

STATE GRANGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Organized December 23, 1873

Incorporated July 2, 1875

**ROLL OF HONOR
PAST MASTERS**

1873	Dudley T. Chase*	Claremont
1879	George A. Wason*	New Boston
1883	William H. Stinson*	Goffstown
1886	Charles McDaniels*	Springfield
1891	Nahum J. Batchelder*	East Andover
1903	Herbert O. Hadley*	Peterborough
1909	Richard Pattee*	Laconia
1913	Wesley Adams*	Londonderry
1917	Fred A. Rogers*	Meriden
1921	Herbert N. Sawyer*	Atkinson
1925	James C. Farmer*	Keene
1929	John A. Hammons*	Gilford
1933	Arthur W. McDaniel*	East Barrington
1937	William J. Neal*	Meredith
1943	Charles A. Rollins*	West Alton
1947	Charles R. Eastman*	Kensington
1953	J. Thornton Tripp*	Rochester
1955	George F. Clement*	Landaff
1959	Asa H. Morgan*	Bow
1963	Carl S. Adams †	Lebanon
1967	John L. Saturley*	Chichester
1971	E. Norris Hall*	Nashua
1975	Alton F. Carpenter*	Canaan, VT
1977	B. Franklin Hayes*	East Rochester
1980	Philip A. Shattuck*	Brookline
1984	Everett H. Poore*	Littleton
1988	Philip J. Estes*	Rochester
1990	Paul W. Davis, Sr.*	Loudon
1994	Richard W. Patten †	Concord
1998	Daniel P. Bascom †	Rochester
2002	John H. West*	Chichester
2006	Beth Merrill †	Antrim
2010	James Tetreault †	Arlington

* Deceased

† Present during Session

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
OF THE ORDER OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
FIRESIDE INN & SUITES, WEST LEBANON, NH**

Thursday, October 20, 2016

The first day of the 143rd Annual session of the New Hampshire State Granges was opened in the Sixth Degree with worthy Master Christopher E. Heath and the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange at 7:00 PM.

Officers present were:

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

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

The Grange was then lowered to the Fourth Degree.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

State Steward Arthur Merrill announced Christine Hamp, Lady Assistant Steward for the National Grange and her husband Duane Hamp, Past Master of the Washington State Grange are our guests and in waiting. The Assistant Stewards escorted them to the Master's station.

Richard Patten Director Community Service was introduced to present some awards. George Morrell of Wentworth NH was presented with a Citizen of the Year Award. He was nominated

by Baker's River Grange #290. Female Granger of the Year Award presented to Esther Herrick of Concord Grange #322. Brother Patten also presented a State Historian Lifetime Achievement Award to Past Master, Carl Adams who will be celebrating his 100th Birthday in a few months. Brother Patten spoke of the many accomplishments that have kept Carl very active in the Grange and his community. A member of Lebanon City Council, read a proclamation from the city Lebanon as well as a poem written by the Mayor of Lebanon, Georgia A. Tuttle.

Brother Adams spoke and thanked the Grange for the honor. He went on to say that he has always enjoyed belonging to the Grange and cherishes the many memories and experiences

The Grange was recessed, Happy Birthday was sung and every one enjoyed social time with Carl while cake was being served.

The Grange was called back to order.

National Representative, Christine Hamp was called on for remarks. She congratulated Carl on his award and his upcoming milestone. She complimented the State officers on the beautiful drill and opening ceremony. She is looking forward to spending time and getting to know the members in New Hampshire. She brought the greetings from the Washington State Grange and Washington DC.

Brother Duane Hamp was asked for a few words, and he spoke on how we as grangers all do the same thing only different. He also enjoys seeing the little feet in the hall and glad that we welcome the kids.

State Master Heath, recognized Jim Tetreault, Past National Lecturer and Leroy Watson, Member of the National Grange Executive Committee.

State Master Heath, invited Robert Haefner, Director of the Legislative and Agriculture Committee to give his annual report.

Legislative and Agriculture Department Annual Report

Worthy Master, National Representative, Officers, Directors, Delegates and Grangers all.

This is my sixth report to you as your Legislative and Agriculture Director. For all of the years I have been the State Grange Legislative and Agriculture Director, I have also been a State Rep. Well this year I lost my primary and after December 6 I will no longer be a Rep. I might add the Sister Tara Sad, a fellow Rep and a member of the State Grange Legislative and Agriculture Committee has left (retired) from the Legislature too. There are very few Grangers left in the NH Legislature in Concord.

As your Legislative Director I continue to serve across a broad range of Agriculture and Agriculture related organizations. I am not only a member of the NH Farm Bureau, but also represent the NH State Grange on the Farm Bureau's Government Affairs committee. One of the goals I had as the Director was to move the Grange and Farm Bureau closer together. I have also

now been elected to the board of the Hillsborough County Farm Bureau, where I will continue the message of Grange to the local Farm Bureau. I also have a membership in the New England Farmers' Union. I, along with Rep. Sad have for a number of years also been judges for the State FFA Convention and even went to the National Convention a year ago as judges. Last year we started judging 4H. We have both been active in State Agriculture and Rural Leaders as well.

The Worthy Master has decided to Split Agriculture off from Legislative for the next two years. I will keep Legislative and will work hard to do the job. I do intend to stay on as the Grange Representative to the Farm Bureau Government Affairs Committee.

This past year we participated in Deputy School, We hosted Grange Day at the State House, which did not work so well this year. We are no longer allowed to have lunch served in Committee Rooms. That is a result of too many spilled drinks on relatively new carpet. We did have our legislative panel at Spring Fling with only Dick Patten, Tara Sad and yours truly there to represent Grangers in the legislature. It is even going to be tougher getting folks now with two less Grangers that are also legislators.

