction with it. Thanks to the Directors and State Officers who pitched in to help in any way that I asked. I join with you all in eagerly anticipating the 2011 Spring Fling program and whatever topics it may offer us!

The Big "E"

Brother Matt Clark was elected chairman of the New England Grange Building Trustees in January and has met this new position with great enthusiasm. He will give a detailed report of the improvements made to the building and the Grange activities during the fair. He will tell you more about the new emphasis on the Grange Day parade, but right now, I would like to thank Gloria Davis, Bob Haefner, Alanna Belville, Lynn Clark and her boys, Larissa Grant, and the five members of Blow-Me-Down Grange who all sported their NH purple duds and marched in the parade on Grange Day. Lynn provided a "float" and Antrim Grange's goat "float" won first place and therefore netted our State Grange's Youth department \$200. You can expect to hear more requests for help and support of this event in 2011. One thing we noticed was missing from our marching contingent was a banner identifying us as the NH State Grange. **I recommend that the State Grange procure a suitable banner that can be used for identification purposes in future parades and that its color be complimentary to the purple-attired Grangers who will carry it.**

I want to thank and recognize my mother, Gwen Yardley for her years of coordinating the Blueberry Pie days at the NH Building at the Big "E". Thanks to

her efforts and the many, many Grangers and friends who have trekked down to the fair over the last eleven + years, the State Grange has raised more than \$16,000 under her direction. Thank you, Gwen for your dedication and diligent labor in the name of blueberries and the Grange! You have set the bar for your successor and I am proud to present you with this State Master's Award for Excellence in honor of your retirement from the position.

Painted Curtains

In 2008, "Curtains Without Borders" and the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance began a survey to locate and document New Hampshire's collection of historic scenery. So far, 130 pieces have been located, 55 of which have been found in Grange halls. One such curtain, which hung until recently in the Starr King Grange Hall in Jefferson, has been removed by the State Grange and is currently being stored at the Antrim Grange Hall. With the Starr King Grange Hall being on the market, the State Grange Executive Committee voted to not include the curtain in the sale of the hall. At first, it was thought that perhaps this curtain would make a nice addition to the stage at the New England Grange Building, but now we realize it's not an appropriate size for that purpose, so we'll have to see what other avenues we can explore in order to find a suitable new home for the curtain.

Compliance to Digest and By-laws

This has probably been the biggest stressor during my term of office. I have been advocating in the two previous addresses the need for us all to familiarize ourselves with the constitution and rules of our Order. Knowing the regulations and abiding by them should be important to us all. Is it not a fact that when our Granges start to fail in the way of membership and attendance at meetings that compliance with our own by-laws is doomed to fail? Whether or not we obey our own rules is a decision, not a result of our circumstances. In the situation where there are not enough active members willing to serve so that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer are filled by the same person, it needs to be recognized that your Grange has decided to violate Grange law, rather than make a more important decision, such as to accelerate efforts to acquire new members. For the record I will let it be known that the Charter of one Grange in our state was suspended during my term of office. The Grange has since met the minimum requirements to be reinstated, but it should be known that one of the red flags which led to this action was the fact that the Grange was not accepting visits from their Deputy. Or what about the Grange that just this year pronounced itself closed, and gifted its community with an extremely generous scholarship, with funds from an account that was nurtured over the course of several decades, but was never disclosed to the State Grange via the Deputy or in any of its own Executive Committee reports? The legality of the decisions of the members of said Grange are questionable, and in the eyes of this State Master, the reputation of that Grange is forever tarnished and the respect and esteem of its members is forfeited.

It should be understood and recognized that the State Master relies upon the Deputies to serve as his/her eyes and ears. Deputies are not spies, but instead

serve as information distributors and gatherers. It's important for the State Master to understand the challenges some Granges may be facing or to learn about the successes of other Granges so that the lessons learned in that success can be shared and perhaps duplicated in more communities. Too many times when a Grange is struggling, the request for aid from the State Grange comes when the situation has deteriorated to such circumstances that the financial and personnel resources available to the State Grange would not be enough to be of assistance. Brothers and Sisters, we need to figure out a way for the Subordinate and Pomona Granges to establish a productive and mutually respectful partnership with the State Grange for the future prosperity and growth of our organization.

Through my experiences as your State Master, I now believe that the Grange is not dying. Parts of it may die here and there, and when they do, the failure rests squarely on the shoulders of those who decided to let their part of it die. I have come to understand that our attitude is also a decision we make. We can decide that we are old and tired. We can decide that the Grange is going to die anyway. We can decide that the community has so many other activities that we can't compete. If you really stop to think about it, it's our brain telling us these things in an effort to protect us and keep us from harm and disappointment. It takes extra effort on our part to overcome those feelings and make the harder decisions that will allow new growth to materialize.

In an effort to refresh our memories and gain a better understanding of the inner workings of our Order, I recommend, once again, that every Subordinate Grange have a portion of the by-laws read and clarified on a regular basis during its business meetings.

Closings and Consolidations

I am sad to report that Ashuelot, Fidelity, and White Mountain Granges have consolidated or closed this year. This is definitely my least favorite part of being your State Master, and I have to admit that my policy for closing Granges has changed over the last four years. Originally, I thought that it was important to try to preserve as many members as we possibly can by consolidating Granges, rather than closing them and providing demits to all the members. However, it's become evident to me that this places too great a burden on the secretary of the receiving Grange and has also been complicated by the new assessment fees based on membership numbers from the previous year's totals, for which the new Grange is responsible, most times despite the fact that there was no compensation to the new Grange covering the additional expenses of the added obligation.

Compensation

While visiting at the Connecticut State Grange session last year, I noted that one of the resolutions adopted was to have their State Grange match the compensation money offered by the National Grange to new and reorganized Granges, (providing they meet certain criteria) up to \$400 for new Granges and

up to \$200 for reorganizations. **I would recommend that our State Grange consider offering a similar reward for new and reorganized Granges in New Hampshire.**

State Grange Building

I confess to being slow to appreciating the acquisition of the State Grange Building in Hooksett many years ago. At the time, I thought the facilities it offered would limit us in the types of functions we could hold there and certainly appropriate storage space continues to be problematic. Over the years, the building has begun to feel more like home and I think I've spent more time within its walls during my term as State Master than I have in total since we came in possession of it. Many members appreciate the historical value of our museum collection, which continually grows. Since the passing of our very dedicated Brother, John West, and without his continual organizing efforts, it seems that the little piles of artifacts that mysteriously appear now and again in the Museum Room are growing, occupying table space, and are not getting shelved or catalogued properly.

Tomorrow a special committee will make a report to this delegation on the viability of continuing to own this building. Depending on the decision of the delegates, **I recommend that consideration be made for creating a new Museum Curator position, said person of which would have supervision over cataloging the museum room displays and thus, being responsible for accepting new items and/or making decisions of how to dispose of the duplicate and obsolete artifacts that materialize there regularly.**

State Master's Awards for Excellence in Teamwork

Gwen Yardley, Blueberry Pie, Big "E"
Stephen Tracy – Organizing Deputy, Croydon Grange #357
NH Grange Foundation - Jean Abbott, Ken Berry, David Boynton, Marie Hall,
Ruth Holmes
Hannah West – *Granite State Granger*

Reflections

It seems appropriate at this time to reflect back on the last four years that I've served as your State Master. There were 77 Subordinate and 14 Pomona Granges when I took office. I was fortunate in my first year to not close any Granges, but that did not last. Now, with 66 Subordinates and 11 Pomonas one could think that the outlook for the Grange in NH is bleak. At the beginning of my term, I boldly stated that it was my goal to have a net gain in membership, a lofty idea indeed that eventually got forgotten as many complicated legal matters inundated this administration and distracted attention away from the goals I set. I consider myself a positive person willing to look at insurmountable odds as possibilities.

But even I have to say I never would have predicted that our State Grange could organize two brand new Granges! Now we can build on that success and spread the excitement into the future as we seek out more communities who may not know it yet, but really want a Grange to call their own.

Additional accomplishments over the last four years have been the development of our Youth volunteer workers policy, the filing of notices of interest on all Grange-owned halls, a new set of hand-sewn pink State Officer sashes, the two newly organized Granges previously mentioned in this address, the pending formation of a State Grange foundation, the introduction of Rusty Hunt as our National Leadership/Membership Director (he visited us first, after being hired to the position), Spring Fling, and probably too many others to take note of in this address.

To my husband, Arthur, I could not have done this without you. You have been my confidant, you have picked me up when I was down, you have supported me in my decisions and sometimes have gently pointed out when I was wrong and needed to be corrected. I owe you so much for all the errands you do, for all the times you took care of the horses (like yesterday morning), and for waiting up for me when I came home from so many late-night Executive Committee meetings. You are my walking, talking Grange Digest, a service which has been invaluable over the last four years.

Mom and Kathy, so many times you have stepped up to the plate whenever I've presented you with my latest hare-brained idea and somehow we've always managed to make it come out okay. The work and effort you have put into this session, especially, has been over the top and I hope you will receive countless compliments from all the members when they see the Fourth Degree and when they attend the Celebration Banquet.

Jim Tetreault, you have been a constant source of support, almost always easily available for a quick phone call and at times, I imagine, you've been a weary sounding board. How many rides have we shared to and from the State Grange Building over the last four years? Your dialogue and company are so greatly appreciated.

Gloria Davis, somehow we manage to overcome the orange vs. gold personality traits that drive each other crazy and maintain a happy co-existence. Thanks for pitching in with all the little odd jobs and thanks for being my faithful airport limo driver!

I hate to start naming names at times like these, because almost always I inadvertently neglect to include a pertinent person or two. So in general, I thank the Past State Masters, State Officers, Deputies, Directors and committee members for your dedication, guidance, and support. No one person runs this organization. It takes each and every one of you and I am grateful for all you have done to promote the welfare of the NH State Grange.

I thank you all for the honor you've bestowed upon me with this office. Although not perfect, I feel that my service in this office has been beneficial to the NH State Grange. In reflection, it doesn't seem possible that four years have gone by so quickly, but on the other hand, throughout these last few weeks, I didn't think this day was ever going to get here! The Grange has given me the greatest

education, the best friends in the most far-reaching corners of the state and country, and the most unique experiences available to a simple country girl like me - and I will never be able to repay the Grange, or any of you, Brothers and Sisters for all these benefits.

I've chosen to close this final address with this salutation, the message of which I extend to all my fellow Brothers and Sisters: You're the Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me – Sign-A-Song

I've had my share of life's ups and downs, But fate's been kind – the downs have been few.

I guess you could say that I've been lucky. I guess you could say that it's all because of you.

If anyone should ever write my life's story. For whatever, for whatever reason there might be.

You'll be there between each line of pain and glory

Because you're the best thing that ever happened to me.

There have been times, when times were hard, But always somehow I made it through.

'Cause for every moment I spent hurting, There was a moment I spent just loving you.

If anyone should ever write my life's story. For whatever, for whatever reason there might be.

You'll be there between each line of pain and glory

Because you're the best thing that ever happened to me.

Fraternally submitted, Beth Merrill, Master NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered to be printed.

State Master declared a recess at Noon for lunch.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:30 PM.

Patrons watched a video message from our National Master, Ed Luttrell.

Jim Tetreault thanked Gwen Yardley for providing Friday's luncheon.

General Deputy Tricia Taylor was called upon for her report.

General Deputy Report

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Honored Guests, State Officers, Delegates, Brother and Sister Patrons:

As I prepared to write this final report I was thinking about the various issues I have talked about in the last 3 years. Auditing the books, having liability insurance, reaching out to our new members to help them get acclimated – particularly if they are taking on responsibilities like the office of secretary. I've talked about GRIT Granges and the need for more members. Am I going to talk about them again? Absolutely.

Our GRIT teams are working with various Granges to help them stay afloat and get stronger. One in particular has recently had great success in gathering new members. Now comes the settling in period when we discover which of those members is going to stick with the Grange and help it revive.

Croydon Grange has been organized through the efforts of the Membership Director, Stephen Tracy. He has also been busy in Claremont building interest. Hopefully we will soon see a new Grange there as well. Although we are still experiencing a loss of membership state wide there are still people joining the Grange and enjoying it.

I am hearing of more and more new members who would like to see the ritual work to find out what it's about. My own Grange is doing one degree a year as our newer members have asked. They are enjoying it as much as we do. Most of us have found that we really do miss the ritual that we grew up in.

I have about the same number of Grange reports that I have had each of the past 3 years. A few of the Granges that haven't reported recently have reported this year, which of course means that somebody else didn't. I am proud to say that 38 Granges reported auditing their books this year. That's 10 more than last year. If we keep plugging away at the Granges who haven't yet been able to get back in the swing of things we will make it. Forty-five Granges report having liability insurance. Again we see a gain. Percentage wise Pomonas are lagging way behind in liability insurance yet they are just as liable as any Community Grange. Five of the 8 Pomonas reporting said they do not have liability insurance. You've all heard me on the subject of liability so suffice it to say this is not an economically healthy habit.

Worthy Treasurer, of the 63 Granges who have reported thus far you will be happy to know that only 15 reported no to filing their incorporation papers and several noted that they still have time. The majority of our Granges are safeguarding their non-profit status by following your instructions. I think you will also appreciate the figures on filing their IRS forms. Only 4 of the 63 Granges report not filing their IRS forms. You are definitely having better luck than I am with compliance.

We do still have some Community Granges that have not paid the National Session Assessment to the Pomona Granges. In some cases the Pomonas are making the payments for the Community Granges. In some cases the Pomonas are unable to cover the payments and are still waiting for the Community Grange payments. All of the Pomonas reported making full or partial payment.

Overall there is improvement and that means a lot. Hopefully we can work together to help all of our Granges meet their financial responsibilities in the near future.

Would the deputies in the hall please stand and be recognized? I would like to thank each and every one of you. We've changed your duties, given you new tasks at the last minute, and we appreciate the ways in which you've stepped up to the plate. Thank you.

Worthy Master, thank you for the honor of serving as your General Deputy. It has been a privilege to work with you.

Fraternally, Tricia Taylor, General Deputy NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Reports of the following Officers were given throughout the afternoon.

Executive Committee Report – Dan Bascom

October 29, 2010

Worthy State Master Beth Merrill, National Executive Committee Member Phil Prelli, Sister Maureen Assembly of Demeter, State Officers, Brothers and Sisters all;

This past year seems such a blur. Soon after State Session we were off to National Session in Grand Rapids, Michigan serving as your Priest Archon in the Assembly of Demeter. High Priest John Valentine did not seek reelection and Tom Severance was elected High Priest. The officers and crew of the Seventh Degree are continuing to work very hard to meet the challenges to reduce the costs to produce the Seventh Degree. As soon as we returned home my Dad took a turn for the worst and passed away at the end of February. My whole family pulled together and with help from hospice we were able to keep Dad home. Due to his passing I missed one executive committee meeting.

The Executive Committee meetings took a different turn this year. Though our meetings are always long, we accomplished a lot. Fortunately fewer meetings were held. I commend all the members for their dedication and concern for the Grange. I was able to attend Spring Fling again and was very impressed with the workshops and speakers. It's too bad we can't get more members to attend. I attended a reception for High Priest Tom Severance. Later that same week National Master Ed Luttrell arrived at Hooksett for his presentation on the financial situation of the National Grange and the fight for our Name Protection. There again only a few attended and gleaned so much.

In June Kim, Happy and I attended the rededication ceremony in Washington, DC. What a beautiful ceremony with over 500 attending. Just being in DC is so humbling. Many thanks to Rhode Island State Grange for allowing us to travel with them on their bus. A bus trip with Grangers is so much fun it's too bad our bus was cancelled.

Half my spring and summer was tied up with planning our Bascom Reunion as I serve as President, we had over 200 in attendance.

Then September hit, the Big E always takes up some of my time. Due to a change in date this is the first year since inception that I did not serve blueberry pie, it was NH Day and my trustee duties pulled me away. This has also become the most difficult month in my Grange career; on September 1st I called High Priest Tom Severance and was informed he would be unable to attend National Session this year due to illness, he asked me to take over his duties. It has not been easy; I have met with Tom twice and hope to include many of his suggestions in this year's National Session. I ask each of you to please keep Tom in your prayers and keep sending cards as this is the one thing that continues to give him hope.

We will be attending National Grange November 6 to 14. With the help of many and lots of luck I hope we can produce a Seventh Degree that Tom will be proud of.

Fraternally, Daniel P. Bascom

Dan Bascom closed his report by resigning from his position on the Executive Committee effective October 31, 2010.

Overseer

Worthy Master, Honored Guests and Brother and Sister Patrons:

This is my 4th and final report as your State Overseer and I would like to express my appreciation to all of the Grange members who have welcomed me with such warmth and consideration at your local Grange meetings.

The roll of the State Overseer is to provide advice when asked for and sometimes when it's not asked for. Your State Master and I have been in weekly communication either by phone or e-mail since our last State Grange session, discussing issues concerning local Granges, or issues concerning the administration of the State Grange. A critical piece of information is that the State Overseer is a member of the Administration, like the Vice President of the United States who also serves as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

My Travel log for the year is as follows:

National Grange Session, Grand Rapids Michigan

Northeast Leaders conference, Brattleboro VT

Winter Youth Rally, Hooksett

Daniel Webster Grange, Webster

Numerous State Executive Committee meetings

Grange Growth Summit, Albany NY

Warren Pond, Alstead

Degree Day at Daniel Webster and Walpole

Vermont/NH Night, Surry

Maine/NH Night, Maine

June Youth Rally at Camp Spaulding, Concord

50th Anniversary of the National Grange building, Washington DC

Northeast Youth Conference, Massachusetts

Riverside Grange, Dalton

Golden Rod Grange, Swanzey

Pomona Grange Growth Summit, Grove City PA

Connecticut State Grange Session, W Hartford CT

And last but not least attendance at my own Subordinate and Pomona Grange meetings.

I want to thank the Worthy State Master for the opportunity to work with her during the past 4 years. I have learned a lot about leadership and our one-on-one chats to and from the Executive Committee meetings have always been meaningful and helpful.

Fraternally, Jim Tetreault, Overseer NH State Grange

Steward – Chris Heath

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Delegates, Patrons all, it is with great pleasure that I stand here and give you my fourth report as the New Hampshire State Grange Steward.