We did have a very successful Legislative Fly In here in NH for the First in the Nation Presidential Primary. The attendance was good and the feedback from participants was very positive. I hope someone will pick that up in four years. Grange Day at the Big-E took place and a few from NH participated, including our Worthy Master. I will call on all Legislative Chairs from all Subordinates and Pomona Granges to attend the Big E next Grange Day, visit the Critters in the livestock barn, tour the NH Building and visit the New England Grange Building, Then stay for the Parade.

During the coming year, I will forward important legislative information to all of you and from time to time, ask you to call your Reps to lobby the occasional bill. I will also once again offer help with Resolutions. If you tell me what you want a resolution to say. I am only too happy to help format it.

Last year we presented the Legislator of the Year Award to Representative Robert Theberge of Berlin. At the Awards Banquet this year we will give the award to Rep. Shawn Jasper, Speaker of the NH House for his outstanding management, under very difficult circumstances, of the House of Representatives and his fair treatment of all Representatives.

Thank you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Haefner, Director
NH State Grange Legislative/Agriculture

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

The Assistants escorted Robert Trombi to the Masters station to present 2016 Grange Family Camping Weekend Report.

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

The 2016 Grange Family Camping Weekend was held on July 29-31 at Gunstock Campground.

This year we had advance reservations for an area of the Campground, called the "Boardwalk". This area provided us with the ability to ensure that all of our Grange campers were able to be located together. It also afforded easy access to a nature trail, right at the edge of the field. We enjoyed a great weekend of fun and fellowship. There were 32 Grangers and friends, in 9 Campers, and 3 tents. We also had 10 day visitors, with Junior Director, Joanne Brandt, leading activities for Junior's

On Saturday, campers enjoyed games and fellowship, and many of the recreational activities that the Campground offers. On Saturday evening, we had our traditional potluck supper and a group campfire.

Join us for another relaxing weekend of fellowship in 2017, on July 28-30 at Gunstock. There information on next year's, in the display room. Please check it out when you have the opportunity. We have already started taking reservations for 2017. If you are interested in joining us, contact me A.S.A.P.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert Trombi
Family Weekend Coordinator

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

With no further business the flag was retired and the 1st day of the 123rd was closed in the fourth degree at 9:05 pm.

Friday, October 21, 2016

The second day of the 143rd Annual Session opened at 8:00 am with Worthy State Master Christopher E. Heath presiding.

Calling the roll of officers found all present

Calling the roll of granges found a quorum present.

State Master Heath, introduce the members of the Assembly of Demeter, Rhoda Davis, Hannah West, Kimber and Dan Bascom, Deb and Dick Patten, Beth and Arthur Merrill.

Minutes of the Thursday session were read corrected and approved.

The Secretary read the Standing Rules of the 143rd Annual Session. A motion was made and supported to accept the rules as presented. The vote was favorable.

Session committees were announced

Four additional resolutions were submitted and read to the delegate body.

Resolution #13

Submitted by Claremont Grange #9

Subject: HN Lyme Disease Information System

Resolution #14

Submitted by: Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: National Grange Contest Review

Resolutions #15

Submitted by: Stratford Grange #238

Subject: Repeal FSMA Food Safety Modernization Act

Resolution #5

Submitted by: Stratford Grange #238

Subject: Review of USDA EBT Guidelines

State Session Coordinator, Gerald J. Leclerc presented his report.

2016 State Session Coordinator Report

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

This is my first report to you as the State Session Coordinator and I can't begin to tell you how thrilled I am that it is finally here. All the hours of preparation, the numerous phone calls and emails to and from the Fireside Inn and Suites and the communications with the various officers and directors about items of concern are over and now we can reap the benefits of the efforts expended by anyone involved.

As a result of the resignation of the former coordinator at the close of the 2015 session it was decided that this role be placed back into the responsibilities of the State Secretary. I am not new to this type of planning as I have many years of event planning from a former position and took this on with great enthusiasm.

My first priority as coordinator was to secure a location for the session. I contacted the Fireside Inn and Suite in West Lebanon and was very pleased to find that they had availability for the time we needed so the contract was created, signed and deposit was made. I was also happy to find out that Kristina Withington who worked with the NH State Grange the last time we held session at the Fireside Inn was still here and could access the previous records, making the process much easier.

Many of you may remember the last time we were here was in 2007, Beth Merrill was State Master and conducting here first session. One memorable event was when the then State Ceres,

Kathy Yardley and State Pomona, Rachel Bailey-Scanzani were extinguishing the candles following the memorial service they successfully conducted a fire drill by setting off the fire alarm. Needless to say the session was recessed to the parking lot. Not surprisingly that was the last year real candles were used.

Early in the spring we had a tour of the Fireside Inn and Suites. We met with the representative and had an opportunity to ask questions, measure for the court, meeting and display space as well as discuss menu selections.

Yesterday morning, the room that you are sitting in now, the registration area outside this room and the display space were completely void of any evidence that the NH State Grange was going to be here. That was until a trailer full of equipment and car loads of craft/contest entries and credential items accompanied by the Stewards, Graces, Lecturer, Secretary and Committee Directors along with their band of elves descended upon the hotel and made magic happen. Please take time to go and visit the display space to see what your fellow grangers have entered into the various contests. Hopefully this will inspire some of us to participate in some of these contests next year.

At the time of this report a location for the 2017 session has not yet been secured as finding meeting space is difficult. I was looking at the Concord area for the session but both the Holiday Inn and the Marriott are not available for us on Thursday. I also tried contacting the North Conway Grand Hotel but calls were not returned to me. With this being said, I am asking for your suggestions when you fill out the session evaluation form. This is a valuable tool that I plan to use when planning for next year's annual session. I am looking forward to constructive suggestions so please be as specific as possible. It is not a requirement, however if you would like to include your name and contact info it would be helpful to me to possibly contact you to better understand your concern or suggestion.

In conclusion I would like to thank State Master Chris Heath for his patience as a navigated through this for the first time. State Ceres Kerriann Heath for taking complete ownership of the banquet. All those how took part setting up and who will be removing all evidence of the Grange once our work here is completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Session Coordinator
New Hampshire State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Kimber Bascom, Fundraising Chairman, presented her annual report.

Worthy Master. National Representatives, Brothers and Sisters,
I would like to thank everyone who has helped me this year. I have turned over \$1200 with \$400 still in the checkbook. We had a very good silent auction, 50/50 at the Sate Banquet and 1/20 Club. This was the first year in a long time we didn't go to big E to serve blueberry pie in the

New Hampshire building; I hope you will all take part in the silent auction and 50/50 at this session.

Thank you to my committee member Doris Mitten.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimber Bascom, Chairman
NH State Grange Fundraising

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

National Representative, Christine Hamp Read an original poem written by Denise McCartan. Treasurer, Washington State Grange, titled "A Toast to Kelly"

Diane Collins, Trustees of Trust Funds Chairman, was escorted to the Masters station to present her annual report.

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The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Adam Paquin-Varnum was asked to approach the Master's station to give the report for the Eastern States Trustees.

Worthy Master, National Reps, Delegate Body, Brothers and Sisters,

I make this report on behalf of the New Hampshire Trustees to the New England Grange Building Master Christopher Heath, Overseer Robert Trombi and myself.

This year we had 3 meetings leading up to the Big E. Our first was Leaders Conference where Master Christopher Heath was re-elected secretary. Brother Leroy Watson was on hand to discuss Grange Trademark and the National Grange. Another topic discussed was handicap accessibility to the New England Grange Building. At present time, the New England Grange building is not handicap accessible. This does limit some patrons from entering the store and viewing our hall.

April Meeting Brother Noel Miller from Connecticut reported his findings. Pending permission from the Big E, a ramp could be placed on the side of the building. He also reported there would be no feasible way to provide handicap access to the lower level (Yankee Candle Store). Some of this year projects included:

- Painting basement Floor
- Repairs to the floor in the ladies bathroom
- Painting of the columns in front of the building
- Adding a cage to protect the needlework on display

Gates have also been added to the doors of each state room. The upstairs have been subject to some slight vandalism and disorder. Doors may be unlocked if a member of that state is present and can remain there during the time it is open.

This year's numbers are: Total Attendance of the Big E during the 17 days of the fair 1,418,642

In the Grange Store Sales included:
Jellies and Jams approximately \$11,500
And handicrafts approximately \$14,000
Bringing total receipts to \$25,661.26

I would like to thank all Granges for their donations. Without them this fundraising would not be possible. Thank you to Beth and Arthur Merrill, Gwen Yardley and Adam Terrell. Those members went down and helped stock and price items for the store before the start of the Big E. It's never too early to start for next year. Items being asked are Adult Hats, mittens and scarves, aprons, scrubbies and plastic canvas items. Again I thank you for all your generosity with your donations to the New England Grange Building

Fraternally submitted,

Adam Paquin Varnum
Christopher Heath
Robert Trombi

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Jim Tetreault, Webmaster/Publicity Director was escorted to the Masters station to present his annual report.

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State Master and State Gatekeeper entertained the audience with and adult balloon game.

State Steward Arthur Merrill, conducted a Grange Trivia session.

Christine Hamp was escorted to the Masters station to deliver her message. She gave a very inspiring message of her experiences in the Grange. She gave an over view of who she is and her life and grange experiences. Spoke of her 4 C's Civility, Compromise, Collaboration, Common sense. She also spoke of her mentors and what she had learned from them.

Past Master, Richard Patten was called on for a few remarks.

Georgia A. Tuttle Mayor of the city of Lebanon was introduced by State Steward and escorted to the Master's Station. Welcomed us to the city

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

Song: "This is My Country"
Poem: "Arlington" by, Carolyn Devonshire
Prayer for our Country and Troops
Song; Abide With Me"
Poem: "A Reflection on an Autumn Day"

Reading the Roll

Harvey Bascom	Past Master, Warren Pond Grange #47
Russell Brooks	Past Master, Aurora Grange #235 and Upper Coos Pomona #14
Marjorie Brooks	Spouse of Past Master Russell Brooks, Aurora Grange #235
Reginald Clark	Past Master, Prentice Hill Grange #257
Glen Creighton	Past Master, Daniel Webster Grange #100
Paul W. Davis Sr.	Past Master, NH State Grange; Past Master Ossipee Mountain Grange #130; Past Master, Mt. Prospect Grange #242; Past Master, Northern NH Pomona #5; Member of the Assembly of Demeter
Gregory Dimick	Past Master, Morning Star #62
Verla Dimick	Past Master, Morningstar Grange #62
Olive Edmunds	Spouse of Past Master E. Scott Edmunds, Chichester Grange #132

Bernice Fish	Past State Juvenile Deputy, Past Master, Aurora Grange #235; Past Master, Upper Coos Pomona #14
Charles Gerrish	Spouse of Past Master Florence Gerrish, Nute Ridge Grange #316
Dorothy Glidden	Past Master, Effingham Grange #313; Past Master Lakeshore Grange #128; Past Paster, Carroll County Pomona #8; Past Member of State Home Economics, Membership, and Contact Committee
Ruth Gray	Past Master Lebanon Grange #126; Past State Pomona; Past State Executive Committee Member; Past Home Economics, Membership and Fair Committee Director; Past Pomona Deputy
Irene Greenleaf	Past Master, Wicwas Lake Grange #292
Chesley Hall	Past Master, Loudon Surprise Grange #121
Paul Jobin	Past Master, River Hill Grange #346
Esther Heath	Past Master Mount Hope Grange #77
Gladys Lovering	Past Member, State Community Service Committee; Spouse of Past Master Robert Lovering, Stratford Grange #238
Robert Lovering	Past Master, Stratford Grange #238
George Luciano	Spouse of Past Master Nettie Luciano, Plymouth Grange #138
Eva Lunnie	Past Master, Nutfield Grange #37
Henry Peterson	Past Master, Londonderry #44