It is the duty of the Steward to be responsible for the property of the New Hampshire State Grange, take care of the meeting room with the help of the assistants and to represent the New Hampshire State Grange at Grange functions. Over the past year I have helped care for the property of the State Grange and helped with the setup and tear down of the meeting room for state session.

I have attended the following Grange events throughout the year; National Session in Grand Rapids Michigan, Winter Youth Rally, National Master's Publicity Tour, Spring Fling, Vermont/NH Night, Maine/NH Night, Summer Youth Rally, Rededication of the National Grange Building in Washington DC, Degree days at Daniel Webster and Walpole, Northeast Regional Youth Conference and Grange Family Weekend.

I would like to thank the great team of Grange members who have helped me over the past four years, for without their assistance I would probably still be in Hooksett loading the State Grange equipment. I wish the best for all the new State officers for the coming year and hope that everyone will continue to give them the same support I have received these past four years.

Fraternally Submitted, Christopher E Heath, New Hampshire State Grange Steward

Assistant Steward – Arthur Merrill

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters;

The duties of the Assistant Steward are few. We pack the trailer; we unload the trailer, set up, take down, pack the trailer, and unload the trailer again in Hooksett.

I also serve as a Deputy and as part of the Revitalization team. We have had success at Wicwas Lake Grange in Meredith Center who have taken in 20 plus members in the last couple of months, and elected a full new slate of officers. There are people out there who want to join the Grange; we just need to continue to work hard at finding them.

I have attended many State events, Northeast Youth Conf., Grange Growth Summit in N.Y., Pomona Growth Summit in Pennsylvania, the 50th Anniversary celebration of the National Grange Building in Washington, D.C. and many meetings of Granges in N.H.

My term of office expires with this session and I return the trust you placed in my keeping with the assurance that the confidence has been appreciated, and with the regret that we have not been able to accomplish more.

Lady Assistant Steward – Jane Trombi

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Fellow State Officers, Brother and Sister Patrons,

It is with pleasure that I present to you my report as your Lady Assistant Steward. Thank you to the delegate body for putting your faith in me to serve in this capacity. It has been a wonderful four years and I've enjoyed every minute of it! As State Lady Assistant Steward, my main responsibility is to help with the loading, setting up and returning of all the State Grange belongings to the State Grange Building in Hooksett. Thankfully Mark Collins has a trailer to use for this purpose.

I was able to I enjoy the Northeast Leaders Conference in Brattleboro and another successful Spring Fling. There I took on the responsibility of putting on the luncheon and could not have done it without the help of other state officers. I also enjoyed attending and serving as LAS at Walpole Grange Community Awards night as well as helping with the Degree Day in Walpole.

It was a pleasure to help fellow deputy and Master of Walpole Grange, Kathy Yardley to work with her Grange on the Fourth degree. It was wonderful to see so many new Grangers with the enthusiasm to perform a degree that some of them had never seen! I think they did a fantastic job last night and they should all be very proud of their accomplishment.

In closing, I want to say it has been a pleasure serving with all of you, my fellow state officers. Sister Beth, it has been an honor serving with you during your term as State Master and I say to you "Well done good and faithful servant"! We've been together in this wonderful organization for many, many years and I look forward to many more.

Fraternally submitted, Jane Trombi, LAS NH State Grange

Chaplain Report- Matt Clark

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Delegate Body, Fellow State Officers, Brothers and Sisters all.

This past year has been an active one for me. As usual I have sent cards to those in mourning and those who were ill when I heard of them. I had the honor of performing the memorial service for Sister Dorothy Harper, who passed away this past year.

I have traveled many miles attending many activities and meetings. I attended National Grange Convention in Grange Rapids, Michigan with my wife where we represented NH as Young Couple. As Young Couple, we were chosen to travel to Wisconsin to assist National Grange Membership/Leadership Director, Rusty Hunt with the Advanced Team Training Conference.

I also attended the Advanced Team Training Conference in NY and the Pomona Growth Summit in Grove City, PA with fellow state leadership. My home Grange had the opportunity to host VT/NH Night and my grandparents, Brother Jim Tetreault and I traveled to ME/NH Night with an overnight stay at Philbrook Farm Inn.

I attended Winter Youth Rally, June Youth Rally, and Northeast Youth Conference as well as a few Youth Nights and other meetings throughout the year. I have been a chauffeur for my wife and a few others around the state to install officers as my wife has learned the installing officer's part. I am also serving as president of the New England Grange Building Trustees.

I would like to thank Brother Hugh Clark, NH State Grange Chaplain Emeritus, for filling my shoes at the annual Go to Church Service as I was unable to attend. At the time, I was in Washington DC taking part in the events of the Youth Experience/Eastern Regional Youth Conference and the rededication of the National Grange building. The youth were asked to serve as ambassadors in the building and provide information about what was there and I had the honor to be stationed in the Saunders Library.

I would like to thank the delegate body and fellow Grangers for allowing me to serve as your Chaplain the past two years and I look forward to serving the State Grange in any capacity for years to come.

Respectively submitted, Matthew Clark, NH State Chaplain

Gatekeeper – Ann Leger

Best Western Sovereign Hotel
Keene, NH
October 27, 2010

Worthy Master, State Officers, Honored Guests, Delegates and Grange Friends
All:

I am completing my fourth year of service as your State Grange Gatekeeper. It has truly been an honor and a privilege. Along with the honor and the privileges, though come responsibilities- both general and specific.

In general, I feel that the responsibility of any State Officer is to maintain the dignity and decorum that is expected and to uphold and promote the precepts and traditions of the Order. In my capacity as a State Officer, I have tried to make the State Grange a personal reality to the Subordinate Granges in the Northern tier of the state by making as many visitations as possible. We are a State Grange body because of the Subordinates, and this we as state representatives, should never forget. We are here at their sufferance, and we need to listen to and take into account their thoughts and opinions.

In the movie "Evan Almighty", God, played by Morgan Freeman, has a conversation with Evan's wife. He says, "I think the story of the Ark is about believing in each other. You know the animals showed up in pairs. They stood by

each other, side by side. Just like Noah and his family. Everybody entered the Ark side by side.” Does this not sound like the Grange we wish to be and could promote in our capacity as State Officers? He goes on to say “This sounds like an opportunity to me. If someone prays for patience, do you think God gives them patience? Or does He give them opportunities to be patient? If someone prays for courage, do you think God gives them courage? Or does He give them opportunities to be courageous? Following that thought, if we pray for increased membership, does God give us increased membership? Or does He give us opportunities as State Officers to increase membership?

Specifically, the responsibilities of the Gatekeeper are to attend as many state functions as possible, and presence is mandatory at all formal Sixth Degree events. At State Session the Gatekeeper is to guard the outer gate and to greet all who attend the session. Also the Gatekeeper makes him/herself available to help the Steward, Assistant Stewards and Flora to set up the hall for the degree, as well as being available to others to assist wherever and however possible. It is also the duty of the Gatekeeper to be the liaison between the hotel function director and the Lecturer and Department Directors in the matter of setting up and holding the keys to the display room.

I wish to thank Kenneth Berry, our Session Coordinator, Worthy Lecturer, Marie Hall and all the Department Directors for their cooperation in setting up this year’s display rooms.

Respectively submitted, Ann Leger, Gatekeeper, NH State Grange

Ceres – Kathy Yardley

Worthy Master, Brother & Sister Patrons,

I am pleased to give my final report as Ceres of the NH State Grange. It has been a short four years and I have enjoyed them all. I have learned so much about the office, everything from carrying the flag in the opening and closing ceremonies to lighting candles in the memorial service to choosing court ladies for the Sixth Degree to setting up the court and taking it down to taking reservations and finding center pieces and table favors for the banquet. Thank you, delegates so much for electing me to serve in this position.

This year I participated in the following events:

- Northeast Leaders Conference
- Winter Youth Rally
- Spring Fling
- Degree Day at Daniel Webster – Ceres, Fourth Degree
- Degree Day at Walpole – hosted this event, participated in the second, third and fourth degree, and prepared supper
- VT/NH Night
- June Youth Rally – participated in the Sign-A-Song contest

- Northeast Youth Conference – attended for the weekend, participated in workshops and sign a song contest
- Presented a membership achievement award at Arlington Grange
- Assisted in a Grange revitalization for Riverside Grange
- Served as a deputy
- Put together and co-coached the Fourth Degree Team for this state session

I look forward to continued service in the NH State Grange and am happy to serve in any way that I can.

Fraternally submitted, Kathy Yardley, Ceres NH State Grange

Pomona – Rachel Scanzani

October 29, 2010

Worthy Master, National Delegates, Pink Sash Family, Brother and Sister Patrons All,

It is an honor to give my final report as your NH State Grange Pomona. This past year has been a year of excitement for me personally and for the NH State Grange. The creation of a new Grange and the revitalization of Degree Days were wonderful to see and be a part of. For most of my life I can remember being a part of these day long events and to see them again with so many candidates was encouraging. I have struggled to find the time to attend all of the events that I wanted to and inevitably as soon as I had scheduled the time to attend, the event was changed, cancelled or a family event came up that I needed to attend to.

My family priorities have grown tremendously in the past year. Just a few weeks after session last year I was married and just weeks ago I attended my brother's wedding. In just 12 months the Bailey family has grown from four to six. In about 5 months we will be growing to seven as my husband and I welcome our first child. Needless to say, time has flown by and there is never enough time in the day to do everything that needs to be done and attend each event that I should or would like. Though it has been a pleasure to serve as your NH State Grange Pomona, I will not be seeking election to any office for the upcoming term as I cannot guarantee that I will be available to keep the commitment that it deserves. I wish all officers, members, and Granges the best of luck and hope to continue to be a part of the excitement and energy that is coming with new members and Granges.

Fraternally, Rachel Scanzani, Pomona NH State Grange

Flora – Diane Collins

Worthy Master,

As State Flora I was able to attend Northeast Leader's conference, Winter Youth rally, Spring Fling, Degree Day at Walpole, and June Youth rally.

I would like to take a moment to thank you and the members of the N. H. State Grange for your confidence and support that I have received. I would also like to thank those who helped set up the court and decorate the hall. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Collins, NH State Grange Flora

Executive Committee – Mark Collins

Worthy Master:

You've heard what I've been doing as an Executive committee member through the reports that come out with the quarterly reports and the Chairman's report here at state session.

As usual it was a very busy year. I, as many of you know I travel quite a bit for work and this has a tendency to impact what I can do for Grange visitations, in fact someone asked me the other day if I had done much traveling and at the time I said I hadn't done that much this year, but after close examination of my calendar I determined that I had been away from home 45 days (9 work weeks). I love to travel but the down side is I don't get to attend all of the Grange functions that many of you have worked so hard to put on throughout the state. I've been lucky however to make all the Executive Committee meetings. In fact, twice this year I attended executive meetings in Hooksett after having just got off the airplane in Manchester; I hadn't even been home yet. The reason I bring this up is that there are many people who say they have no time to attend events and they don't seem to attend any.

Even with the travel noted above I was able to attend the National Grange summit in April in Albany NY, Spring Fling in Belmont, Youth Rally/Spotlight NH at Camp Spaulding, Degree Days at Daniel Webster and Walpole and a few Grange Meetings here and there.

I would like to thank you all for the trust that you have put in me as a member of your Executive Committee and I will continue to do the best that I can for all of you and the NH State Grange.

Fraternally, Mark Collins, Executive Committee

Executive Committee – Hannah West

I'm not sure whether it is a case of "Ask a busy person" or "The Devil always finds some work for idle hands to do," but hardly had I been elected to a constitutional term of three years on the Executive Committee than I was elected to serve as secretary during its meetings. This year has been filled with taking the minutes, sending them out by e-mail for corrections, making the corrections,

running off copies for the next meeting, and sending “public” copies to the State Secretary to distribute at quarterly report times.

Fortunately, the Executive Committee has met considerably less often this year, now that the financial situation has simmered down. There is always plenty to discuss, but the urgency factor has been reduced. I’m looking forward to a new year and new challenges under new leadership.

Executive Committee – Bob Haefner

Being the newest member of the NH State Grange Executive Committee, and my first term in any state office, this has been a year of learning. I have learned a lot about the workings of both the Executive Committee and the State Organization. I have attended every meeting this year, apparently an easier year than the previous one. I have provided my input to the State Grange Executive committee and participated in all topics that came before us.

I would like to thank the other members of the Executive Committee, especially our Chair and the four state officers (Master, Overseer, Secretary and Treasurer) that have helped me learn and tolerated my questions. I would also like to thank the Delegate Body that elected me at the last State Session. I hope I have earned your confidence in me. I look forward to the next year, the State Grange challenges and working with the next State Master.

Respectfully submitted by, Bob Haefner, NH State Grange Executive Committee Member - 2012

Musician– Lester Gibbs

Worthy Master, National Grange Representative, Voting Members of the Assembly of Demeter and Brothers and Sisters:

The main events that I have participated in this past year involved playing for the Antrim Grange Awards Night Program; attending the NE Leaders Conference; participating in Vermont/New Hampshire Night; the 50th Anniversary Rededication of the National Grange Building; serving as organist for the NE Go-to-Church-Service at the Cathedral of the Pines; and attending the North East Lecturers’ Conference.

I assisted Membership Development Director Stephen Tracy at an organizational meeting for Croydon Grange by providing some historical displays and answering questions presented by those attending. I would encourage all members to take an active interest in organizing or re-organizing a Grange in your area.

Working nights has had an effect on week night Grange meetings.

During this Session, I will provide music for the Session, and for the Fourth Degree Exemplification.

I want to thank Worthy Master Beth Merrill for asking me to serve as your State Musician for the past four years. It has been an honor to serve in this office, and I look forward to future service as a New Hampshire Grange member.

Fraternally, Lester Gibbs, State Grange Musician

All officer reports were accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Steward Chris Heath announced that immediate Past Master of the CT State Grange, Robert Sendewicz and Marge Sendewicz former first lady of the CT State Grange were our honored guests and in waiting. Bob and Marge gave brief remarks.

After Hannah West was elected to the office of Lecturer, she then resigned from the State Grange Executive Committee.

State Master Beth Merrill called a recess at 3:00 PM.

State Master Beth Merrill called the Grange back to order at 3:15 PM.

State Steward Chris Heath announced that Lorraine Merrill, NH Commissioner of Agriculture was our guest in waiting. Lorraine gave us her remarks concerning Agriculture in NH.

The following reports were given:

Report of the Grange Services Department 2010

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

We had a good year. We met a couple of times at Rodney Huntoon' and discussed the equipment that is stored in the basement of the Grange building. It gets wet down there and we discussed moving it out. We do have personal assistance equipment available for use by members. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, commodes and shower chairs are available. We do not get many requests for these items.

The problem is if you are in the hospital, you have to have the equipment before you leave the hospital. Sometimes it is hard to get the equipment to the patient before they leave the hospital.

There are also funds available for helping with hearing aids, eye glasses etc. Please contact any committee member for assistance with the forms.

The Educational Loan Fund had three notes that were paid off in full. Six Pomona Granges donated with an increase of \$40.00. Nineteen Subordinates donated (two less than last year) with an increase of \$675.00. Memorial donations dropped by \$225.00. Scholarships were given to eight people totaling \$4,400.00. Income was down this year thus a drop of \$1,500.00 from last year. We did receive a request for a new loan, but the paperwork was not completed this year and it will be reported next year.

We need to update the information on the website as it may be confusing to some.

Respectively submitted, Constance Carr, Director

Educational Loan Fund

Balance Sheet
September 30, 2010

October 1, 2009 Ocean National Bank		\$6,852.56
Contributions	\$170.00	
6 Pomonas	\$1,450.00	
Total Contributions		\$1,620.00
Memorial Gifts	\$25.00	
Jonathan Rutter		
Total Memorial Gifts		\$25.00
Income		
Interest paid	\$489.00	
Principal paid	\$1,100.00	
Interest on bank accounts	\$9.22	
Individual donations	\$10.00	
Total loan income		\$1,608.22
Expenses		
Scholarships	\$4,400.00	
Postage	\$70.40	
Printing annual appeal letters	\$9.00	
Certified letter to delinquent loan	\$5.54	
Total Expenses		\$4,484.94
Balance Sept. 30, 2010 at Peoples United Bank		\$5,620.84

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Grange Trustees of Trust Funds

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brother and Sisters All.

The woes of the Trustees continue to plague us from the past year. It took some time to get our available funds above the threshold established in order to assist our brothers and sisters. When we reached this point the Attorney General's Office allowed us to proceed with our assistance program.

We then proceeded to fund the two applications from the prior year and to process two new applications and paid the annual filing fee for a total of \$1,154.30.

We did not receive any donations this year. The anticipated income for next year is approximately \$1,800.00 after we pay the annual filing fee.

The application for financial assistance and the guidelines were removed from the website. These forms were reviewed, the guidelines were approved by all trustees, yet we are waiting on an approval from two trustees for the financial application form. Once this is completed the forms will once again appear on the website.

We accepted with regrets the resignation of Diane Collins as our Secretary in June and Omer Ahern, Jr. was named Secretary.

The Executive Committee of the State Grange has moved the invested Grange accounts from TD Wealth Management to Morgan Stanly Smith Barney thus leaving our trusts with TD Wealth Management. This did not seem like a wise decision for us, thus we have voted to move our accounts to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney hoping that our maintenance costs will be less. The paper work is in progress.

The Trustees thank you for your patience and understanding the past two years as we went through this transitional period.

Yours in Grange Service, Rodney M. Huntoon, Chairperson NH State Grange Trustees

Minutes of Trustees meetings

October 31, 2009

Present: Chairman, Rodney Huntoon, Secretary, Diane Collins, Treasurer, Gail Turcotte, Trustees; Elizabeth Cotsibas and Ann Leger, State Master Beth Merrill
Absent: Omer Ahern, Jr.

Opened in form by Rodney Huntoon at 1:00 pm

Election of Chairman: suggestion of Rodney Huntoon, 3 in favor, 1 opposed

Election of Secretary: suggestion of Diane Collins, 3 in favor, 1 abstain

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved as written.

Minutes of the July 30th meeting were read and accepted as amended.

Treasurer's report: A total of \$ 225.00 was paid out in 2009; the \$400.00 payment that was requested for urgent need will come out of the 2010 fiscal year. The Treasurer is waiting for the 990 IRS form to file the Annual report to the Attorney General's Office. Motion made by Diane and seconded by Elizabeth to accept the Treasurer's report. 3 in favor, 0 opposed

New Account update: Treasurer reported that TD bank received the signed contracts a week ago, 4 out of 5 trustees did not supply a personal identifier.

Old Business:

Conflict of Interest forms need to be signed in May. Pending aid request not completely filled, recipient waiting for \$75.00

New Business:

Application forms need to be reviewed, confidentiality statement needs to be added or letter of membership removed. We asked if it is possible to use copy of current dues card / Golden Sheaf card instead of secretary's note. Due to the limited amount of time we have today, this will be tabled until our next meeting.

Motion made to adjourn at 1:35 pm

Respectfully submitted, Diane Collins, Secretary

June 21, 2010

Present: Rodney Huntoon, Ann Leger, Elizabeth Cotsibas, Omer Ahern, Diane Collins, Gail Turcotte

Meeting called to order at 11:30 am by Rodney Huntoon, Chairman.

Reading of minutes of last meeting:

Motion made by Ann and seconded by Elizabeth to accept the minutes as written. In favor 5, opposed 0

Review of application; Rodney will mail/email changes to be verified and accepted by Trustees.

Conflict of Interest forms were signed by all present

Investment policy

Motion made by Omer and seconded by Ann to accept the policy as written.

Discussion on when to review policy; review will be annually for both the Blaisedell Trust and N H State Grange Trust. In favor 5, opposed 0

Motion made by Omer and seconded by Ann to accept with deep regret the resignation of Diane Collins as Secretary of the Trustees. In favor 5, opposed 0
Suggestions for Secretary; Omer Ahern

Motion made by Ann Leger for Omer Ahern to be Secretary of the Trustees, seconded by Elizabeth. Discussion; notification of change of secretary needs to be in next GSG.

In favor 4, opposed 0, abstain 1

Contact info to be in *Granite State Granger* and added to web site;

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Home health care items are the property of the Trustees. Need to evaluate all items for safety concerns, if unsafe need to dispose of them.

Treasurer Turcotte reported Terry Knowles, Assistant Director Charitable Trust Unit of the Attorney General's Office has approved "sub accounting" procedures for both Trust Funds. Terry noted this is a standard accounting procedure and is perfectly acceptable for use by us. This means we can move both funds from TD Wealth Management to whichever new firm the NH State Grange Executive Committee chooses for the rest of the invested funds later this summer provided the Trustees of the Trust Funds choose to do so.

Motion made and seconded to put the two trust funds in whichever new firm the Executive Committee chooses at their next meeting. In favor 5, opposed 0
Motion made by Ann and seconded by Elizabeth to adjourn the meeting, in favor 5, opposed 0. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Collins, Secretary

**INVESTMENT AND SPENDING POLICY
NH STATE GRANGE OF THE ORDER OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS AND BLAISDELL FUND**

I. INVESTMENT AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

As stated in the Indenture of Trust entitled "New Hampshire Grange Trust" signed and sealed October 20, 1959 and modified by Merrimack County Court Decree on June 15, 1977 and as stated in the Belknap County Court Decree on June 25, 1973 transferring the Blaisdell Fund from Winnisquam Grange to the NH State Grange, the Trustees of the Trust Funds have the authority and responsibility to "retain, invest in, and reinvest in any real and personal property as they see fit".

II. PURPOSE

The purposes of the following investment guidelines, which are to be reviewed annually by the Trustees of the Trust Funds, are to:

Establish the investment objectives, policies, guidelines and eligible securities relating to any investments owned or controlled by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

- Identify the criteria against which the investment performance of the organization's investments will be measured.
- Communicate the objectives to the Trustees, Treasurer of the Trust Funds, investment managers and funding sources that may have involvement.
- Serve as a review document to guide the ongoing oversight of the management of the Trust Fund's investments.

III. GUIDELINES FOR INVESTING:

The investment guideline for both funds is to achieve a total return (income and appreciation) of 5% after inflation. The following guidelines apply to the three main investment asset classes:

Equities: Allowable Range- Minimum 50%; Maximum 80% of total assets with target figure of 65%

The equity component of the portfolio will consist of high quality equity securities traded on either the New York, NASDAQ or American Stock exchanges. The securities must be screened for their above average financial characteristics such as price-to-earnings, return-on-equity, debt-to-capital ratios, etc.

It is acceptable to invest in an equity mutual fund(s) adhering to the investment characteristics identified above, as long as it is a no-load fund, which maintains an expense ratio consistent with those other funds of similar investment styles as measured by the Lipper and/or Morningstar rating services.

Prohibited equity investments include: initial public offerings, restricted securities, private placements, derivatives, options, futures and margined transactions.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROHIBITED INVESTMENT POLICY MAY BE MADE ONLY WHEN ASSETS ARE INVESTED IN A MUTUAL FUND (S), THAT PERIODICALLY UTILIZES PROHIBITED STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE RISK AND ENHANCE RETURN.

Fixed Income: Allowable Range- Minimum 15%; Maximum 45% of total assets with target figure of 30%

Bond investments will consist solely of taxable, fixed income securities that have an investment-grade rating (Baa or higher) that possess a liquid secondary market.

No more than 5% of the fixed income portfolio will be invested in corporate bonds of the same issuer. As well, not more than 20% of the fixed income portfolio will be invested in bonds of issuers in the same industry.

Prohibited securities include: private placements, derivatives, (other than floating-rate coupon bonds), and margined transactions.

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Cash and equivalents: Allowable Range- Maximum 10% of total assets with target figure of 5%

Cash and equivalents will be utilized for the liquidity needs of the portfolio whose objective is to seek as high a current income as is consistent with liquidity and stability of principal.

IV. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT STANDARDS

The benchmarks to be used in evaluating the performance of the two main asset classes will be:

- Equities: S & P 500 Index- Goal: exceed the average annual return of the index over a full market cycle (3-5 years).
- Fixed Income: Barclay's Intermediate Government/Credit Index- Goal: exceed the average annual return of the index over a full market cycle (3-5 years).

V. REPORTING

Financial statements shall be issued at least quarterly and may be issued more frequently if needed or desired. Statements shall list current investments, their costs, current values and transaction history.

Performance reviews will be provided at least once annually and maybe more frequent if desired by a representative of the investment service to the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

VI. SPENDING POLICY

The spending policy should support the level of current spending while growing the size of current investments to keep pace with inflation and support future obligations.

Each year, the Treasurer of the Trust Funds is authorized to withdraw up to 3½ % of the total market value of each invested fund (market value to be determined by using a three year rolling average as of September 30 annually) for each Trust Fund's operating purposes. The dollar amount of any distribution(s) from the investment accounts will be left up to the discretion of the Trustees of the Trust Funds and the timing of any distribution (s) from the investment accounts will be left up to the discretion of the Treasurer of the Trust Funds. All withdrawals are subject to the rules and guidelines presently in effect for each current investment account including the need to preserve the historic dollar values for each account. The current historic dollar market value for the NH Grange Trust is \$40,000 and the Blaisdell Fund is \$9,000.

Any withdrawals of principal require the approval of both the Trustees of the Trust Funds and the Treasurer of the Trust Funds and are subject to the rules as set forth in the Revised Statutes Annotated of the State of New Hampshire as set forth in Title XXVII Chapter 292-B: 5 Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.

Adopted by the NH State Grange Trustees of Trust Funds on June 21, 2010.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Operations

GRANGE FAMILY WEEKEND

Over the past several years, Family weekend has faced declining participation. Last year, with the expense of renting an exclusive facility, the event did not break even. This year we decided to try something different. Family Weekend 2010 was held at the campground of the Gunstock Ski Resort.

Everyone who attended had fun and I would definitely recommend we continue in this format. It might take some "traditionalists" a little while to get used to it, but I believe it is the future of our Family Camping Weekend.

In the past, Family Weekend revolved around the "Grange Fair". The Grange Fair went away and we were left trying to hold onto a social event whose central focal point had gone away. I think, with no budget and no primary focus event, this is the way to proceed:

The focus of Family Camping Weekend is fun and fellowship.

This year we had a total of 16 participants (campers and visitors). Everyone paid their own site fee (4 trailers and 1 tent). We managed to get all of our sites reserved in the same area (some campgrounds have a "Safari" area where we could all be neighbors). Most of the regular weekend attendees were there. We had access to all of the campground facilities (water/electric, flush toilets, hot showers, swimming pool etc...). Day visitor's fee (unfortunately we only had three this year) was only \$5.

Saturday evening we all gathered for a potluck supper and Wilber Heath supplied a movie. We invited the neighboring campers to bring their kids (we had 6-8 neighboring campers join us for our outdoor movie).

The event had no expenses / income and I think everyone had a nice relaxing weekend of fun and fellowship.

The use of public campgrounds will make it easier to move this event to different areas of the State. I hope to see many of you at the 2011 Family Camping Weekend and many more to come.

Fraternally, Robert Trombi, Family Weekend Coordinator

Big "E" Blueberry Pie Days Report

2010

Worthy Master, Brother and Sister Patrons,

On Friday, September 24th, eighteen Grange members and friends worked the blueberry pie booth in the NH building at the Big "E". Adam, an eleven year-old put us all to shame with his untiring work ethic. He made *many* milk shakes, root beer floats and filled glasses with three flavors of ice cold milk. He really mastered the art of making milk shakes and mixing the root beer for the floats. Well done, Adam! There were lots of people on the grounds but not many stopped at the booth for pie or soup. They were more interested in cold drinks as it was sunny and humid.

Tuesday, September 28th found eighteen Grangers and future Grangers working – some new and some repeats. Not many people were at the fair as it was rainy and warm.

This is my final report as it is time for someone else to take over. I want to thank each and every one who has helped with this fundraising event for the NH State Grange. I hope my successor receives the same kind of cooperation I have enjoyed for the past twelve years!

Fraternally submitted, Gwen Yardley, Big "E" Blueberry Pie Day coordinator

Fund Raising Report

Dear Worthy Master, National Reps, Brothers & Sisters,

This is the report of the Fund Raising committee and this is my last year. We had an excellent fund raiser at last year's session with the silent auction. The Patron's Plunge was an excellent idea that our Worthy Master had and everyone that took part in it had a good time and all those who watched enjoyed it too. This year we had a hard time topping the plunge but Kissing the Pig will be fun too. We are also having the silent auction again and it has increased as well. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me in any way over the years.

Respectfully, Kimber Bascom

State Grange Building Report

After last year's session and the resolution about selling the NH State Grange Building in Hooksett, the building manager became a much more somber and stressful position. Although there was no indication that the resolution had stemmed from anything the building manager had done, the prospect of managing a possibly doomed building was not a happy task, and it was difficult not to be defensive about the whole thing. Each maintenance cost was feared to be the last straw that might convince someone the building should be sold. The possible sale looming over us also caused a delay in plans to use the John H. West Memorial funds which had been earmarked for the State Grange Building Fund. The hope had been to do considerable work on the basement to provide a suitable home for the historical records and artifacts which meant so much to John. The records and artifacts continue to deteriorate until a permanent long term plan is enacted. Unfortunately, attending a workshop given by the NH Preservation Alliance on wet basements was as far as things could go until the future of the building is determined.

Some things had to be done regardless of the hazy future. The first task for the building manager following State Grange session was to get the assembly permit

renewed with the Town of Hooksett. This necessitated a few changes such as lighted EXIT signs and new door hardware for the main hall. Despite the offer of the building manager to do the work himself, the Executive Committee voted to have a professional licensed electrician install the exit signs. A Knox Box was ordered to be mounted outside the building and holds keys to allow the Fire or Police Departments access to the building in an emergency.

Paul and Rhoda Davis continue to do summer lawn maintenance and the Bascoms continue to maintain the plantings around the building. Claire Gagne continues to clean the building on a regular basis and report any issues to the building manager. A new digital thermostat was installed in the spring after several incidents of people turning the heat off completely upon leaving the building. The furnace was cleaned this fall and the smoke detectors inspected. Hannah West has continued with taking reservations for the use of the building and arranging for the pick-up and drop-off of keys. Several groups have used the building for baby showers, birthday parties and other such gatherings. Local Granges, the Rebekahs, the NH Arms Collectors, the NH State Grange Executive Committee, the North East Lecturers and the 2013 National Grange Hosting Committee have all been meeting at the building. Respectively submitted, Marty Boisvert

State Session Coordinator 2009-2010

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters All:

I can't believe it is time to present my third annual report. Since our Worthy State Master Beth Merrill appointed me to this job a little over two years, I have found this job to be frustrating, mind boggling and also at times very rewarding. Sometimes that is all in the same day.

Last year I had the opportunity to examine a National Grange contract and in the contract it stated how much money is spent at a National Grange Convention. About two weeks after last year's State Session, I called the Ashworth Hotel to find out what we had spent at our convention. The figures are as follows: Accommodations \$11,000, Banquet \$2,500 and individual meals \$1,500. This gives us a total of \$15,000. The figures do not include the gratuities for the banquet or the NH 9% hotel and meals tax as this was not income for the hotel. The hotel contract for the Best Western Sovereign in Keene was signed last year. I was able to renegotiate the price of the rooms. I was able to get the price of rooms lowered by \$9.00 per night. If you are registered here at the Best Western Sovereign for 3 nights you will be saving a total of \$29.43 and that also includes the NH room's tax.

The last time State Session was here at the Best Western was back in 2006. As you may have noticed, the accommodations have been upgraded. The front lobby has been improved as well as an elevator added. The meeting rooms also have had changes made. However when the contract was signed well over a year ago I did not realize that the hotel was still in the process of making even more changes and improvements, nor did I have a clue that we would not be able to use the restaurant facilities.

Over this last year I have had the privilege to work with Laura Washer, Sales Coordinator here at the Best Western Sovereign. We have had many phone calls and e-mails for more than a year now. Laura knows by now that I am one that wants to fine-tune everything so that all of you in attendance are able to enjoy your stay here at the hotel.

I have already fine-tuned the rooming roster many times over the last few months. Some of you have called or sent e-mails for more information. I have also called a few of you to make sure that you receive the proper room and location here at the Best Western.

The contract for the banquet was signed and presented to the NH State Grange Executive Committee in early 2010. One thing that I have started doing is making the meals different each year. I do not want to hear someone say chicken and fish again!

A tour of the hotel was conducted back on August 7th. There were 9 of us present for the tour. I wanted to show everyone what the new rooms looked like now that they had been upgraded. We had to make a fast tour, as the hotel rooms were sold-out that weekend.

Our Worthy State Master asked me to set up a tour of the Radisson Hotel in Manchester and to also include a visit to the Palace Theatre, as this will be the site of the 2013 National Grange Session. The walking tour of Manchester took place on April 14th.

As our State Master knows that I do have contacts in Manchester, it was an easy tour to put together. However, the hard part was to be able to contact the proper persons to make the tour possible. Now I can say that the National Grange 2013 Session part of my duties as the NH State Grange Session Coordinator have now been completed.

At last year's State Session, I provided brochures for a tour to the National Grange Building 50th Anniversary. As there were only 19 Grangers that had send in deposits the tour had to be cancelled last May.

The contract for next year's State Session was sent in this last July. I am pleased to announce that the 138th Annual State Session will be at the Town & Country Motor Inn in Gorham. The dates will be October 27-29, 2011. The room's rates will be \$88.00 for single or double and \$6.00 for each additional person. The rates do not include breakfast and the 9% NH room tax. The banquet contract will be completed in early 2011.

We have not been to the Town & Country Motor Inn since 1992. I would once again like to thank Ann Leger for directing me in the correct direction.

I have also been in the process of trying to find a location for 2012 State Session.

This has not been an easy task. I called the Fireside Inn and Suites in West Lebanon and was told that the weekend I was requesting was taken by Dartmouth College, as it will be their homecoming weekend. I was then offered the 3rd weekend. I sent this request to the State Grange Executive Committee and I was turned down as dates were outside the By-Laws of the NH State Grange. I was then asked to look for another location.

The State Grange By-Laws were changed a couple of years ago. However, what I am finding is that the date should have been earlier than October 20th. A

resolution will be presented at next year's State Session to hopefully adjust the date so that the 3rd weekend of October can be used if needed.

So now I am back trying to find an appropriate location for 2012 State Session. I have called three other hotels and have asked them to send me a hotel packet, as that is how I start my process of finding a hotel. After finding out some information I have now rejected the West Lebanon location for the following reasons. The hotel would require the NH State Grange to pay \$1,000 for meeting rooms for the 3-day State Session. The second location I looked at the room rates were too expensive and I was also told that we would have to pay something for the meeting space. The 3rd location found the meeting room to be downstairs and the room would not be big enough to meet our needs.

With the cooperation of the new State Master, I am planning on putting together a survey that will be sent out to Subordinate and Pomona Granges by the end of the year. We would like to find out what direction you think we should be taking to plan future State Sessions.

I will be opening the reservations for the Town & Country Motor Inn in March 2011. The reservations for the banquet will start in June 2011. The 2011 State Session information will be included in the Secretary's March 2011 Quarterly Report. Please ask your Secretaries for this information.

Brochures will also be on the NH State Grange web site. I also hope that many of you are on the NH State Grange e-mail list. This is a great way for you to find out a lot of information about the happenings of the State Grange.

I will remind you that I was brought up before computers and voice mail. Half of the problems with this position are tracking phone calls and e-mails. There has been many a day that I wish neither was ever invented.

As this is Sister Beth's last year as our State Master, I would like to thank her for appointing me to this position. Over the past couple of years I think we have both been on the same soapbox at times. We have had many calls and e-mails over the last few years.

As usual this annual report is lengthy. I do want to keep you informed as to what I have been doing as your NH State Grange Session Coordinator.

Fraternally, Kenneth L. Berry, NH State Grange Session Coordinator

Media Report Farm and Forest Expo Coordinators

The Grange was represented again this year with an exhibit at the Farm & Forest Expo at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester in February. This year's theme was "Deep Roots and a Solid Future." The exhibit showed a tree with a complicated root system and many facts about what New Hampshire Granges have done in the past and are doing at present. As usual, visitors were interested in the map of Grange locations and Paul and Rhoda Davis's pictures of Grange Halls. The Family & Community Department loaned several quilt squares which excited much admiration.