Velma Pope Past State Pianist, Past Master, Purling Beck Grange #268

Gertrude Putnam Spouse of Past Master, Robert Putnam, Prentice Hill Grange #257

Curtis Pike Past Subordinate Deputy, Past Master, Tuftonborough Grange #142

William Pluff, Jr. Past Master, Pineconia Grange #322, Past Master, Pineconia Junior
Grange, Past Master, New Union Grange #345

Madeleine Roberts Past Master, Daniel Webster Grange #100

Bernard Smith Past Master, New Hampton Grange #123

Marion Stone Past Master, Park Grange #249; Past Member, Education
Committee, Past Master Mascoms Valley Pomona #7

Kenneth Tashro Past Master, Sullivan County Pomona #9; Past Subordinate Deputy;
Past Member, Legislative and Agriculture Committee

Harold Tedford Past Master, Arlington Grange #139

Clayton Tuck Past Master Rochester Grange #86

John Walker Spouse of Past Master Shirley Walker, Granite Grange #7

Donald Wells Past Master, Londonderry #44

Poem: "We Remember Them"
Song: "God Be With You"

Session recessed until 1:30pm

Past State Master Beth Merrill introduced State Master Christopher E. Heath to present his annual Address.

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The address was referred to the Master's Address Committee

State Treasurer Daniel Bascom was called upon to give his annual report.

Worthy Sate Master Chris Heath, National Reps. Chris & Duane Hamp, Fellow Officers, Grangers All:

What a year this has been, Kim and I hosted the Bascom Family Reunion (held once every 3 years) in July over 160 attended. My work schedule was off the wall, I normally install about 8 irrigation systems a year, I have installed over 30 this year. Somewhere in between all this I found time to deliver over 75 cords of wood and kept the State Grange bills paid and accounts up to date.

The biggest challenge I have found for all Grange's this year is filing the e postcard. Those of you who filed by Feb. 15th had no problem. Anyone filing late after March have had many headaches. Sometime in March the IRS changed their web site. You now have to set up an individual account and many have had difficulty doing this. I have set up an account as a preparer and can file for any Grange in the State. To date I have filed for 15 Grange's and am happy to file for any Grange that needs help. I would rather file for you than to have to help you reinstate your non-profit status as this requires a lot of paper work and costs over \$400.00. As of October 1st it is now time to file last year's e postcard, the IRS gives you until February 15, 2017 to get this done. As I stated above if you filed by February you will have to set up a new account or ask me to file for you. As your State Treasurer I am providing this service as another benefit from you State Grange.

Last year I voiced my concern on the downslide of our financial investments, I am happy to report the investments have rebounded. To those Grange's with escrow accounts, I work with a 3 year average, so even in a down year your checks would most likely increase as they did this past year.

The Executive Committee continues to monitor our financial status and tries very hard to keep our expenses down. For 3 years now we have not and I repeat have not had to withdraw anything from principal and this is all due to the Executive Committee's due diligence. Marty and Anne Boisvert have worked very diligently to keep our State Grange Building functioning. They have provided the Executive Committee with a wish list of items that need repairing, replacing or updating. With this in mind we only received \$10.00 in State Grange Building donations this past year. Some of these items can be very expensive and may raise havoc with the budget, any donations would be greatly appreciated.

I will not bore you with the details of our financial status at this time as all accounts will be printed in the Journal.

We continue to carry the value of the State Grange Building at the purchase price of \$87,500.00. As I become more familiar with this office I am finding better ways of doing things and was able to get a reduction in the accountant's costs due to the paperwork I sent her. Morgan Stanley continues to work very well for us and is readily available to do any changes I need done. I also deal with Edward Jones financial advisors and find both Morgan Stanley and Edward Jones very comparable in their investments.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your confidence in me, this is a very challenging job and I enjoy the challenges set before me.

Fraternally,

Daniel P. Bascom, Treasurer
New Hampshire State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

State Secretary Gerald J. Leclerc presented his annual report.
State Secretary's Report
Worthy State Master, National Representatives, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters

This is my fourth report to you as your State Secretary.

Subordinate Granges:

We began the year with 61 Subordinate Granges; Grafton Star # consolidated with Park Grange # , Friendship Grange #110 consolidated with Harmony Grange #99, Mont Calm Grange #70 consolidated with Blow-Me-Down Grange #234, Hooksett Grange #148, consolidated with Pembroke Grange #111, Peterborough Grange #35 and Somersworth Grange #264 closed all effective December 31, 2015. Leaving us with a total of 55 Subordinate Granges. With a total membership of 1462 a loss of 101.

The Subordinate Grange with the largest number of members continues to be Wicwas Lake #292 with a total of 86 members

Pomona Granges:

We began the year with 11 Pomona Granges. Carroll County Pomona was closed in November 2015, Upper Coos Pomona #14 was consolidated with Northern NH Pomona #5 effective June 30, 2016. Merrimack County Pomona #3 was closed effective June 30, 2016. The subordinated from Merrimack County Pomona #3 were redistricted to Suncook valley Pomona #12 and Pemigewasset Valley Pomona #18. Leaving us with 9 Pomona Granges.

The Pomona with the largest numbers of members is Merrimack County Pomona #3 with 97 members.