A huge thank you goes out to Marie Hall for making and donating a large crocheted afghan to be our Auction donation item this year. Everyone at the auction was very impressed by it. Thanks, too, to the Grangers who volunteered

their time and effort to man the Grange booth, greeting visitors with a friendly face and answering questions. This year's volunteers were: Beth and Arthur Merrill, Fred Carlson, Dot Haskins, Marion T. Jones, Marie and Dana Hall, Hannah West, Mary West, Chris Heath, Allissa Estes, Jane Heath, and Gloria Davis.

Please keep February 4th and 5th 2011 in mind if you would like to help staff next year's booth. The theme will be "Growth Through Yankee Ingenuity." Ideas are welcome.

It might also be noted that Anne is now representing the NH State Grange on the Farm and Forest Expo Board.

Grange Photographer

NH State Grange Photographer Mark Collins has continued to record as many Grange events as he possibly can. For most major events he puts a sampling of the pictures on the website. In most cases there are hundreds of other pictures that are not displayed on the site, so if you are looking for a particular picture that may have been taken at an event, please ask him. If he has it, he will send you the original digital image. Please note that the images displayed on the website have been pared down so they don't take up as much room, and don't take as long to download, for those who have dial-up connections to the internet. You can print the pictures from the site which will work well for most 4x6 pictures, if you wish to print a larger size then ask Mark for the original which will print fine up to 16"x20".

Unfortunately, Mark is not always able to attend every event. If you notice that he is not present, and you have a digital camera with you, please feel empowered to act as state photographer in his place. Please take many pictures and then send them to Mark on a CD or give them to him the next time you see him.

Grange Webmaster

One of Mark Collins' other hats is administrator of the State Grange website. He will be the first to admit that he knows very little about site administration, but he has done his best to keep the website updated with new information as it comes to him. If you want your Grange events to be posted on the website, please send an e-mail to the webmaster with the information at least two weeks before the event. This is Mark's last year as Webmaster and he will be passing on the reins to someone new after this session. He thanks all of you that helped in the past and hopes that you will give the new webmaster all your help.

Granite State Granger

Again this year four issues of the *Granite State Granger* were mailed to members. Editor Hannah West does each issue electronically, makes a data transfer to the Concord Monitor, and picks up the printed papers from the Concord office. Each issue must be tri-folded to save money on postage, sealed with a wafer, and labeled. Many thanks to Paul and Rhoda Davis, Anne and Marty Boisvert, Mary West, Kevin Belval, Norma and Melvin Neary, Shirley

Waters, and Carolee Davison who have helped make the GSG ready for mailing this year.

The *Granite State Granger* is a dues benefit to New Hampshire Grangers. It is also sent to State Masters of other Grange states in exchange for their newsletters. In the fiscal year 2009-2010 it cost \$2,315.69 to print and mail the GSG. This amount was partially offset by \$1,215.00 in donations from Granges and individuals. The donations and letters of encouragement make the editor's job seem very worthwhile.

In addition to the regular columns by the Department heads, several Granges have been sending in pictures and news on a regular basis. A goal for next year is to increase these submissions from the New Hampshire Granges. Let's hear about your efforts and accomplishments in 2011.

Publicist

The position of Publicist continues to be more internal than external under the direction of Hannah West. She puts out announcements by e-mail to Grangers throughout the state. This allows those whose e-mails are listed in the roster to learn of Grange events, the personal triumphs and tragedies of individual Grangers, and other news of general interest. Another aspect of the Publicist position is to supply membership brochures and pencils for public events as the small budget allows.

Fraternally submitted,

Anne and Marty Boisvert, Farm & Forest Expo Coordinators

Mark Collins, Webmaster & Photographer

Hannah West, *Granite State Granger* Editor & Publicist

These reports were all accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

New England Grange Building Trustees Report

Worthy Master, National Reps, Delegate Body, Brothers and Sisters all. The New England Grange Building Trustees held their annual meeting at the Northeast Leader's Conference to hear reports take care of business and elect officers. This year we had a change in leadership with me being elected president, Tom Gautaco, vice president, Jody Cameron, secretary and Jim Owens remained as our treasurer. During the summer we met at the NH State Grange building as it is a central location for all the trustees.

There have been opportunities throughout the year for the NE Grange building to be used. The 4-H used the building for an event they held at the Big E. The Eastern States Expo requested to use the building for an event, but later decided not to as it is not handicapped accessible. The trustees have toyed with the idea of making the first floor accessible by adding a loading ramp to the building.

The trustees have been trying to set up some guidelines for the use of the building, so the person in charge of loaning the building out has something to go by. A by-law committee has been appointed to review and make changes to the current by-laws. The trustees have voted to accept the National Grange by-law

on alcohol, which was sent to each of the New England states as a resolution to confirm our decision, which you will be voting on tomorrow.

The Avenue of States managers have held meetings throughout the year and I thank past president, Scott Davis, for attending in my absence.

The trustees have been making improvements to the building over the last few years. This year we hired someone to come in and strip the hardwood floor on the first level and refinish it. I would like to thank those who traveled down to the building to move everything off the floor before and after the job and for cleaning up all the dust. A new banner was purchased for the needle work display as well as stations to set a safety zone to keep people from touching the work. The junior display was moved to a set of shelves located on the back wall near the fire exit due to the decline in entries and quality of the work. The large peg board was not being used adequately so it was decided to use it in another capacity.

The Fair – The weather this year was warmer than last year and there were only 3 ½ days of rain. The FFA once again used our building this year on Sept. 18th for a meeting and scholarship interviews at which time, 7:30a-11:30a, the building was closed to the public. We provided coffee, cider, milk, juice, and paper goods for their breakfast. We had Ruth Fairman play her keyboard for three days this year as well as Eva Cappelli and the Watershop Band, who performed on the front lawn. Linda Sanderson worked with the University of Vermont to get Germ City to the building. This is an exhibit where kids use a gel on their hands and place them under a light so they can see the germs on their hands and then wash their hands and do it again to see the difference.

Charles Martin from Vermont once again created the quilt to be raffled off. This raffle is by donation only of any amount. There were 1,772 tickets that were given out and a total of \$4,046 raised. I had the honor of presenting the check to the Veterans Administrative Supported Housing located in Manchester, NH. Deborah Krinsky, Chief of Volunteer Services and Active Public Affairs Officer was present to receive the check, as well as to draw the winning ticket which belonged to Cindy Sims of Connecticut.

The laptop was used to show some PowerPoint presentations about the Grange as well as a video from the Watershop Band called, "Fields of Hay", which talks about open farmland being turned into housing developments and business centers.

Grange Day started with a breakfast being provided by the New England Grange building for about 125 people who operate and manage the buildings on the Avenue of States. The Contra Banditos returned for the third year and played two long sets. New York Life Insurance set up on the front lawn and provided child ID booklets, which included a photo taken at that time and basic information about the child. The Massachusetts Farm Bureau and Massachusetts State Grange co-sponsored the Century Farm Awards which were presented at 2pm in the New England Grange building. 103 farms received the award this year and most of the recipients were present. New this year, the trustees voted to host a float contest with prize money going to the State youth fund of the winning state. Being the first year we saw three floats in the parade, two from NH and one from

RI. The goat from NH took first place, and the lighthouse from RI took second place. There were about 50-60 Grangers who walked in the parade. We would love to see more participation from Grangers next year on Grange Day. If you plan on attending Grange Day, all you have to do is participate in the parade and you will receive a ticket to get into the fair for the day.

The Store/Crafts – Estimated about 500 hats were donated this year, so we ran a hat sale for 5 days and still have many left over. We sold out of scrubbies, aprons, slippers, catnip, toys, and crocheted towels and had only 20 dish cloths left. During the last week, we had people making scrubbies on site and they were selling as fast as they could make them. The peg board, from the junior display, was modified to be used as a rack for mittens and scarves which kept them neat and orderly. We also had a display of “Go Green” tote bags and eco bags. The estimated income from crafts this year is \$13,224.76. The jams, jellies, dressings, and relishes sold well this year as usual. We had a few people request to buy an entire case this year. The last three days of the fair, the prices of these items were reduced by \$0.75, to move them off the shelf so we would not have to find storage for them until the next fair. The estimated income from the store is \$14,559.45; add that to the craft income and the total deposit was over \$27,800.

As I stated last year, with the store bringing in money for us we did not ask the states for the assessment fee, and won't ask for it until it becomes necessary. If any member would like to work in the store at the Big E, please let one of the trustees know so we can get you on the schedule. If you sign up to work, we will give you a ticket to get in the gate as well as a parking pass. We run two shifts a day, one in the morning and one in the evening. If you work in the evening and do not wish to travel home, we will put you up in a hotel that we book in advance. You work half the day and you can enjoy the fair the remainder of the day.

Looking forward to the future, there are a few issues that we need to take care of.

1 – The West Springfield Fire Department has said that all fire alarm systems need to be converted from wired to wireless. This change over could cost as much as \$10,000 and needs to be completed before Dec. 31, 2011.

2 – The roof needs some work, especially around the chimney, as water has leaked in and stained the ceiling tiles.

3 – The foundation/basement needs to be repaired and sealed, because when it rains the kitchen area turns into a pool.

This year I had a chance to talk with a gentleman from a piano company who has a booth at the Big E, about possibly working out a deal where they would place one of their digital pianos in our building. This piano would have the ability to play tunes throughout the day, similar to a player piano but also be able to have someone sit down and play it. This piano offers features found in keyboards as well as pianos while feeling and sounding like a classic piano. This could lead to the purchase of one of these units which could be stored in any condition, never has to be tuned, and because of its small footprint, could be transported easily if a state had an event that needed a piano.

There are many opportunities to explore and the trustees are doing their best to take this building and organization into the future. If anyone has any ideas or sees something that should be done, please let one of us know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Clark, President – NE Grange Building Trustees, Beth Merrill and Jim Tetreault, NH trustees

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master Beth Merrill appointed Curt Congdon and Jean Boynton as tellers. Overseer Jim Tetreault appointed Deb Stone as a teller.

Election of Officers - the following officers were elected before the closing of the afternoon session.

Master	James Tetreault
Overseer	Chris Heath
Executive Committee	Beth Merrill (3 years)
Executive Committee	Donald Ross (1 year)
Executive Committee	Wilber Heath (2 years)
Lecturer	Hannah West
Steward	Bob Trombi
Asst Steward	Arthur Merrill
Lady Asst Steward	Jane Trombi
Chaplain	Matt Clark
Treasurer	Gail Turcotte
Secretary	Carolyn Ross

The meeting closed at 4:45 pm.

Friday Evening Session, October 29, 2010

The Friday evening session was called to order by State Master Beth Merrill at 7:30 PM, preceded by the marching in of the State Officers. Allissa Estes served as Flag Bearer for the evening,

Roll Call of officers found all present.

State Master Beth Merrill opened the New Hampshire State Grange in the Sixth Degree. State Secretary Carolyn Ross read the application of Davi Penny noting there were 15 additional candidates.

Sixth Degree Candidates

Adam Paquin	Antrim Grange
Dariana Penny	Antrim Grange
Darlene Eldredge	Cocheco Grange

Glen E Eldredge	Cocheco Grange
Vicki L Hussman	Harmony Grange
Arlene Dodge	Joe English Grange
Marie MacDonald	Joe English Grange
Daniel Holmes	Peterborough Grange
Ruth Holmes	Peterborough Grange
Brad Miller	Peterborough Grange
Ethan Lampman	Rockingham Grange
Joe Dion	Walpole Grange
Margaret L. Dion	Walpole Grange
Myra Mansouri	Walpole Grange
Tara Sad	Walpole Grange
Eric Marcoux	Watatic Grange

The Sixth Degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner.

Flora's Court 2010

Flora- Diane Collins

Personal attendants: Connie Brown, Park and Gloria Davis, Antrim

Attendants: Mauri Heath of Centennial, Ida Hutchins of Baker's River, Connie Carr of Grafton Star, and Bob Trombi of Warren Pond

Ceres- Kathy Yardley

Attendants: Marie Paoletta of Walpole and Carol Dumont of Mt Pistareen

Pomona:-Rachel Scanzani

Attendants: Sarah Leclerc of Hudson and Larissa Grant of Arlington

Rose Drill 2010

Coach: Gloria Davis

Participants- Emily Leclerc, Allissa Estes, Davi Penny, Norman Brandt, Bob Varnum, Lynn Clark, Patrick Bailey, and Andrew Savage.

Flora's Honor Court 2010

Kimber Bascom, Past Flora, Ceres, LAS, Assembly of Demeter

Marie Hall, Past Flora, LAS, Pianist, current Lecturer

Gail Turcotte, Past Flora, Secretary, current Treasurer

Ann Leger, Past Flora, current Gate Keeper

Marion T. Jones, Past Flora, LAS, Lecturer, E. C., Pianist

Joann Brandt, Past Flora, LAS

Hannah West, Past Ceres, current E.C., Assembly of Demeter

Rhoda Davis, Past Ceres, Assembly of Demeter

Dorothy Haskins, Past Pomona

Frances Towne, Past Pomona, Lecturer

Virginia Clark, Past Pomona

Beth Merrill, Past LAS, Lecturer, E.C., Overseer, current Master, National LAS

Tricia Taylor, Past LAS, Secretary, current General Deputy

Carolyn Ross, Past Treasurer, Past Pomona and current Secretary

Elizabeth Cotsibas, Past E.C.
 Maureen Prelli, Past First Lady of Connecticut State Grange, Assembly of Demeter
 Marge Sendewicz, Past First Lady of Connecticut State Grange, Assembly of Demeter
 Norma Elwell, Past Co-Director of RI State Grange Agriculture and Legislative Dept.
 Roslyn Heath, Florida State Grange E.C.
 Philip Prelli, Secretary of the National Grange Board of Directors and Past Master Connecticut Grange, Assembly of Demeter
 Bob Sendewicz, Past Master Connecticut State Grange, Assembly of Demeter
 Walter Elwell, Past Legislative/Agriculture Director Rhode Island State Grange
 Dan Mutchler, Agriculture Committee Connecticut State Grange
 Ron Purinton, Overseer New London County Pomona, Connecticut
 Dan Bascom, Past Gatekeeper, Assistant Steward, Overseer, Master and current Executive Committee member of the NH State Grange and Priest Archon, Assembly of Demeter
 Paul Davis, Past Steward, Overseer, Master, Executive Committee NH State Grange and current Assembly of Demeter
 Jim Tetreault, Past Assistant Steward, Steward, Lecturer and current Overseer NH State Grange
 Jerry Leclerc, Past Assistant Steward, Steward and Lecturer NH State Grange
 Mark Collins, Past Assistant Steward, Steward and current Executive Committee NH State Grange
 Chris Heath, Past Gatekeeper, Assistant Steward and current Steward NH State Grange
 Rodney Huntoon, Past Treasurer and Executive Committee NH State Grange
 Hugh Clark, Past Chaplain, current Chaplain Emeritus NH State Grange
 Matt Clark, Past Gatekeeper, Assistant Steward and current Chaplain NH State Grange
 Donald Ross, Past Gatekeeper, current Chairman Executive Committee NH State Grange
 Arthur Merrill, Past Executive Committee and current Assistant Steward NH State Grange, Assembly of Demeter
 Lester Gibbs, Past Master Vermont State Grange, current musician NH State Grange, Assembly of Demeter

A traditional Deputies march was held and General Deputy Tricia Taylor and State Master Beth Merrill thanked the Deputies for all of their hard work through the years.

State Master Beth Merrill called upon Phil Prelli, Secretary, National Grange Board of Directors and Past Master of CT Grange to address the delegate body.

State Master Beth Merrill lowered the Grange to the fourth degree.

State Master Beth Merrill closed the Grange in the in the Fourth Degree at 9:30 PM.

Saturday Morning Session – October 30, 2010

The third day of the 137th Annual Session of the New Hampshire State Grange was called to order by State Master, Beth Merrill at 8:00am. The Youth Officers then marched in to their respective stations. The Youth Officers were as follows:

Master	Andrew Savage	Wingold
Overseer	Davi Penny	Antrim
Lecturer	Allissa Estes	Somersworth
Steward	Anne Boisvert	Chichester
Assistant Steward	Patrick Bailey	Hudson
Lady Asst. Steward	Lynn Clark	Prentice Hill
Chaplain	Jen Tedford	Arlington
Treasurer	Larissa Grant	Arlington
Secretary	Bob Varnum	Antrim
Gatekeeper	Ethan Lampman	Rockingham
Ceres	Sarah Leclerc	Hudson
Pomona	Emilie Leclerc	Hudson
Flora	Tabitha Gregoire	Daniel Webster
Executive Committee	Norman Brandt	Wingold
	Adam Paquin	Antrim
	Arthur Tedford	Arlington
Honorary Pianist	Lester Gibbs	Grafton Star

Roll call of Youth Officers was taken and found all present. Roll call of State Officers was taken and found all present. Roll call of Granges found a quorum present. The minutes of the Friday session were accepted with corrections as noted.

State Youth Steward Anne Boisvert announced Phil Prelli, Secretary, National Grange Board of Directors and his wife, Maureen as our honored guests and in waiting. The Assistant Stewards escorted the Prelli's to the Master's Station and Phil and Maureen greeted the delegation. State Youth Steward Anne Boisvert announced Chris Heath, Youth Team Leader and Lynn Clark, Junior Director as our honored guests and in waiting. The Assistant Stewards escorted Chris and Lynn to the Master's Station to give their annual reports.

Youth Report

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Delegates and Patrons all, while writing this report, I reflected on the work that the Youth Team has done in the last four years and wondered where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday I was accepting the position of Youth Team Director and thinking of all the upcoming challenges I would be facing. I want to thank the State Master for asking me to perform this duty for the New Hampshire State Grange. I will admit that it has not been easy and I have not been perfect but I can say with confidence, we've come a long way with some successes.

This past year has been busy for the Youth. In November, three youth from our State represented New Hampshire at National Session in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Matthew Clark, Lynn Clark and Allissa Estes did an excellent job as Youth Ambassadors. They showed the youth from across the country why New Hampshire Grange Youth are outstanding.

In January, Patrick Bailey attended the Northeast Leader's conference in Vermont because I was visiting family in Alabama and did not return to the state until after the conference had been completed. Patrick worked with the directors from the other North East states to plan the Northeast Regional Youth conference. In the middle of January, the new team held a meeting to start planning the events for the coming year. This meeting was held at the New Hampshire State Grange Building in Hooksett. At the meeting, the team planned the first half of the year's events and made plans to hold another meeting at Summer Youth Rally.

The Winter Youth Rally was held on Saturday February 20th at Daniel Webster Grange. The day was full of activities for the youth and juniors who were in attendance. Over one hundred care packages were made for the Glenclyff Home for the elderly in Glenclyff, NH as part of a community service project. The youth also had a chance to practice the First Degree. Many participated in the Grange Knowledge test this year. Daniel Webster Grange put on the supper for the evening and 40 people were served a delicious meatloaf dinner. The Youth Association held their annual meeting at 6:30 pm. Sarah Leclerc presided as Master and did an excellent job. During the meeting the winners of the Grange Knowledge Test were announced. They are as follows, 1st place Gail Turcotte of Rochester Grange and a two way tie for second between Rhoda Davis of Pembroke Grange and Arthur Merrill of Antrim Grange. Plaques were awarded to Matt and Lynn Clark as the 2009 Young Couple and Allissa Estes for the 2009 Female Youth Ambassador award. Allissa also received an award for being the 2009-2010 Youth Lady Assistant Steward. Anne Boisvert provided a wonderful program on Maple Sugaring.

On February 27th a group of youth invaded the home and property of State Grange Master Beth Merrill for the annual Moon Stomp. A great evening of fellowship and food was enjoyed by everyone who attended and no one was left in the woods.

In March, the youth of New Hampshire rose to the challenge of the Membership Development Director to exemplify the First Degree for the Degree Day held at Daniel Webster Grange. Due to some scheduling issues, some of the youth were unable to be there on that day. Thanks to all those seasoned veterans who

stepped up and filled offices on the spot. On March 14th, many youth participated in the State Grange bowling tournament. They came out in droves to show their support of the Lecturer's department. Some of the youth were even good enough to receive some of the awards that were handed out on that day.

The month of April was a very busy month for the Youth Team. During Spring Fling, the Team provided an entire days' worth of activities for the six Junior Grangers in attendance. We attended two of the workshops that were age appropriate and provided other activities for the remainder of the day. Thanks to Matthew Haefner and Allissa Estes for assisting with this task. Also in April, the youth exemplified the First Degree again at the Degree Day which was held at Walpole Grange. Again, thanks to the seasoned veterans who stepped up and helped the youth in fulfilling this obligation. At the end of April, the youth converged on the 10 Pin Bowling Center in Manchester, NH to participate in the Annual Caroline Hall Grangers Care fundraising project. Approximately 22 youth raised money for the New Hampshire Food Bank. This is a very worthwhile event that supports all the residents in the State of New Hampshire.

During the month of May, the youth team attended both the Vermont/New Hampshire and Maine/New Hampshire nights. They participated in the programs and provided some comedy for all the Grangers in attendance.

The first weekend of June found a dozen or so youth attending the entire Summer Rally weekend. There were three Public Speech contestants, two Sign-A-Song contestants and one Elevator Speech contestant for Spotlight NH. The results were as follows; in the Public Speaking contest age 14 to 19 category, first place went to Davi Penny. There were two entries in the 30 + Public Speaking category, second place went to Stephen Tracy and first place to Arthur Merrill. There were two hobbyist entries for the Sign-A-Song contest, second place went to Beth Merrill and first place went to Kathy Yardley. First place in the 20 to 29 age category for Elevator speeches went to Matthew Clark. During the Youth Association meeting on Saturday night a slate of Youth Association Officers was elected. Most of these officers opened this morning's session of the New Hampshire State Grange.

June 25th through June 27th found 22 Grangers from New Hampshire attending the 50-year rededication ceremony of the National Grange Building in Washington, D.C. Our own Matthew and Lynn Clark helped provide tours of the National Grange Building to over 400 visitors. Matt and Lynn did a great job answering questions and providing historical information to those who visited the building.

July 9 through the 11th found 14 New Hampshire Grangers attending the Northeast Regional Youth Conference in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Everyone who attended had a great weekend. The contest winners from New Hampshire competed in the regional contests and here are the results, Davi Penny won first place in her age category for Public Speaking, Arthur Merrill won second place in Public Speaking in his age category, Matthew Clark won first place in his age category for Elevator Speech and Kathy Yardley won second place for her entry in the Sign-A-Song contest. If you see any of these people in your travels, please be sure to congratulate them on a job well done. The youth of New Hampshire

also had an entry for the Drill Team Competition which was held on Sunday. The New Hampshire team took second place out of four teams who competed. The team members were as follows, Andrew Savage, Patrick Bailey, Matthew Clark, Lynn Clark, Allissa Estes, Davi Penny, Anne Boisvert, Gloria Davis and Chris Heath. They did a great job representing the New Hampshire State Grange.

At this time I would like to announce the winners of the Collage, Memory Book and Photo Scavenger Hunt contests. In the Collage contest in the open category, first place goes to Lynn Clark of Prentice Hill Grange, second place is awarded to Camille Twiss of Watatic Grange and third place is awarded to Pam Kinville of Hudson Grange. In the Grange category, first place goes to Ida Hutchins of Baker's River Grange and second place goes to Lynn Clark of Prentice Hill Grange.

In the Memory Book Page contest in the open category, first place goes to Jessie Bailey of Rochester Grange, second place goes to Jessie Bailey of Rochester Grange and third place goes to Jim Jacobs of Rochester Grange. In the memory book page Grange category, first place goes to Beth Merrill of Antrim Grange, second place goes to Jim Jacobs of Rochester Grange and third place goes to Alice Tuck of Rochester Grange.

In the Photo Scavenger Hunt contest, first place goes to Antrim Grange, second place goes to Rochester Grange and third place goes to Chichester Grange. I was very pleased with the amount of entries that we had submitted this year.

Please keep up the great work supporting the Youth Department contests.

Now the moment most you have been waiting for...I received only 2 reports that were in booklet form, 3 Pomona youth reports and 15 Subordinate reports. This response is down from last year and I hope that next year more reports are submitted to the Youth Director. These reports are important for reporting the Grange youth activities throughout the year. The top scorer in Pomona Grange reports is Eastern NH Pomona. Congratulations to Allissa Estes, the youth chairman from that Pomona, who encouraged the members to participate in the youth contests. The top scorer in the Subordinate Grange reports goes to Antrim Grange. Congratulations to the members of that Grange who supported all the youth events and contests throughout the year. Remember that the Youth contests and events have something for everyone. You do not have to be a youth aged member to compete or attend.

I want to wish the best of luck to the new Youth Director. I believe that we are finally on the rise out of a downward spiral that has been happening for the past 15 years. With the amount of new faces that we have seen and the old faces that are returning I believe that the youth in New Hampshire will rise to the challenge and become a strong presence again in our state.

At this time I would like to introduce my committee, Lynn Clark, Allissa Estes, Sarah Leclerc, Ida Hutchins, Hannah West, Lorraine Lacross, Marie Hall, Marylin Machia, Reginald Amazeen and Gary Coutermarsh. Thank you again Worthy Master for the opportunity to be your Youth Team Leader.

Fraternally Submitted,

Christopher E Heath, New Hampshire State Grange Youth Team Leader

The Youth report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Junior Report

When Beth asked me to step in as Junior Director this past December, I was excited for the opportunity; but hesitant about the outcome. The two Junior Granges that were listed in the roster, turned out to be non-existent. So we are starting from scratch. Another member of the youth team and I incorporated junior activities at most youth events. Our first event was Winter Youth Rally in February held at Daniel Webster Grange. We had 5 juniors and 1 future junior attend. We played some games, made thank you cards, and watched a movie. We also went for a walk and played on the playground.

In March we had 4 juniors participate in the State Grange Bowling. In the 9-12 age group, 1st place was Page Beckett and 2nd place was PJ Clark. In the 5-8 age group, 1st place was Vickie Decatur and 2nd place was Terry Clark.

In April, we had six juniors attend Spring Fling and they attended two workshops including letterboxing and state police dog, and did a couple craft projects and other activities. Chris Heath, Allissa Estes, and Matt Haefner lead the activities for the day as I was unable to attend as my husband and I were in Wisconsin helping the National Membership/Leadership Director, Rusty Hunt, with an Advanced Team Training Conference.

In June, we had a few juniors attend part of June Youth Rally weekend. They participated in the nature scavenger hunt, watched Spotlight NH, had dinner with us, and then attended the Youth meeting.

With the lack of junior attendance at the few events we did have, I planned an informational meeting for juniors and their parents in May to see what interest there was in the state to have a Junior Grange. Unfortunately, the lack of people at that meeting discouraged me to the point of why even try; and so I focused my attention on youth, as I still am one.

We have enough kids in the state between the ages of 5-14 to start at least one Junior Grange, but it takes participation and commitment from the kids as well as the parents, it cannot be done by one person. I do hope the next Junior Director can be successful in starting a Junior Grange in our state so that my two boys can join when they turn 5.

I apologize if I gave up too soon, but lack of interest and commitment at this young age from parents makes the task impossible. Thank you for the confidence you placed in me this past year to try and be successful. I truly am happy for the opportunity to try.

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Clark, Junior Director – NH State Grange

The Junior Report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

The Youth Officers then retired to the anteroom and the State Officers resumed their stations.

Back to the completion of the **election of officers:**

Gatekeeper Kathy Yardley

Flora Ann Leger
Ceres Tricia Taylor
Pomona Ida Hutchins

Following the completion of the election of officers the tellers were dismissed by State Master, Beth Merrill.

State Master Beth Merrill called upon Wilber and Jane Heath to give the report of the Family and Community Service Committee.

Family and Community Service Report

Worthy State Master, State Officers, National Representatives and Grangers all.

As our final days as Directors come to a close, we want to say how much we have learned these past two years. "Hope on- Persevere ever". This has been a year of perseverance. It seems everyone has been so busy. We had a lot of participation in many of the contests and it shows in the handiwork that is on display in the display room. We have had some new ideas that we have put out to the Granges and the response has been slow but steady. A challenge was given to the Pomona Chairman to provide a day of Needle Arts (i.e. quilting, knitting, crocheting, etc.) open to the public to teach, to promote the Grange and increase membership. Joann Brandt of East Rockingham Pomona is the only one that accomplished this so far. Perhaps there is a Subordinate Grange that would like to accept the challenge?

Again, it has been our pleasure to serve as your Family and Community Directors this year. Working with the Pomona Chairmen as the State Committee, we still have new faces this year along with those that have served previously. It has brought out new ideas on our program and ways to continue with new ideas as well as modify some of our older programs. Our current list of active members include the following; Linda Nielson, Joann Brandt, Joan Garland, Rachel Scanzani, Connie Carr, Richard Patten, Florence Perkins, Ann Leger, Dale MacDonald, Norma Neary, and Lena Falconer.

This year we have started to put together bags for the residents of Glenclyff home. Michelle Oaks is our liaison with Glenclyff and she has asked that we make up bags with toiletry articles for the residents this year. We have purchased full size bottles of body wash to get this started and are asking Granges to participate by donating articles such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths, body lotion, etc. This will all be turned over to the new Director. We hope the new department will continue with the items for the stockings for children at the Philbrook Center in Concord. These are for children that cannot go home at Christmas time.

We have numerous linens and other miscellaneous items for the Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention in the exhibit room. A representative will pick them up this afternoon. Please sign the name of your Grange on the sheet on the table as you leave your items so that we may send the list with the items. This is a very worthy cause that helps clients start over when they are victims of violence and need a new start at a new home. We gave last year to a shelter in Portsmouth and hope to continue this at each community where we hold our State Session.

There were 329+ craft items from 9 Granges donated to the New England Grange Building at the Eastern States Exhibition. Our best sellers are always our scrubbies and mittens and they love them there.

The end of the year Home Economics report form needs the number of toys, mittens and Eastern State items, rather than just a yes/no. Based on the numbers listed on the report forms, there were 494+ mittens donated from Subordinate Granges to schools, shelters, nursing homes, etc. Our Mountain of Mittens which has currently 238 hats and mittens will add to this overall total giving us over 700, Last year's total was 600.

We commend the Granges that are involved in the Dictionary Project and the number that are going out to many schools throughout New Hampshire. For those of you that are involved in this, we challenge you to spread out to other communities and give what you can. There are other organizations and businesses that are willing to make donations to help pay for the dictionaries, all you need to do is ask. Someday it is hoped to cover most of the state with these dictionaries.

This year we encouraged all Granges to turn in a Community Service report form. There were 30 Granges that did send in reports, which qualified us to receive award money from National Grange. The top four Community Service winners were;

1st Place – Watatic # 36

2nd Place – Hudson #11

3rd Place – Gilman #1

4th Place – Pine Grove #298

As a result of community service throughout the state, there were contributions to Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and other locations. These donations included calendars, unused all occasion cards, gifts, favors, baked goods, slippers, shawls, and lap robes among many, many other items. Homeless shelters received sleeping bags, mittens, scarves, and hats. Granges also sent hats and socks overseas to our military personnel serving in the Mideast.

In the Needlework contest we had 61 items sent in for judging. Our judges this year were Donna Kay, needlework designer and teacher, Katrina Rhodes, quilting instructor and owner operator of The Fabric Garden, and Arthur Walker, retired Mechanical Engineer. The top ten blue ribbon winners were sent to Eastern States Exposition where we had six entries that won ribbons. We had 1 blue ribbon, 3 red ribbons, and 2 white ribbons earned at Eastern States Exposition.

Needlework entries and their placing:

A) AFGHAN

1st – Gail Turcotte, Rochester

2nd – Noreen Crawford, Squam Lake

3rd – Roberta Sliva, Hampton Falls

Ralph Russell Sr., Henry Wilson

Barbara Dessert, Mont Calm

Rose Marie Van Sant, Winthrop

- Judith McNally, Hampton Falls
 Claire Gagnon, Hudson
 Carolyn Ross, Gilman
 Norma Cole, Rochester
 Barbara Wentworth, Henry Wilson
 Jeanie Houghton, Hampton Falls
 Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic
 Sandra Bokousky, Watatic
 Joane Gandy, Watatic
 Beth Merrill, Antrim
- B) DOILIES
 1st – Joan DeButts, Crown Point
 2nd – Gail Turcotte, Rochester
 3rd – Joan Garland, Henry Wilson
 Marjorie Burnett, Wingold
- C) EMBROIDERY
 1st – Jeanie Houghton, Hampton Falls
 2nd – Ann Leger, Winthrop
 3rd – Barbara Wentworth, Henry Wilson
 Annette Lemieux, Rochester
 Grace Leone, Rochester
 Happy Pelton, Rochester
- D) THREE PIECE BABY SET
 1st – Joan DeButts, Crown Point
 2nd – Roberta Sliva, Hampton Falls
 3rd – Judith McNally, Hampton Falls
 Gail Turcotte, Rochester
 Joan Garland, Henry Wilson
- E) PLASTIC CANVAS
 1st – Claire Gagnon, Hudson
 2nd – Ann Leger, Winthrop
 3rd – Sandra Fogarty, Somersworth
 Gail Turcotte, Rochester
 Wanda Boston, Pembroke
 Barbara Dessert, Mont Calm
 Lois Enman, Rochester
 Lucia Savage, Wingold
- F) COUNTED CROSS STITCH
 1st – Ann Leger, Winthrop
 2nd – Pat Izzo, Wingold
 3rd – Rose Marie Van Sant, Winthrop
 Sandra Fogarty, Somersworth
- G) ADULT GARMENT
 1st – Barbara Wentworth, Henry Wilson
 2nd – Marjorie Burnett, Wingold
 3rd – Claire Gagnon, Hudson

H) LATCH HOOK

1st – Ann Leger, Winthrop

I) QUILTED WALL HANGING

1st – Beth Merrill, Antrim

J) STUFFED TOY

1st – Gail Turcotte, Rochester

2nd – Jane Morrill, Lower Intervale

3rd – Camilie Twiss, Watatic

Joan Garland, Henry Wilson

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE NEEDLEWORK CONTEST

CLASS #1 Woodworking

1st – Richard Bailey, Hudson

2nd – Tim Goulette, Watatic

3rd – Pat Izzo, Gilman

June Moody, Henry Wilson

CLASS #2 SEWN GARMENT

1st – Lois Enman, Rochester

2nd – Dorinda Louise, Henry Wilson

3rd – Norma Neary, Pembroke

Ann Leger, Winthrop

Joan Garland, Henry Wilson

CLASS #3 Quilts

1st – Dorinda Louise, Henry Wilson

2nd – April Farewell, Mont Calm

3rd – Katherine Umberhind, Hampton Falls

Kathy Akerman, Hampton Falls

Ruth Pelton, Hampton Falls

Pat Izzo, Wingold

CLASS #4 Miscellaneous

1st – Dorinda Louise, Henry Wilson

2nd – Gail Turcotte, Rochester

3rd – Camilie Twiss, Watatic

Gladys Ray, Wingold

Dale MacDonald, Lower Intervale

Stephen Tracy, Park

Marion Woodworth, Rochester

Annette Dawson, Watatic

Barbara Brulotte, Henry Wilson

Pat Izzo, Wingold

Sandra Bokousky, Watatic

Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic

Joane Gandy, Watatic

Andrea Lucas, Watatic

We received 30 Year End Home Economics Reports. The top Subordinate Granges for 2010 are Henry Wilson, Rochester, Mont Calm, and Pembroke. Certificates are in the program packages.

We received 5 Year End Pomona Reports. The top Pomona Granges for 2010 are Hillsborough County Pomona, Cheshire County Pomona, Pemigewasset Valley Pomona, Suncook Valley Pomona and East Rockingham Pomona. Certificates are in the program packages.

Toys - Stuffed new toys for Shriners. We have collected 230 toys to give to the Shrine Hospital.

Baking Contest – The winners were 1st Marjorie Wilsey from Pemi Valley with her Raspberry squares and 2nd Minerva Osborne from East Rockingham with her apple squares. The rest of the entries were disqualified as they did not meet the requirements

The Family and Community Department again participated in the Spring Fling this year by putting on two workshops. Wilber and Jane explained about Letterboxing and how to get involved. There were also half a dozen Letterboxes placed in numerous locations outside of the school and attendees were offered clues to find these Letterboxes create a notebook and design a stamp.