It is important to note that most of the members from these affected Pomona and Subordinate Granges have sought membership in the consolidated or another grange. Unfortunately there are other Granges that are currently looking for assistance in closing or consolidation. Let me assure you that every effort is being taken to insure that the affected members are not lost.

Granges with a net gain in membership are as follows:

Blow-Me-Down Grange #234
Claremont Grange #9
Cocheco Grange #81
Concord Grange #322
Crown Point Grange #65
Golden Rod BGrange #114
Park Grange #249
Pembroke Grange #111
Watatic Grange #36
Wicwas Lake Grange #292

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

9 ~ Silver Star Certificates to

Norma Berube	Crown Point Grange #65
Raye Bilodeau	Concord Grange #322
Edwin F. Decatur III	Wingold Grange #308
Anne Didsbury	Stratford Grange #238
Lillian Hicks	Mohawk Grange #217
Patricia Izzo	Wingold Grange #308
Brenda Pulido	Concord Grange #322
Lucia C. Savage	Wingold Grange #308
Janice Smith	Crown Point Grange #65

6 ~ 30 Year Certificates

10 ~ 35 Year Certificates

6 ~ 40 Year Certificates

4 ~ 45 Year Certificates

15 Golden Sheaf Certificates

Bonnie Brogles	Wingold Grange #308
Jeannie Caisse	Halloween Grange #317
Alfred Cameron	Henry Wilson Grange #205
Aloha Cameron	Henry Wilson Grange #205
Donald Cameron	Henry Wilson Grange #205
Jean Cameron	Henry Wilson Grange #205
William Cameron	Henry Wilson Grange #205
Robert Hardy	Concord Grange #322
Irene Heath	Park Grange #249

Diane Hoitt
Conrad Schofield
Herbert Smith
Susan Wallace

Halloween Grange #317
Mount Hope Grange #77
Wingold Grange #308
Londonderry Grange #44

Past State Master Richard W. Patten, was escorted to the altar where he was presented with his Golden Sheaf Certificate by State Master Christopher Heath and a Fifty Year pin by State Secretary Gerald Leclerc. Richard thanked the grange for this honor and told of some of the happy times he has had in the Grange.

13 ~ 55 Year Seals
17 ~ 60 Year Seals
18 ~ 65 Year Seals
15 ~ 70 Year Seals

6 ~ 75 Year Diamond Certificates

Maxine Aldrich
Edith Ann Emery
Wallace Hooper
Lloyd Lessard
Shirley Stuart
Frances Towne

Pine Grove Grange #298
Concord Grange #322
Joe English Grange #53
Wingold Grange #305
Wingold Grange #305
Joe English Grange #53

2~ 80 Year Letters

Irma Clough
Kathlyn Quig

Pine Grove Grange #298
Concord Grange #322

It was announced in my report to you last year that the Roster would have a new look for 2016. I am happy to report that this became a reality and was able to have the Roster ready for Deputy School in December. I have received many positive comments on the new format. Most like the new size and the way that it is set up. Of course I couldn't please everyone and for that I'm sorry. This new format did enable me to print the roster on fewer pages than the previous one. Now that this has been accomplished creating the 2017 roster will hopefully go smoother.

As with any document there needed to be some corrections and updates. Roster corrections were sent to the granges and hopefully made it to the Masters and Secretary's copies. I am asking all secretaries who have not yet sent in the new form for the coming year to please make sure that this form is filled out clearly. Most of the corrections that needed to be made were because the information was difficult to read. For those who have sent the form already, thank you. If something is not clear you will be receiving a call from me.

The Journal of Proceedings for the 142nd Annual State Grange Session was completed and ready for distribution at Deputy School. This document is the history of the activities and results of the action taken at the session and remains a priority to me to have it completed as soon as possible

so that those wishing a copy can receive one while the session is still fresh in their minds. I'm a little disappointed that only two requests were made from Granges for a copy of the journal and only 3 individual members requested one. I do hope that many did take the time to review the journal on the NH State Grange web site.

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

The Subordinate Grange Quarterly Report form had changes made this past year. One change was the membership dues to State Grange increased effective January 1, 2016. The other change was the addition of Junior Grange members to the Subordinate Grange report form. With the new membership options for Junior's, it was felt that the best way to track junior membership was to include them on the Subordinate report from which they are sponsored. This is still a work in progress and some changes may still need to be made.

As the Secretary it is our duty to keep our members informed and this is done with the reading of communications. I have been to meetings where the Secretary reports that they received a letter, minutes of the State Executive Committee, or the announcement of an event and said I have it hear if anyone wants to read it. This practice needs to stop, often times as a State Leader we are asked by members who didn't know about an event or something that they felt they should have been told. Only to find out that their secretary didn't read it at a meeting. I would like each Subordinate and Pomona Secretary and committee chairman to establish the following philosophy, if it's mailed to you for your Grange, read it out loud to your members. The communication doesn't need to be read word for word giving highlights is fine as long as the important information is shared.

The supply department continues to be very busy filling orders. This is one area that I have struggled with this past year. One issue I had was changes in staff at National Grange created issues with receiving supplies and awards in a timely fashion. This has since been resolved with the addition of Monroe Classic as the new supplier of Grange supplies. Another issue is the receiving of membership award and supply requests on scrap pieces of paper or in an e-mail. In the future any membership award needs to be submitted on the appropriate form provide for the year recognition. An incomplete form or scrap piece of paper will now be returned to the Secretary along with the appropriate form. As for Grange supplies, I will be developing an order form and will make it available to all secretaries. All membership award forms and supply order form will be placed on the Grange website once they are completed.