We also had a staff person from Glenclyff present a demonstration on how to make natural potpourri.

On Saturday evening, the Family and Community Department presented the following awards to deserving individuals as follows;

Police Officer of the Year - David Cayot of Hudson

Firefighter of the Year - Robert Haggerty of Hudson

Educator of the Year - Stephen Heath of Ashland

Military Veteran - Joseph Kenick, Jr. of Exeter

State Police Trooper - Gary P. Ingham, Troop A

We presented the 2010 Community Service awards at this time.

1st Watatic

2nd Hudson

3rd Gilman

4th Pine Grove

We also presented the following Agricultural Awards;

200 Year Farm Bickford's Diamond B of New Durham

Century Farm Courser Farm of Warner

Young Farmer Walker Fitch of Milford

Fraternally submitted,

Wilber and Jane Heath, Co-Directors Family and Community Service Department

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

A video was then shown "Fields of Hay" by Eva Capelli and The Watershops Band. This video is about open farmlands being turned into housing developments and business centers.

State Master Beth Merrill called upon Jean Abbott, Chairman of the 501c3 Committee to give her report.

Report of the New Hampshire Grange Foundation

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Delegates and Patrons,
The Directors have met as time and energy would allow. After securing our tax exempt status from the State of NH, we created By-Laws, a Conflict of Interest Policy, and after what seemed like an eternity, we were able to submit IRS Form 1023 to Uncle Sam. We have not yet received our letter of determination, but I anticipate that it will arrive any day now.

Our 1st annual meeting was held July 27. Worthy State Master Beth Merrill and Ex. Comm. Member Bob Haefner attended the meeting and both were very helpful. At this meeting we elected officers for the coming year and increased the size of our Board of Directors to eleven members.

We will begin soon to prepare for the anticipated influx of funds. We can hold true to our mission only if we have the resources to do so. Remember that this is a public charity which means that any individual or group can donate for what they feel is a worthy cause. Remaining a public charity is the only way we can maintain our tax exempt status with the IRS.

I would like to thank all who have given so freely of their time and talents to date and to those who have stepped forward and said yes for the future. In any organization, many diverse skills are needed to complete the tasks at hand and I feel very positive about the future of this foundation.

Fraternally,

Jean Abbott, Chair; Ruth Holmes, V-Chair; Marie Hall, Sec.; Kenneth Berry, Treas.; Directors David Boynton; Robert Haefner; Lorraine Merrill; Robert Bornstein; Gail McWilliam-Jellie; John C. Porter; Glenn Yardley.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

James Tetreault, State Overseer was called upon to give a verbal report on the Pomona Growth Summit in Grove City, PA this past September 2010.

Reports of Pomona Granges:

Cheshire County

Worthy Master, Honored Guests and Brother and Sister Patrons:

It gives me great pleasure to deliver the report of Cheshire County Pomona #6. I have served as Master for the past six years and I want to congratulate our new Master Matthew Clark, I am sure that he will have the same cooperation during his tenure that I had during mine.

Cheshire County Pomona has adopted a service vision for the Subordinate/Community Granges within Cheshire County of "Care and Assistance".

We have assisted the Subordinate Granges with in our jurisdiction as follows and I classify these items as successes:

- Payment of the 2010 National Grange assessment for our local Granges.

- A Pomona wide fundraiser that benefited not only the Pomona but also each Grange within our Pomona jurisdiction.
- Exemplification of the Third Degree for the degree-day hosted by Walpole Grange.

I would classify all of these events as successes that benefited not only Cheshire County Pomona but also each of our individual Granges.

Our missed opportunity this year was the opportunity to revitalize Warren Pond, some great efforts were made, and a strong team was assembled but timing and luck were not on our side. Potential attempts will be made in the future either for revitalization or a total new Grange in the Town of Alstead.

Fraternally, Jim Tetreault, Past Master, Cheshire County Pomona

Eastern NH Pomona- Allissa Estes gave a verbal report.

Hillsborough County Pomona Grange # 1 Annual Report for 2010

It is my privilege to report on the activities and health of the Hillsborough County Pomona to the Delegates of the NH State Grange. The Pomona met with full ritual 10 times during the year, the 3rd Saturday of each month and in August for our annual outing. We are off in July. At our September meeting, Chris Heath, with assistance from Pat Lawlor, performed installation of officers.

Although, membership is substantial and we have a full slate of officers, attendance has been a significant problem this past year. We had to cancel the 5th Degree for lack of participants. It is enough of a concern that I asked every Subordinate in the Pomona to answer several questions about what we needed to do to fix the attendance problem. The survey results lead us to believe that being a traveling Pomona after many years in a fixed, centralized home, has impacted the attendance. We have some issues with an aging population and health / injury situations that impact us as well. During the next year, we will address all of the issues that impact attendance and do what we need to resolve them. We will even consider going to some daytime meetings.

The Master has committed to visit one Subordinate Grange a month. I would hope that such visits will encourage attendance at Pomona, let the Subordinates know that their Pomona is available to help the local Granges and encourage them to grow.

Respectfully submitted, Hillsborough County Pomona Master- Bob Haefner

Mascoma Valley Pomona Report

Worthy Master, National Grange Representatives, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters,

Mascoma Valley Pomona #7 comprises the following Community Granges: Grafton Star, Hanover, NH ; Blow-Me-Down, Plainfield, NH; Meriden, Meriden, NH; Park, Cornish, NH; and the newest Grange Croydon, Croydon, NH. Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the various Grange halls, Hanover Senior Center, or the Farewell home.

Pomona Officers also attend Community Grange meetings to assist as needed.

We are challenged with an aging membership and limited transportation relying on carpooling to effect a quorum.

All elected offices have been filled, committees appointed, and plans are being made for the new Grange year. Our goal is to become more active, ask the Visioning Deputy to speak with us, and encourage membership growth both at the Community and Pomona level, and to better support the various departments at the State level.

Fraternally, Connie Carr, reporting

Report of Merrimack County Pomona Grange

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters all,

In the spring we decided to hold a bake less food sale. Contact was made with each of our members and the response was very gratifying to increase our treasury.

Twenty-one members from Sullivan County Pomona joined with us to increase our membership.

In July we joined Harmony Grange for a cook out at the Tobin's home.

Wicwas Lake Grange has been inactive for a period of time and their desire is to become active and maintain their hall. They held a town wide informational meeting to which three of our members attended to give them support for their revitalization efforts. This proved very successful and they signed up 15 new members that night. Four of our members went back to help in the Welcoming Ceremony in September.

Merrimack County Pomona is willing to help cover/collect the National Convention Assessment fee for 2011.

Our biggest failure is not being able to have representation from all the Subordinates in our district at our regular meetings.

Our Pomona attended the Special Pomona Study Committee meeting.

Rodney Huntoon, Master

Report of Northern New Hampshire Pomona Grange #5

Worthy State Master, Distinguished Guests, Patrons;

Northern New Hampshire Pomona now consists of four (4) Subordinate Granges: Winthrop Grange in Shelburne; Mount Hope Grange in Landaff; Pine Grove Grange in Bath and Riverside Grange in Dalton. Our area basically covers from the Vermont border to the Maine Border the area just north of the notches. The distance from Shelburne to Bath is approximately 64 miles.

This year we held seven (7) meetings and one social event in July. For programs we hosted a local legislator to speak about our state government and opened our meeting to the public. We had a family and community services, agriculture, history of the National Grange building program and participated in the baking contest. We welcomed one new member this year.

Our Pomona voted this year to turn the collection of the National Assessment over to the Subordinates and they were asked in the letter that was sent to them to send the funds directly to the State Secretary. I know that some of our Granges did participate, but am not sure if all four of them did.

We are in a position right now of a few doing a little. My goal is to change this to a few more doing a little more and perhaps that little snowball can become a big snowman down the road.

Fraternally, Jean Abbott, Master

Suncook Valley Pomona Grange

In Suncook Valley Pomona Grange it is more a case of the Subordinates needing to help the Pomona than the reverse. With two of our three Subordinates meeting in the daytime so members will not have to drive at night the evening Pomona meetings have been more poorly attended this year than last, and we were again unable to summon the personnel to exemplify the Fifth Degree. We will be exploring a different meeting time at our planning meeting in November. Financially we are doing well. We exhibited at Hopkinton and Deerfield Fairs and took home a Blue Ribbon and prize money each time. In an effort to keep busy and balance the budget at the same time we held two Yard Sales this summer and slightly exceeded our fundraising goal of \$260 dollars. As promised in 2009, we paid the 2010 National Grange assessment fee for each of the three Subordinate Granges in our jurisdiction. With this success under our belt we look forward to doing the same in 2011.

Our moment of shining glory was when the NH Dictionary Project, which Suncook Valley Pomona administers, was asked by the South Carolina Dictionary Project at the end of the school year to present dictionaries furnished by them to the cities of Manchester and Nashua. We were only able to reach one school in Manchester, but contacts were established with Nashua and dictionaries were presented to all the third graders in that city. This feat was achieved with the cooperation of members of Hillsborough Country Pomona, especially those from Hudson Grange, who took delivery of the dictionaries and brought them to the twelve elementary schools in Nashua. It was an example of Grange service at its finest!

Our missed opportunity was the Stratham Fair. Between the hot weather and Mary West's wedding we just couldn't pull the exhibit together in time this year. Respectfully submitted, Hannah West, Past Pomona Master

East Rockingham Pomona #11

East Rockingham Pomona #11 meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Pomona meets seven (7) months out of the year, beginning in March through June, September, October and December. We split up our meeting places between Gilman, Hampton Falls and Wingold Grange. We have had programs such as, Agriculture, Family & Community, Election of Officers, Installation of Officers, Memorial Service and Youth/Junior. Our December meeting is our Christmas Party and food drive for a local Food Pantry. In November of 2009 we had our first ever Holiday Craft Fair. Since the fair was relatively successful, East Rockingham Pomona will be hosting their 2nd Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 6th, and you are all welcome to attend.

East Rockingham Pomona has made their presence known at the Stratham and Deerfield Fairs. Just to toot our horns a bit; Pomona always receives a blue ribbon and many times the Best of Show.

The attendance at our Pomona meetings is declining but our officers and few members on the sidelines really work hard to do their part keeping our Pomona active.

Respectfully submitted, Donald R. Ross, Master East Rockingham Pomona #11

Pemigewasset Valley Pomona- David Boynton gave a verbal report.

State Master Beth Merrill called upon David Boynton to give the report of the State Grange Building Study.

Report of the Building Study Committee

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Guests, Delegates and Patrons: Before I present this report, I would like to recognize the members of the Study Committee: Chris Heath, State Steward and member of Centennial Grange; Matt Clark, State Chaplain and member of Prentice Hill Grange; Ida Hutchins, Deputy and member of Baker's River Grange; Andrew Savage, member of Wingold Grange; Mary West Belval, member of Chichester Grange; Rick Bailey, member of Hudson Grange; Claire Gagne, member of Hooksett Grange; Vicki Hussman, member of Harmony Grange; David Wilson, member of Winthrop Grange; and Beverly Woods Wilson, member of Pine Grove Grange.

At the 2009 State Session, Delegates acted upon a resolution which called for the State Grange owned building in Hooksett to be sold. That Resolution was amended to read "Resolved, that a study committee be formed on the aspect of selling the current NH State Grange building and locating a more appropriate facility. The Study Committee to present a written report at the next NH State Grange Session. The Resolution as amended was adopted, and the report is now at hand.

The Committee's study was focused on the following areas:

1. Financial- donations and rental income vs. expenses of the building; the impact on the treasury and the impact on other programs, events and activities.
2. Use- how frequently the building was used by the State Grange for meetings, events and activities, and for income-generating uses.
3. Storage- assessment of the needs of the State Grange and Departments and the adequacy of the space available and condition therein.
4. Museum- use of the building as a holding area for items of historic, informational and/or intrinsic value; accessibility for informational and educational purposes to members and non-members.
5. Determination of the viability of locating a "more appropriate facility".

Other issues considered include the use of the facility by Hooksett and Pembroke Granges and the impact sale of the building would have on those Granges; financial support provided by individuals and Granges through donations; the intangible value of having a “home of our own”; and the need of the State Grange to have a facility readily available for meetings and activities.

The Building Study Committee collected and evaluated data relative to these areas including financial data from 2000 to 2010, storage requirements, capacity and use of the building for meetings and events. We requested and received Market Analysis Reports from three local Realtors, gave consideration to options for alternative facilities for meetings and events and made inquiries relative to options to provide a more suitable arrangement to protect and preserve historical documents and artifacts.

Based on our analysis of the information collected, the Committee concluded the following:

1. It is neither financially feasible nor sustainable for the NH State Grange to continue ownership of the building.
2. It is not financially feasible to exchange the current building for another building “more appropriate” and adequate to meet the needs.
3. The building does not provide adequate space to accommodate the requirements for the storage of equipment and accessories of the State Grange and the various Departments.
4. The building does not provide adequate climate-controlled storage necessary for the preservation of written and printed records and documents with historical significance.
5. The building is not being utilized for income generating purposes adequate to offset the expenses incurred.
6. The Grange Museum, located in a locked room of a locked building, is not readily accessible either to members or the public, therefore significantly reducing its value as a museum.

These conclusions were reached after study and analysis of the information available, which provided the following facts:

The net expense of maintaining the building has continually increased, while membership and income have continually declined. Withdrawals from invested funds between 2000 and 2010 totaled \$76,000; during the same period, expenses of the building, less donations and rental income totaled \$61,766. There is a direct correlation between the two. The cost of maintaining the building far outweighs the value and benefits of having “a home of our own”.

Based on these conclusions, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the building in Hooksett, owned by the NH State Grange be sold.

2. That self-storage unit or units of adequate size, climate controlled as needed, and located convenient to those Officers needing access, be rented on a long term basis (12 months).
3. That a plan be developed to provide either permanent or “as needed” arrangements to rent or lease a facility or facilities to provide adequate space for meetings, events and activities of the State Grange and Departments.
4. That the State Grange initiate a discussion with the New Hampshire Historical Society Museum staff to develop a plan to create a “New Hampshire Grange” Exhibit/Display/Library at the Society’s Museum in Concord.
5. That the State Grange initiate a discussion with the New Hampshire Historical Society Museum staff to develop a plan to digitize the written and printed documents with historical and/or informational value.

It must be understood that none of these recommendations can be fulfilled immediately; each will need to be planned and implemented to ensure the best interests of the NH State Grange are protected. However, the sooner decisions are made and the process started, the sooner the goals will be achieved.

The Committee recognizes that many individuals have made financial donations to offset the cost of repairs, improvements and amenities for the building. Those selfless acts and the dedication of the individuals involved need to be recognized in some appropriate manner, while respecting whatever degree of anonymity the donors may expect and deserve.

The conclusions and recommendations of the Building Study Committee are not based on personal opinions- they are based on an analysis of the facts. Continually declining membership and continually increasing expenses of the State Grange demand that some difficult choices need to be made, priorities need to be established, and members need to be assured that the financial resources of the State Grange are being used wisely and to our best advantage. Depleting the Invested Funds so that we can have a building “that we can call our own” is not a wise use of our financial resources and certainly not to the best advantage of the NH State Grange.

It cannot be overstated that there are cost-effective and reasonable solutions to accommodate the need for storage space and meeting facilities, as well as the retention and preservation of documents and other historical items. We need to be willing to put aside emotional entanglements, put the best interests of the NH State Grange first and move forward.

Delegates, the Building Study Committee has fulfilled its mandate... the rest is up to you.

To the Committee members, I thank each of you for your willingness to serve on the Committee and to address a difficult and sometimes delicate issue. I certainly appreciate your contributions.

Respectively submitted, David Boynton, Chairman Building Study Committee

A motion was made by Arthur Merrill and seconded by Gloria Davis to accept the report of the study committee. The vote was in the negative to accept the report to sell the State Grange Building. The vote was 30 – Yes and 35 – No.

State Master, Beth Merrill called upon Donald Ross, Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee to give the State Budget report.

State Budget

New Hampshire State Grange Income Budget 2010-2011

	Propose 2009- 2010	Actual 2009- 2010	Propose 2010- 2011
Invested Funds			
Income	1,600.26	5,177.85	5,157.59
Withdrawals from Principal	5,424.31	0.00	0.00
Special Invested Funds			
Defunct Grange Accounts	1,607.27	1,607.27	1,113.20
Other Budget Income			
Bonding Fees			
Subordinate/Pomona	2,259.00	2,358.00	2,265.00
Donations		440.25	
Dues & Fees	38,778.00	38,418.75	40,444.00
Eastern States/Blueberry Pie	1,200.00	1,300.00	1,200.00
Family Weekend			
Fund Raising	2,000.00	3,298.50	5,000.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i>			
Donations	750.00	1,215.00	1,000.00
Membership Training			
Conference			1,360.00
National Grange Session			
Assessment	2,000.00	1,658.00	1,700.00
NE Connection Session			
Assessment			850.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	70.00	21.00	28.00
Sixth Degree Fees	40.00	100.00	40.00
Spring Fling	400.00	620.00	400.00
State Grange Building Use			
Donations	2,800.00	1,850.00	2,550.00
State Session	3,930.00	3,365.00	3,880.00
State Grange Building Fund			
Donations	150.00	75.00	75.00

Non Budget Income

Supply Department		1,304.90	
Special Escrow Account			
Income	3,490.84	3,518.43	
Funds from Past Publicist		305.00	
National Grange for Peterborough #35		400.00	
Lecturer's Gift		10.00	
Jaffrey Grange Treasury		771.93	
Total	66,499.68	67,814.88	67,062.79

**NH State Grange
Expense Budget 2010-2011**

	Proposed 2009- 2010	Actual 2009- 2010	Proposed 2010- 2011
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	2,383.00	2,265.00	2,265.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	209.00	209.00	209.00
Bulk Mail Permit	185.00	185.00	185.00
Department Expenses			
Family & Community	630.00	630.00	630.00
Grange Services	140.00	140.00	140.00
Lecturer	770.00	770.00	770.00
Legislative	630.00	630.00	630.00
Membership	280.00	237.11	600.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	140.00	140.00	140.00
Youth/Junior	900.00	900.00	900.00
Deputies Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,800.00
Dues- National Grange	17,787.00	17,706.50	17,928.00
General Deputy Expenses	250.00	250.00	250.00
Income Tax Preparation	1,700.00	1,586.00	1,600.00
Leader's School- December	250.00	0.00	250.00
Legal Fees	3,000.00	3,424.92	3,000.00
Lobbyist/Advocate Expenses	250.00	0.00	
Master Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Media			
Farm & Forest Expo	385.00	345.00	345.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	2,900.00	2,315.69	2,400.00
Publicist Expenses	100.00	100.00	100.00
Membership Training			1,200.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	0.00	300.00
National Session Assessment	2,329.00	2,347.00	2,107.00
NE Connection Assessment			1,053.50
NE Grange Building	0.00	0.00	0.00

Assessment			
Office Equipment			325.00
Operations			
Family Weekend	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising		15.28	
State Grange Building	7,000.00	6,476.92	6,500.00
State Session	4,196.68	3,348.88	5,126.40
State Session Deposit	500.00	500.00	500.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	6,000.00	3,810.76	6,222.48
Secretary Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,600.00
Sixth Degree Fees- National	10.00	25.00	10.00
Spring Fling	350.00	412.50	420.00
State Grange Insurance	2,250.00	2,243.00	2,250.00
State Grange Other Building Insurance	800.00	810.00	820.00
State Grange Other Building Expenses	175.00	173.13	175.00
Supply Department		1,304.90	
Treasurer Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Non Budget Expenses			
Anniversary Fund		28.50	
Donation		415.00	
Escrow Account Income		3518.43	
Funds Past Publicist		305.00	
Jaffrey Grange Treasury		771.93	
Lecturer's Gift		10.00	
National Compensation			
Peterborough #35		400.00	
Patron's Plunge Donation		250.00	
Totals	66,499.68	68,500.45	69,751.38

A motion was made by Arthur Merrill and seconded by Chris Heath to increase fund raising by \$500.00. So voted. A motion was made by Clayton Tuck and seconded by Chris Heath to increase Membership to \$600.00. So voted.

State Master, Beth Merrill called for a recess at 12:00pm.

State Master, Beth Merrill called the Grange back to order at 1:30pm.

Stephen Tracy presented a Good Grange Image Award to Croydon Grange. Stephen Tracy presented a Membership Award to Watatic Grange for a net gain in membership. The award was presented to Sandra Bokousky, the Master of Watatic Grange.

Since a pig was not able to be found the Kiss the Pig event was not held. The event has been extended to the Spring Fling in April.

Back to the **Budget**: A motion was made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Chris Heath to reduce the office equipment line from \$600.00 to \$325.00. So voted. A motion was made by Rodney Huntoon and seconded by Dale McDonald to move the question of adopting the budget. A motion was then made by Dot Haskins and seconded by Lucy Woodes to adopt the budget as revised. So voted.

State Master, Beth Merrill asked B. Richard Bailey, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee to give his report.

Report of Resolutions Committee

Worthy Master, visiting guests and Brothers and Sisters;
This is the report of the Resolutions Committee

Resolution #1 – Submitted by Rochester Grange #86

Subject: Alcoholic Beverages in Grange Halls by Non-Grange Groups

The committee recommends adoption.

The resolution passed without change.

Resolution #2 – Submitted by Rochester Grange #86

Subject: Alcoholic Beverages in Grange Halls

The committee recommends adoption.

The resolution passed without change

Resolution #3 – Submitted by Chichester Grange #132

Subject: Respect for the United States Flag and the National Anthem

The committee recommends adoption.

The resolution was defeated.

Resolution #4 – Submitted by Sunapee Lake Grange #112

Subject: Reinstitute the Agriculture Committee

The National Grange Digest allows the National Master to appoint such committees as he sees necessary. The NH State Grange Master is also authorized to appoint the standing committees, with no mention as to what they might be. This does not preclude an Agricultural committee being appointed.

The committee does not recommend adoption.

The resolution was defeated.

Resolution #5 – Submitted by Blow-Me-Down Grange #234

Subject: Grange Hall Building Insurance

This has been done before. Each grange should contact the State Secretary or Treasurer for more information.

The committee makes no recommendation.

The resolution was defeated.

Resolution #6 – Submitted by Antrim Grange #98

Subject: Second Delegates at National Grange

The committee recommends adoption.

The resolution passed without change.

Resolution #7 – Submitted by Antrim Grange #98

Subject: National Grange Term Limits

The committee makes no recommendation.

The resolution passed without change.

Resolution #8 – Submitted by Antrim Grange #98

Subject: Executive Committee 4.10.1 (c) (1)

The committee recommends adoption.

The resolution passed without change.

Resolution #9 - Submitted by Antrim Grange #98

Subject: Master, Treasurer, Secretary

The committee recommends adoption.

The resolution passed without change.

Resolution #10 - Submitted by Antrim Grange #98

Subject: Sale of Grange Halls

WHEREAS, the line of communication between a Grange that wishes to sell its hall and the State Grange Executive Committee needs to be clear, concise, and certain; and

WHEREAS, some Granges believe they have followed Grange law when going through the process of a sale or transfer of real property, but neglected to get final written approval from the State Grange Executive Committee, which down the road, can result in serious legal problems; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Article XI, Chapter 4.11.1 (B) of the National Grange Digest be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the Division. “The written consent shall be in the form of a letter or document or facsimile and must be signed by the State Grange Master, Secretary, and Chairman of the Executive Committee.”

The committee does not recommend adoption.

We feel that requiring the three signatures might prevent a properly prepared and notified piece of property sale from happening especially in a large state where the three officers live a distance apart.

The resolution was amended by adding “of the National Grange Digest” and “or facsimile” and was adopted as amended

Resolution #11 - Submitted by Antrim Grange #98

Subject: Industrial HEMP

The committee recommends adoption.

The resolution passed without change.

Resolution #12 - Submitted by Arlington Grange #139

Subject: Late Quarterly Reports

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire State Grange is required to submit quarterly reports and make dues payments to the National Grange; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire State Grange makes its quarterly reports and payments to National Grange based on the most current information available; and

WHEREAS, the Granges that do not report on time often times report a loss of membership and therefore pay less to the State Grange than what was already reported and paid to National Grange; therefore be it

RESOLVED, Article XIV Section 1 of the Bylaws of the NH State Grange be amended by adding Division 6 to read: “Subordinate Granges that are late in

filing reports to the State Grange be required to pay any back dues to cover the amount already paid to the National Grange.”

The committee recommends the resolution be adopted as amended.

The resolution passed as amended.

Resolution #13 - Submitted by State Grange Executive Committee

Subject: New England Grange Building

The committee recommends adoption.

The resolution passed without change.

Resolution # 14 submitted by Walpole Grange # 125

Subject: Tuttle Farm

The committee does not recommend adoption.

The resolution was defeated.

Resolution #15 submitted by Park Grange #249

Subject: Food Stamp Regulation Change

WHEREAS, food stamp use is climbing; and

WHEREAS, obesity is pandemic in America; and

WHEREAS, present food stamp regulations do not allow the choice of healthier deli prepared foods, both hot and cold, that are generally cheaper and healthier; and

WHEREAS, some food stamp recipients do not have time to prepare a healthy meal at home; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange supports legislation changing food stamp regulations to allow deli prepared foods; and be it further

RESOLVED, that food stamp issuing agencies educate food stamp recipients to make healthier food choices.

The committee recommends that the last paragraph be amended to read

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Grange and the NH State Grange contact the food stamp issuing agencies and encourage them to educate food stamp recipients to make healthier choices.

The committee recommends adoption as amended.

The resolution was amended and then defeated.

Resolution #16 submitted by Park Grange # 249

Subject: Labeling of Household Cleaners

The committee recommends adoption.

The resolution passed without change.

Thank you for asking us to serve on this committee,

Richard Bailey, Wayne Turcotte, Anne Boisvert and Robert Trombi

State Master Beth Merrill called upon Lucy Woodes, Chairman of the **Master's Address Committee** to give her report.

The report was given verbally and was accepted.

State Master, Beth Merrill then presented a Master's Award of Excellence to Hannah West, Editor of the GSG.

State Master Beth Merrill asked Pat Izzo, Chairman of the Credentials Committee to approach the Master's station to give her report.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE – 2010

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Pink Sash Family and Grangers:
The report of the Credentials Committee is as follows:

TOTAL VOTING DELEGATES

Masters	32	
Wives of Masters	8	
Husbands of Masters	3	
Delegates	42	
TOTAL DELEGATES		85

State Officers	18
Deputies	13
Committee Members	54
Non-delegates	52
Special Guests	13

The members of the Credentials Committee thank the State Secretary for the privilege of serving on the Registration table for the 2010 State Session.

Fraternally,
Patricia Izzo, Chairman and Lucia Savage

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master, Beth Merrill called upon Past Master, Dan Bascom and Past Master, Paul Davis for remarks to the delegation.

A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Matthew Clark to authorize the State Grange Executive Committee to approve the minutes of Saturday session. The vote was in the affirmative.

The third day of the 137th Annual Session closed at 3:40pm.

Saturday Evening, October 30, 2010 NH State Grange Celebration Dinner

The Annual New Hampshire State Grange Banquet was held at 6:00pm. The Best Western Sovereign Hotel served a delicious dinner.

State Master Beth Merrill welcomed all who attended the Grange Banquet. Master Merrill then introduced the guest dignitaries:

- Vicki Huff – Maine State Flora
- Deb Ivers – Maine State Soloist
- Roslyn Heath – Florida State Executive Committee
- Leroy Watson – Past National Legislative Director

Phil Prelli – Secretary, National Grange Board of Directors and Past Master of the CT State Grange

Maureen Prelli – former First Lady, CT State Grange

Phil Prelli was asked to address those attending the banquet. State Master, Beth Merrill then presented the Prelli's with a gift from the NH State Grange.

The winners of the 4 X 4 contest were announced and Hannah West and Anne Boisvert both had 6 correct answers.

Chris Heath gave out the Youth Department Pumpkin Decorating awards:

3rd Bobbie Sliva

2nd Ruth Pelton

1st Marion Woodworth

2010 Award Recipients were:

The 200 Year Farm Award went to the family of the Bickford family's Diamond B in New Durham and the Century Farm Award was given to the family of the Courser Farm in Warner.

The Young Farmer of the Year Award was presented to Walker Fitch from Milford.

The Police Officer of the Year Award was given to David Cayot from Hudson. David was not able to be present so his award will be given to him at a later date.

The Firefighter of the Year Award was given to Robert Haggerty from Hudson.

The Educator of the Year Award was given to Stephen Heath from Ashland.

The 2009 1st place Family & Community Service Award was presented to Watatic Grange, as they were not able to be present at last year's State Session.

2010 Community Services:

1st Watatic

2nd Hudson

3rd Gilman

4th Pine Grove

The Veteran Award was given to Joseph Kenick, Jr. from Exeter.

The State Police of the Year Award was given to Trooper Gary Ingham from Troop A.

State Lecturer Marie Hall presented the Lecturer's Community Service Award to the Pease Greeter's.

State Legislative Director Jim Tetreault then presented the Legislative Award. This year's Legislator of the Year Award was presented to Representative Rick Ladd from Haverhill. As Rick was not able to be present Bob Haefner accepted the award for Rick.

State Lecturer Marie Hall introduced this year's Best of Show Talent winner, Lynn Clark from Prentice Hill Grange. Lynn will be attending National Session in North Carolina to sing in the Outstanding Talent Program. Lynn sang Daddy's Hands for those attending the banquet.

Jerry Leclerc of Hudson Grange won Saturday's 50/50 Raffle in the amount of \$161.50.

The Silent Auction winners were announced. Proceeds realized from the Silent Auction were \$901.50.

The winner of the 2010 Baking Contest was Marjorie Wilsey from Baker's River Grange representing Pemi Valley Pomona.

Sunday Morning Session – October 31, 2010

State Chaplain Matthew Clark conducted the Church Service at 9:00 am.

State Master Jim Tetreault introduced Vicki Huff, Maine State Grange Flora and her installing suite who installed the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange:

Master	James Tetreault	Arlington
Overseer	Christopher Heath	Centennial
Lecturer	Hannah West	Chichester
Steward	Robert Trombi	Warren Pond
Assistant Steward	Arthur Merrill	Antrim
Lady Assistant Steward	Jane Trombi	Warren Pond
Chaplain	Matthew Clark	Prentice Hill
Treasurer	Gail Turcotte	Rochester
Secretary	Carolyn Ross	Gilman
Gatekeeper	Kathy Yardley	Walpole
Ceres	Tricia Taylor	Blazing Star
Pomona	Ida Hutchins	Baker's River
Flora	Ann Leger	Winthrop
Executive Comm (1 year)	Donald Ross	Wingold
Executive Comm (2 years)	Wilber Heath	Centennial
Executive Comm (3 years)	Beth Merrill	Antrim

Assisting with the installation of officers was:

Installing Master	Wilber Heath	NH Executive Committee
Marshall	Roslyn Heath	Florida Executive Comm. Chair
Marshall	Bruce Heath	Past Master Centennial

Installing Chaplain	A. Jane Heath	Master Centennial
Regalia Bearer	Alice Tuck	NH Family & Community Service
Emblem Bearer	Gloria Davis	NH Past Princess
Pianist	Sybil Dupuis	Past Master Wells, ME
Soloist	Debra Ivers	Maine State Soloist

Special guests introduced were:

Jody Cameron	New State Master, Connecticut State Grange
Jodi Ann Cameron	First Lady, Connecticut State Grange
Leroy Watson	National Grange Trademark Protection Manager

Jim also introduced his family and friends:

Nola Poole	Mother
Kristine Carle	Sister
Donna Earle	Cousin
Laurie Dipietro	Cousin
David Corliss	Closest and oldest friend
Henry Parkhurst	State Representative

State Master Jim Tetreault read his policy on fraud and closing Granges.

- This administration will not tolerate fraud. This year we have *sadly* learned of a *substantial financial* fraud involving a grange which has gone on for over 30 years. *Our policy has been and should be that we expect Grange members and especially officers of our local Granges to live up to the high expectations of their oaths and their installation pledges to preserve the assets of the Order for the benefit of future generations of Grange members. When those expectations are not met, especially in cases of deliberate attempts to deceive both local Grange members and the State Grange by hiding assets and accounts, we will act swiftly and accordingly under Grange law, civil law and, if necessary, criminal law.* If your Grange needs to make changes to your Deputy Reports to the State Grange, change any financial records, every Grange will have that opportunity for a 1 year period with no question asked or comments other than a thank you. *This Administration will insist on complete financial transparency in reporting for all Grange chapters in New Hampshire*
- It will also be the policy of this administration that no Grange will be able to give up their charter without first meeting with a Grange growth team to study the viability of the future of this Grange. *Existing Granges are vital assets to their local communities. Even when a current group of members feel they can no longer continue as a Grange, we owe it to their community to try to reinvigorate that Grange with new members before the charter is given up. We are going to grow the Grange here in NH and we can't do that by closing Granges!*

Jim spoke about his Priorities for the next two years.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE 2010 PRIORITIES

Grange Growth Focus on Ritualism Fundraising Improve Communications

Past State Master, Beth Merrill and her husband, Arthur were escorted to the altar and State Master, Jim Tetreault presented the Merrill's with their Gold Sashes and a gift from the NH State Grange Officers.

State Master, Jim Tetreault introduced his Team for the next two years:

Youth	Patrick Bailey
Legislative/Agriculture	Bob Haefner
Membership	Anne Boisvert
Family & Community	Alice Tuck
General Deputy	Arthur Merrill
Grange Services	Lois Enman
Information Director	Linda Neilsen
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	Hannah West
Photographer	Mark Collins
Fund Raising	Sherrill Bokousky
Family Weekend	Bob Trombi
Resolutions & By-laws	Wayne Turcotte
State Grange Building	Marty & Anne Boisvert
State Sessions Coordinator	Kenneth Berry

Phil Prelli, Secretary National Grange Board of Directors and Jody Cameron were called upon to address those present.

State Master, Jim Tetreault presented Vicki Huff, Maine State Flora with a token of his appreciation for coming down to NH to install the officers.

A reception hosted by Arlington Grange and fellowship followed the closing of the morning session.