This past September, State Master Chris Heath and I held 4 area meetings for Masters and Secretaries. The purpose of this was to provide them with the tools needed to be successful in the performance of their duties. Each was issued a copy of the National Grange Digest of Laws and the NH State Grange By-laws. Master's received a code book and Secretaries received the order forms for the membership awards and a list of members belonging to their Grange. The secretaries were reminded of their duties, reviewed the changes made to the report form and the new procedure for the ordering of the membership awards and supplies. For the secretaries who were unable to attend one of the area meetings, I will be sending the procedure for placing orders.

I need to apologize to the Secretaries in the northern part of the state. I was unfortunately unable to attend the area meeting at Mohawk Grange. I started a new job in September and was required to work that day. If any of you would like to take some time during this session to meet with me please let me know and arrangements will be made.

State Session is once again approaching and with that comes the preparations associated with it. The program was created, printed, and folded, resolutions formatted, printed and collated, ribbons ordered, delegate packets assembled the list goes on and on. I must admit that while this seems to be overwhelming I find it exhilarating and look forward to the whole thing coming together. I also took on the role of Session Coordinator and had the additional responsibilities associated with that. And if that wasn't enough I moved yet again just prior to State Session.

I don't know how it all happened and I'm not going to question it, but as I finish writing this report and print it, I'm reminded that State Session isn't starting for another four days. I can't help but think what I forgot.

In conclusion there are some people that I would like to thank for assisting in the planning and execution of all that goes with State Session. My daughters Sarah and Emilie for helping with folding and stuffing the materials for the packets. State Master Chris Heath for being available when needed and for filling in for me at the last area meeting. State Ceres Kerriann Heath for taking charge of the banquet. The team that attended the walk through Chris, Arthur Mark, Lois, Kerriann and Sarah to make sure nothing was forgotten. And most of all I would like to personally thank each Pomona and Subordinate Secretary for the time they take in their busy lives performing the duties of this office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Robert Trombi, Chairman NH State Grange Executive presented his annual report

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

I am pleased to present to you, my report for the State Executive committee. The Executive Committee held several meetings over the past year and all of your Granges should have received copies of the minutes of all but last Sunday's.

At our most recent meeting we discussed the budget, which will be presented this weekend, audited the Secretary, Treasurer Books and discussed final preparations for State Session. Your State Executive committee is continuing to make progress on a policy book for future Committee members, to have for reference when making important decisions concerning the Grange. We have done our best to consider the Good of the Order whenever making decisions, and have confidence that our choices have been in the best interest of The Grange in New Hampshire.

We have consolidated and closed some Granges and Pomona's, who have been struggling. These closings and consolidation requests have been honored, after careful evaluation and scrutiny. Our goal is to aid and strengthen struggling Granges, not to close them. We believe that a community that loses a Grange presence loses much.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Trombi
Chairman of the Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 18, 2015
State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

The meeting was called to order by Robert Trombi, Chairman at 10:24 AM

Records of the August 27, 2105 meeting was presented and corrected a motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the corrected minutes. The vote was favorable.

Masters Report: Chris Heath reported that he has contacted legal counsel regarding River Hill Grange and the revocation of their charter. More information once he hears back from legal counsel.

Secretary's Report: Gerald Leclerc read a thank you that was received from the Associated Women of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation for our recent donation toward funding the book "Century Farms – Celebrating 100 years of New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation"

Reported that there are currently three Granges that will not have voting privileges at State Session unless they submit the June quarterly report.

The contact with The Fireside Inn & Suites has been signed for the 2016 State Session. The deposit will be sent.

Treasurers Report: Dan Bascom presented the income and expense reports and welcome questions. He reported that we are ending the year in good shape.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the report of the Treasurer. Vote was favorable.

Grafton Star Escrow Account: Park Grange has inquired about the dollar amount that is being held in escrow for Grafton Star. The State Treasurer will notify the Secretary of Park Grange of the status of the funds.

Old Business: Procedure manual, Wilber Heath presented what he has compiled at this point and reported that this is still a work in progress. He will update the committee as to the status of the manual as progress is made.

New Business: A request was made by Pembroke and Hooksett Granges asking to allow the two Granges to consolidate. Hooksett will consolidate with Pembroke. State Master Chris Heath authorized the consolidation and the two Granges can proceed. It is expected that this will happen by the end of the year.

No new information has been received from Blow-Me-Down Grange and Mont Calm Grange regarding a consolidation.

Resolutions: A discussion was held on resolutions. It was noted that the way a resolution is written and presented can determine if it will pass or fail before it even reaches the floor for discussion. It was also noted that more time may need to be given to the Resolutions and By-laws Committee to review the resolutions submitted for consideration. It was the general consensus of the committee to review our current policy and rulings pertaining to resolution writing and due dates be looked at and any possible changes be presented to the delegate body at the 2016 annual session in the form of a resolution.

Trustees of the Trust Funds: Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Wilber Heath to reappoint Ann Leger and Joy Perkins to three year terms as Trustees to the Trust Funds. Vote was favorable.

Tricia Taylor spoke of her recent visit to the Connecticut State Grange and commented on the supplies that they have created as obtaining some from National Grange is difficult. It was suggested that we try to do this in NH. The State Secretary will investigate this in NH and report back to the committee as to his findings.

BUDGET: State Treasurer, Dan Bascom presented the 2015 ~ 2016 Income and Expense budget to the Executive Committee. The budget was discussed line by line making any necessary changes. A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to approve the proposed budget as amended and present it to the delegate body at the 142nd Annual Session of the New Hampshire State Grange.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24th following the close of session at the Masters station. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect the Chairman and Secretary for the Executive Committee for 2015 ~ 2016.

A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 12:01 PM.

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

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, October 24, 2015
Town & Country Motor Inn & Suites ~ Shelburne, NH

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

Chairman Robert Trombi opened the meeting at 3:03 pm

Motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to elect Robert Trombi as the Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee. Vote was favorable.

Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Robert Haefner to elect Gerald Leclerc as the Secretary of the State Grange Executive Committee. Vote was favorable.

Announced that deputy school would be on December 12, 2015 at the Fire Academy in Concord from 9 am to 3 pm.

Next meeting of the Executive Committee will be December 12, 2015 at Deputy School. Committee books will be audited.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, December 12, 2015
NH Fire Academy, Concord, NH

Present: Robert Trombi, Wilber Heath, Christopher Heath, Mark Collins, Tricia Taylor, Robert Haefner, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order by Robert Trombi, Chairman at 9:52 AM.

A letter was received from Concord Grange requesting that the State Grange reassign them to Suncook Valley Pomona. The request is being made primarily due to the travel distance for many of the granges currently assigned to Merrimack County Pomona. The redistricting to Suncook Valley Pomona will allow the members of Concord Grange to attend Pomona and not have to travel a long distance.

Discussion followed and it was recommended that the State Master work with the General Deputy to look at the current Pomona districts and make appropriate changes. The request from Concord Grange was granted and will take affect at the start of the new Grange year (fall 2016).

State Master, Chris Heath reported that Riverhill Grange has contacted him and made an agreement to become current with reports and will be paying past due amount. (report and current due amount was sent)

A question was asked about the membership data base and if members are removed. The secretary reported that no member has been removed from the data base. When the status of a member changes due to demit, suspension, or death the record is flagged and the date of the change is made in the comment section of the record.

Concord Grange submitted a request to receive funds from their escrow account for use by the Grange. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor to grant the request. Vote was favorable.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Wilber Heath to adjourn. Vote was favorable. The next meeting will be held February 25, 2016 at the State Grange building at 7:30.

Meeting closed at 10:38 am. Auditing of committee books done following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2016
NH State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM

Minutes of the October 18, 2015, October 24, 2015, December 12, 2015 Executive Committee meetings and Saturday minutes of The Annual State Grange session were presented and corrections made. Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to approve all minutes as corrected. Vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- Somersworth Grange: verbal informed the State Master that they were closing December 31, 2015. They were informed that they did not follow the procedure laid out in the By-laws. They were also informed that they must report and pay quarterly dues for the quarter ending December 31, 2015 and that all equipment and charter currently being held by the Knight of Pythias in Berwick Maine because Somersworth Grange still owes rent money to them needs to be turned over to the State Grange. State Master Heath will be contacting the Knights in regards to the property. All members have been issued demits and have moved to new Granges.
- Peterborough Grange: Received an E-mail from the Master of Peterborough Grange through the State Secretary informing us that they voted to close their Grange and wanted to know what to do with all the property. The Master was informed that the procedure laid out in the By-laws was not followed but due to the information he provided the State Master would authorize the closing of their grange effective December 31, 2015. The

Master of Peterborough Grange was informed that quarterly dues needed to be paid through December 31, 2015.

- Mont Calm Grange: completed the process for consolidating with Blow-Me-Down Grange effective January 1, 2016. The General Deputy attended the meeting, the vote was unanimous. He retrieved the charter and other equipment. Members of Blow-Me-Down were also present at this meeting. They were sad to see a Grange close but happy to welcome the members from Mont Calm.
- Hooksett Grange: completed the process for consolidating with Pembroke Grange effective January 1, 2016. Wilber Heath State Executive Committee members was present for the vote which was unanimous. Brother Heath then informed them of the next steps in the process. Their dues to State Grange have been paid to December 31, 2015 and their property remains in the State Grange building in Hooksett.
- Halloween Grange: an E-mail was received from the Master of Halloween Grange requesting that the New Hampshire State Grange help them find a contractor to repair the roof on their building or give them permission to sell the hall and land. State Master Heath replied saying that they should be able to find a general contractor in their area that should be able to provide them with a quote. They were also informed that if they wish to sell the hall and land that they must follow the procedure laid out in the By-laws explaining the proper way to do that. As of the date of this meeting no further communication has come from Halloween Grange.
- Riverhill Grange: State Master Heath contacted the Master of Riverhill Grange to inform him that the State Grange has not received the report and dues for the quarter ending December 31, 2015. As a result of this communication, the report and dues for the December 2015 quarter and the report and dues for the September 2013 quarter. State Master Heath is serving as the Deputy for Riverhill Grange and when he meets with them in the spring he will remind them of the importance to getting caught up and staying current with reporting and payment of dues.
- Londonderry Grange: Hank Peterson long time Master passed away in December. State Master Heath has been working with the members to educate and instruct them in the proper way to conduct their meetings and to be a Grange. They elected 5 officers and were installed at the same meeting. Londonderry members are making great strides in learning the ritual and learning the true meaning of being a Grange. They are to be commended for all their hard work and dedication to do things correctly.

Secretary's Report:

- It was reported that with acceptance of the minutes of the Saturday session at State Grange at tonight's meeting The Journal of Proceedings for State Grange Session 2015 is now ready for distribution.
- All Pomona Granges are current with reporting and dues payments. Several Subordinate Granges are behind in reporting and payments. Riverhill Grange is currently working to catch up (see Masters report) Barnstead is the only other Grange behind more than two quarters.

- We began the quarter with 11 Pomona Granges and 60 Subordinate Granges. Carroll County Pomona consolidated with Eastern NH Pomona leaving the NH State Grange with 10 Pomona Granges. Mont Calm consolidated with Blow-Me-Down and Hooksett Grange consolidated with Pembroke Grange. Peterborough Grange, Somersworth Grange and Friendship Grange were closed. All were effective December 31, 2015. We now have a total of 55 Subordinate Granges.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Income and Expense Reports were distributed and explained.

Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The vote was favorable.