POMONA GRANGE	No.	6/30/2009	6/30/2010	Net Chg	GSE E	GS NE	Real Estate	Property	Treasury	Other	Total
Carroll County	8	21	21	0	4	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,071.17	\$0.00	\$1,571.17
Cheshire County	6	89	95	6	36	6	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$734.64	\$0.00	\$1,234.64
East Rockingham	11	102	99	(3)	35	0	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$9,901.65	\$32.00	\$12,433.65
Eastern NH	2	99	95	(4)	34	0	\$0.00	\$3,836.28	\$5,487.07	\$122.86	\$13,146.21
Hillsborough County	1	107	114	7	36	9	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,805.05	\$0.00	\$4,005.05
Mascoma Valley	7	43	63	20	21	3	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,651.87	\$0.00	\$2,151.87
Merrimack County	3	139	149	10	55	0	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,081.76	\$0.00	\$4,081.46
Northern NH	5	80	62	(18)	20	14	\$0.00	\$0.00	?	?	?
Sullivan County	9	54	0	(54)	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pemigewasset Valley	18	59	59	0	16	0	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$164.28	\$0.00	\$464.28
Suncook Valley	12	38	38	0	11	7	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,028.69	\$0.00	\$7,028.69
Upper Coos	14	40	40	0	5	2	\$0.00	?	?	\$0.00	?
Total		871	835	(36)	273	41	\$0.00	\$13,336.28	\$28,926.18	\$154.86	\$46,117.02
Average		73	70				\$0	\$1,212.39	\$2,892.62	\$14.08	\$4,611.70

POMONA GRANGE	Dues	Uncolld	Mlgs Held	Avg Attend	Notes
Carroll County	\$6.00	\$88.00	4	5	
Cheshire County	\$5.00	\$40.00	10	11	
East Rockingham	\$10.00	\$20.00	6	13	
Eastern NH	\$15.00	\$52.50	4	21	Escrow Acct - \$3602.52
Hillsborough County	\$6.00	\$42.00	10	12	Not audited for several years
Mascoma Valley	\$5.00	\$80.00	6	6	
Merrimack County	\$9.00	\$64.00	5	15	
Northern NH	\$5.00	\$0.00	6	11	Treasurer's information unavailable
Sullivan County	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	Closed
Pemigewasset Valley	\$5.00	\$15.00	8	12	
Suncook Valley	\$7.50	\$75.00	10	11	
Upper Coos	?	?	?	?	No report received
Total	\$73.50	\$476.50	69	117	
Average	\$6.68	43	6	12	

SUBORDINATE GRANGE	No.	6/30/2009	6/30/2010	Net Chg	GSE E	GS NE	Real Estate	Property	Treasury	Other	Total
Antrim	98	51	46	(5)	5	3	\$87,400.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,876.20	\$0.00	\$96,376.20
Arlington	139	25	24	(1)	5	0	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,863.51	\$48,664.11	\$56,027.62
Aurora	235	42	36	(6)	7	3	\$61,600.00	\$0.00	\$4,974.61	\$0.00	\$66,574.61
Baker's River	290	25	23	(2)	9	7	\$31,200.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,598.68	\$0.00	\$36,298.68
Blackwater	152	47	46	(1)	11	10	\$0.00	\$4,700.00	\$15,935.00	\$0.00	\$20,635.00
Blazing Star	71	47	49	2	10	5	\$180,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$12,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$198,500.00
Blow-Me-Down	234	14	17	3	1	1	\$332,300.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,290.18	\$0.00	\$336,590.18
Centennial	185	26	24	(1)	8	1	\$40,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$1,442.31	\$0.00	\$49,442.31
Chichester	132	52	51	(1)	18	9	\$0.00	\$4,736.00	\$4,101.87	\$2,155.84	\$10,993.71
Cocheco	81	32	36	4	16	1	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,003.32	\$492.00	\$7,495.32
Contoocook	216	23	18	(5)	4	3	\$149,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$670.11	\$0.00	\$152,670.11
Crown Point	65	38	37	(1)	17	8	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$11,284.42	\$0.00	\$12,784.42
Daniel Webster	100	54	50	(4)	16	6	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,188.70	\$2,500.00	\$8,688.70
Dorchester	280	18	21	3	1	0	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$1,012.93	\$25,813.88	\$27,576.81
Friendship	110	22	17	(5)	5	4	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,070.72	\$0.00	\$8,070.72
Gilman	1	32	30	(2)	9	1	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$9,737.72	\$0.00	\$14,737.72
Grafton Star	60	50	51	1	2	2	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$16,873.39	\$0.00	\$18,873.39
Halestown	287	19	18	(1)	1	1	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$16,333.66	\$68.00	\$17,401.66
Halloween	317	14	14	0	5	0	\$114,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$384.61	\$0.00	\$117,384.61
Hampton Falls	137	56	47	(9)	10	4	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,316.37	\$226.50	\$5,542.87
Harmony	99	53	51	(2)	12	3	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,208.08	\$0.00	\$6,208.08
Henry Wilson	205	30	32	2	3	1	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,673.05	\$0.00	\$44,673.05
Hooksett	148	27	22	(5)	2	1	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$22,540.07	\$0.00	\$23,540.07
Hudson	11	41	24	(17)	6	4	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$17,318.43	\$0.00	\$18,518.43
Jeremiah Smith	161	30	29	(1)	7	4	\$301,600.00	\$40,000.00	\$8,433.80	\$297.65	\$350,331.45
Joe English	53	33	31	(2)	8	1	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,887.70	\$86.68	\$12,974.38
Lake Shore	128	12	14	2	2	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$28,316.03	\$0.00	\$28,816.03
Londonderry	44	41	36	(5)	0	0	\$108,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$112,000.00
Lower Intervale	321	22	26	4	6	0	\$29,500.00	\$2,200.00	\$1,833.73	\$0.00	\$33,533.73
Meriden	151	15	14	(1)	2	3	\$182,900.00	\$1,000.00	?	\$0.00	\$183,900.00
Mohawk	217	56	53	(3)	5	5	\$51,800.00	\$3,500.00	\$10,409.82	\$20.81	\$65,730.63
Mont Calm	70	34	34	0	17	3	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$11,920.45	\$0.00	\$12,920.45
Mount Hope	77	42	38	(4)	10	8	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$7,199.53	\$0.00	\$7,899.53
Mt. Livermore	288	19	31	12	6	1	\$0.00	\$1,820.07	\$3,357.70	\$2,169.22	\$7,346.99
Oceanside	260	39	35	(4)	18	4	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$10,106.00	\$0.00	\$12,106.00
Park	249	33	31	(2)	4	1	\$177,700.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$180,700.00
Pembroke	111	32	31	(1)	6	8	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,866.90	\$0.00	\$10,866.90
Peterborough	35	32	25	(7)	0	0	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,616.27	\$0.00	\$4,616.27

SUBORDINATE GRANGE		Dues	Uncoll'd	Mtgs Held	Avg Attend	Notes
Anttrim	\$33.00	\$330.00	13	7		
Arlington	\$32.00	\$64.00	9	8	Escrow Acct - \$2526.01	
Aurora	\$29.00	\$0.00	12	9		
Baker's River	\$30.00	\$0.00	18	10		
Blackwater	\$5.00	\$0.00	9	9	Escrow Acct - \$88,420.50	
Blazing Star	\$30.00	\$455.00	21	10		
Blow-Me-Down	\$30.00	\$30.00	7	6.2		
Centennial	\$36.00	\$0.00	10	8		
Chichester	\$25.00	\$25.00	12	20	Escrow Acct - \$8714.19	
Cocheco	\$10.00	\$120.00	4	11	Escrow Acct - \$5981.25	
Contocook	\$30.00	\$60.00	9	7		
Crown Point	\$20.00	\$0.00	10	6	Escrow Acct - \$3200.71	
Daniel Webster	\$30.00	\$74.00	11	11		
Dorchester	\$10.00	\$80.00	16	7		
Friendship	?	?	7	2	No information about dues	
Gilman	\$29.00	\$29.00	9	7	Escrow Acct - \$196,731.10	
Gratton Star	\$20.00	\$0.00	12	8	Escrow Acct - \$8359.35	
Halestown	\$8.00	\$0.00	14	6		
Halloween	\$40.00	\$120.00	12	4		
Hampton Falls	\$35.00	\$0.00	18	12		
Harmony	\$30.00	\$0.00	11	19		
Henry Wilson	\$30.00	\$0.00	7	8		
Hooksett	\$10.00	\$218.00	11	9		
Hudson	\$40.00	\$0.00	19	11	Escrow Acct - \$33,686.90	
Jeremiah Smith	\$30.00	\$0.00	18	8	Escrow Acct - \$25,191.74	
Joe English	\$30.00	\$30.00	18	10		
Lake Shore	\$8.00	\$0.00	7	5	Escrow Acct - \$39,165.59	
Londonderry	\$20.00	\$80.00	4	6		
Lower Intervale	\$40.00	\$130.00	12	10		
Meriden	\$30.00	\$90.00	8	5	No information on treasurer's accounts	
Mohawk	\$29.00	\$232.00	20	14		
Mont Calm	\$30.00	\$30.00	8	6	Escrow Acct - \$9448.32	
Mount Hope	\$29.00	\$0.00	11	11		
Mt. Livermore	\$10.00	\$60.00	9	6	Escrow Acct - \$3330.25	
Oceanside	\$20.00	\$0.00	10	4		
Park	\$30.00	\$682.00	8	7		
Pembroke	\$35.00	\$70.00	14	8		
Peterborough	\$34.00	\$0.00	21	17		

SUBORDINATE GRANGE	No.	6/30/2009	6/30/2010	Net Chg	GSE E	GS NE	Real Estate	Property	Treasury	Other	Total
Pineconia	322	39	27	(6)	9	6	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,149.22	\$0.00	\$3,149.22
Pine Grove	296	39	39	0	8	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$6,762.51	\$3,077.28	\$10,339.79
Pleasant Valley	272	29	18	(11)	10	3	?	?	?	?	\$0.00
Prentice Hill	257	21	32	11	6	2	\$7,350.00	\$4,209.00	\$2,815.39	\$0.00	\$14,374.39
Riverside	137	18	18	0	7	1	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$178.85	\$0.00	\$1,178.85
Rochester	86	67	63	(4)	17	9	\$209,800.00	\$2,500.00	\$17,629.78	\$79.17	\$230,008.95
Rockingham	183	21	24	3	5	0	\$100,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,469.59	\$0.00	\$107,469.59
Somersworth	264	26	22	(4)	2	3	\$0.00	\$2,750.00	\$3,221.78	\$0.00	\$5,971.78
Squam Lake	258	33	33	0	3	0	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,362.63	\$35.00	\$2,397.63
Stratford	238	23	16	(7)	3	0	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$763.77	\$0.00	\$5,763.77
Sunapee Lake	112	29	27	(2)	8	3	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$39,839.77	\$0.00	\$42,839.77
Tuftonborough	142	29	30	1	5	1	\$202,600.00	\$0.00	\$7,294.45	\$0.00	\$209,894.45
Walpole	125	56	49	(7)	7	4	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,381.75	\$3,218.04	\$9,399.79
Warren Pond	47	15	15	0	0	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,472.80	\$0.00	\$3,472.80
Wattannick	327	26	21	(5)	3	2	\$263,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,343.81	\$1,022.00	\$268,365.81
West Thornton	253	44	43	(1)	13	7	\$17,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,106.37	\$0.00	\$23,106.37
Wingold	308	73	85	12	33	6	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$9,309.19	\$0.00	\$11,809.19
Brookline-Wilton	211	19	19	0							
Golden Rod	114	23	22	(1)							
Granite	7	57	57	0							
Granite State	149	19	19	0							
Jaffrey	135	22	22	0							
Mt. Pistareen	145	18	15	(3)							
Reunion	303	18	18	0							
Riverhill	346	21	21	0							
Rockingham	183	24	24	0							
Watatic	36	18	19	1							
White Mountain	50	27	27	0							
Wicwas Lake	292	14	14	0							
Winthrop	315	29	23	(6)							
Total		42140		(94)	413	168	\$2,686,750.00	\$1,58,365.07	\$388,747.53	\$94,926.18	\$3,328,888.78
Average		34			55	55	\$99,756.61	\$2,542.35	\$9,141.36	\$2,250.87	\$50,687.05
Granges included in calculation		68		68	55	55	21	55	55	17	55

SUBORDINATE		No.	Dues	Uncoll'd	Migs Held	Avg Attend	Notes
GRANGE							
Pinecoria		322	\$40.00	\$60.00	9	12	Escrow Acct - \$24,079.14
Pine Grove		296	\$25.00	\$325.00	24	11	
Pleasant Valley		272	\$30.00	?	2	6	
Prentice Hill		257	\$30.00	\$540.00	6	8	
Riverside		137	\$10.00	\$230.00	0	0	Not meeting
Rochester		86	\$30.00	\$0.00	19	16	
Rockingham		183	\$35.00	\$0.00	14	8	
Somersworth		264	\$30.00	\$60.00	18	11	
Squam Lake		258	\$20.00	\$40.00	10	6	
Stratford		238	\$29.00	\$58.00	21	8	
Sunapee Lake		112	\$30.00	\$60.00	4	13	
Tuftonborough		142	\$30.00	\$0.00	6	11	
Walpole		125	\$18.50	\$74.00	11	17	
Warren Pond		47	\$30.00	\$180.00	0	0	Not meeting
Wattannick		327	\$40.00	\$160.00	14	6	
West Thornton		253	\$20.00	\$270.00	10	9	
Wingold		308	\$25.00	\$87.50	13	12	Escrow Acct - \$2798.99
Brookline-Wilton		211					No information received
Golden Rod		114					Escrow Acct - \$14540.84/No report received
Granite		7					No report received
Granite State		149					No report received
Jaffrey		135					No report received
Mt. Pistareen		145					No report received
Reunion		303					No report received
Riverhill		346					
Rockingham		183					
Wataatic		36					No report received
White Mountain		50					Closed
Wicwas Lake		292					
Winthrop		315					
Total			\$1,439.50	\$5,153.50	630	486.2	
Average			\$17.32	\$66.46	11.00	10	
Granges included in calculation			55	55	55	55	

Membership Development Report 2010

All of us have heard the excuse "The dog ate my homework". Well I can't use that excuse but floodwaters 3 times in the last few weeks ruined mine and some of my backup info I was using to write my report, so this is my attempt from memory. Forgive me if I miss something due to my aging memory. It has been suggested that I change the name of my place from Oleo Acres -One of your cheaper spreads to MASH's 4077-The Swamp.

In January I attended the Northeast Leaders Conference on Saturday in VT. Since the only committee meeting was Legislative, I attended that. This is where the "return the agriculture committee" resolution came from. Thank you Deb Stone for the ride.

What a great year for growth. Due to this we had two Degree Days instead of one. In March Daniel Webster Grange hosted and in April Walpole Grange hosted. Thank you to all who made this possible and welcome to the new members.

With spring comes renewal and growth in agriculture and the Grange. I took the National Master's challenge to organize a new Grange. I was elated to present to our State Master the charter application for Croydon Grange # 357. I am also working on Claremont and Grantham.

In April I had the opportunity to listen to the National Master at the State Grange building. What an inspiring speaker. He spoke of growth and growing Grange spirit across the country. The better part of the evening for me was when I got to ride with Ed to Newport after the meeting. We had a great one on one conversation on Grange issues. His overall message was fitting for every member. "You do not have to be a Gold or Pink sash holder to grow the Grange. It is every single member with a positive Grange spirit sharing their enthusiasm for their Grange membership with family, friends and coworkers. All of you are the Grange of the future."

Also in April I got to attend another Grange Growth summit in NY. We learned how to speak to strangers and listen to their situation in life and connect it to the Grange. Again it was great to see other NH Grangers give time, money and effort to attend. Thank you to Mark Collins, Matt Clark and Arthur Merrill.

While there I got to interact with Rick Grotton, Membership Chair of ME. They are working on retention and I will try to implement some of their projects here. One of their issues is how we talk about each other. We need to think before we speak; is what I am about to say hurtful to someone else? I recently attended a candlelight vigil for all the recent suicides and beatings and killings of gays and lesbians. We were asked to take a pledge to speak up when we hear hate

speech inciting hurt. Hopefully we can speak up for our fellow Grangers when someone says something that may hurt and drive members away.

As the need arose for Grange Growth activities I tried to organize a GRIT training but due to a tight Grange schedule this had to be postponed.

In June I was able to attend Spotlight NH/Youth Conference. What an inspiration to see the youth interest. Whether youth or not I encourage you to attend youth functions to inspire them.

I gave you the challenge to get the Grange out of the Grange hall and into the community. Through attending farmer's markets, fairs, etc I have found great interest in the Grange. Most people feel the Grange no longer exists. We need to change that. While selling produce at the Newport Farmer's Market I always had Grange literature on the table to inspire conversation with other vendors and shoppers.

Some Granges of note are Antrim for their Art show, Blazing Star for their fair, Blow-Me-Down for their 4th of July activities, Pineconia Grange farmer's market and Park Grange for their breakfasts and food booth at the Cornish Fair.

Newbury was having a parade and Sunapee Lake Grange with its few and aging members had a float. They dealt with their situation and worked with it. Three members dressed in farm garb, filled a wheelbarrow with plants and walked it around the parade route passing out applications. Kudos to Beth for her goat in the Big E parade.

To see some other Grange community activities please check out the membership table in the other room.

In Sept Jim Tetreault, Arthur Merrill, Matt Clark and I attended the Pomona Summit in PA. We found that all states are struggling with the Pomona situation. The theme we brought home for the Pomonas is "Give us a reason". We need to get back to one of the original reasons for the Pomona and that is 'to strengthen the Subordinates'. We encourage the Pomonas to organize a team and pick a struggling Subordinate and work with them. The discussion in the car on the way back home brought a challenge to me. I am to reorganize three Pomonas-I think they said in three months. It may take me a bit longer.

Last year I started two different awards. One was the "Good Grange Image Award" for a Grange to get the Grange into the community eye. The 2nd Place Grange this year did not sit back and say 'we can't do that'. They worked with what they had. 2nd place goes to Sunapee Lake Grange for their float.

1st place goes to a Grange full of enthusiasm. When a member of their Grange had a house fire the Grangers were there before the fire apparatus to comfort

and to make a 'conga line' removing the member's belongings. The members were there for this member through the cleanup, etc. The insurance representative was amazed at the amount of help the member was receiving. Normally it is the fire victim and the insurance rep alone. The Grange organized a joint meeting with the church in town to have a healing meeting for the member and the community to work out what needed to be done. This Grange also had a float in the local parade. 1st Place goes to Croydon Grange.

Another way to look at Grange image is how we present ourselves when out promoting the Grange. In the southern part of the state we have professionals. In that area we need to consider that in how we dress. Suits may be more inviting to the people of that area. North of the Notches or the North Country where the majority are more blue-collar workers, a more relaxed dress code is in order. In fact a suited person there would be looked upon with suspicion and make prospective members feel uneasy and unwelcome. Basically assess the area you will be working in before stepping out.

This year's Phoenix Award goes to a Grange who has not met in many years and through guidance from their Deputy has taken in 25 to 30 new members, elected officers and has started fundraisers and getting the Grange into the community. This year's Phoenix Award goes to Wicwas Lake Grange.

Other Granges of note for net membership gains include; Coheco gained 4 members, Dorchester, Blow-Me- Down, and Rockingham all had a net gain of 3 new members.

A new award became obvious to me this year. This award is for a Granger who really took it to the streets and worked on Grange membership. This person worked for a whole year on a Grange traveling about 1 hr each way. This Granger really took the training from Rusty Hunt and worked it proving that what Rusty teaches is good. This person has done us proud. This year's "Atta boy" Award goes to Arthur Merrill for his work on Wicwas Lake Grange.

Due to all the activities and goals in the Sullivan County area more people are talking about the Grange and I have been interviewed by the local radio station and the local weekly newspaper. This helps get the word out that the Grange is here and growing. I have heard from former Grangers in towns that no longer have Granges and they would like a new Grange in their towns. With all this interest and potential growth we need more people willing to go out and work at rebuilding the Grange.

Thank you to all for your work on bettering the Grange and I look forward to working with you in the ensuing years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen Tracy, Membership Development Director