- Pine Grove letter
- Income tax report: the accountant is currently working on this and hasn't finished it so an extension has been requested.
- Closing granges need to complete a NP5 report for the State of NH regarding the Non Exempt Status.
- Star King Grange defunct account: 7 years has passed as of December 31, 2015. \$34,690.00 is the balance as of January 31, 2016. The balance will remain where it currently is.
- Reported that the bank will now be charging us \$2.00 for paper statements. State Treasurer Dan Bascom will look to change that.

Old Business:

- The State Master and General Deputy have been working on Pomona Districts and will be making an announcement as soon as they have completed the process.

New Business:

- Beth Merrill, Youth Director reported that at the February Youth Association meeting that it was voted to have the Youth challenge the State Officers at the upcoming State Grange Bowling Tournament. Each team will raise \$100 and whichever team wins will determine where the money is donated.
- Walk through at The Fireside Inn and Suites: The State Secretary is currently working with the representative at the Fireside to secure a date. As soon as the date is set the appropriate people will be informed.

Master's Conference:

- 2018 National Session will be held in Stow Vermont.
- 2 Projects sponsored by the National Grange are
 - Food Advocacy
 - Civic Participation

- National Grange will have some new contests. Rules will be out soon
 - One Act Play Contest
 - National Photo Contest
 - Quilt Block
- Theme of the 150th Annual National Grange Session is “Power of The Past Force of The Future”
- 2018 National Grange Session will be in the Northeast Region which means NH will need to assist with the funding of the event. NH will be responsible for \$4,500.00. In the past this money came from the Pomona and or Subordinate Granges. The State Master will not be asking the Granges to pay this money instead he will be hold fundraiser between now and then to raise these funds.
- There is a PBS video being made and will spotlight on the Grange it will be loosely based on the 150th celebration.
- Grange week information is not being sent from National Grange. They have developed a PDF so anyone wishing this information can down load it and print only what they want or need.

A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Bob Haefner to close in Public Session and open in Executive Session. The vote was favorable

Closed at 9:08 PM

Returned to Public Session at 9:43 PM

Return to New Business:

- Joe Stefenoni, National Grange Membership/Leadership Director will be in Laconia NH on May 21, 2016 to conduct a Tri-State Membership/Leadership Conference for New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. This will take place at the Taylor Community Center in Laconia. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Haefner to pay for 1/3 of the expenses for Joe Stefenoni with money from the Membership Growth Fund. The vote was favorable.
- There is a conference being held on March 1st for FFA Members and Alumni to make them aware of the Grange and our similarities. It is hoped that these Young Adults will be interested in seeking a Grange in their area and join.

With no more business to discuss a motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Beth Merrill to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 10:11

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 23, 2016
NH State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

Prior to the beginning of conducting business, Lindsey Keiper of Zumba Fitness, met with the Executive Committee to inquire the possibility of renting the State Grange building for weekly classes. The use would be two classes a week for about 1 ½ hours each time.

Minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting were reviewed and corrections made. Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the minutes as corrected. Vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- Somersworth Grange ~ received from the former Secretary a bank statement she received stating that the Grange had a bank account. State Master worked with her to close the account and sent the cashier check to the chairman of the Executive Committee. The State Treasurer and former Secretary have worked with the bank to clear up all outstanding accounts and get them closed. Money will be held in the Defunct Grange Account for a possible reorganization of the Grange.
- Peterborough Grange ~ received a call from Mike Lombard asking if the State Master would be willing to sit with some former members of Peterborough Grange to discuss the State Masters decision to file a lawsuit against their Grange for the funds that they held onto after telling the State Grange they were closed. State Master Heath informed Mike the he would have gladly had a conversation with them prior to their closing if only they had asked. He also told them that he took an obligation to uphold the by-laws of the National and State Granges when he took the oath of the office. He informed him that there are specific steps when it comes to closing a Grange and they were clearly aware of these steps but still did things their own way. Master Heath told Mike he was going to stand by his decision and is going to uphold the by-laws. Notification has been received by Donald Whittum that Mike Lombard did appear to answer the complaint. Donald Whittum has informed State Master Heath that we are now waiting on the court to set a date for the hearing.
- Prentice Hill Grange ~ The State Master received a hand delivered letter from a member of their Grange informing him that they are considering closing their Grange.. The member was informed that there is a process in the by-laws that has to be followed in order to close a Grange. Furthermore, they were informed that he would like to meet with their Grange before they start the process. The State Master planned to attend the

next meeting but was informed that they were cancelling it. Awaiting notification of their next meeting so he can talk with the members to discuss their options.

- Merrimack County Pomona ~ attended the last scheduled meeting of Merrimack County Pomona. At the meeting, the Pomona members of Sunapee Lake Grange decided that they would like to have their membership transferred to Suncook Valley Pomona Grange instead of Mascoma Valley Pomona Grange. The request was honored. Subsequently a letter was sent to the Secretary of Mascoma Valley Pomona Grange informing her that there would be no members coming to their Pomona Grange from Merrimack County Pomona Grange. She was also informed that no money would be coming to them due to no members being absorbed into their Pomona. Also, informed the Secretary and Treasurer of Merrimack County Pomona Grange of their duties once the quarterly report had been made to the State Grange. Informed them that 2/3rds of the remaining money was to be handed over to Suncook Valley Pomona Grange and 1/3rd was to be handed over to Pemigewasset Valley Pomona Grange.
- Upper Coos Pomona ~ The State Master has been working with the secretary to collect the dues from those members who wish to remain Pomona members for the rest of the year. He has informed all four Granges of this Pomona of what is happening and told them that any member who doesn't pay by June 30th will be dropped from the Pomona membership list. The secretary was instructed to transfer all exempt Golden Sheaf members to the new Pomona. Also instructed the secretary that once the quarterly report is completed and the check is cashed, he needs to close all bank accounts and send all monies to the secretary of Northern NH Pomona. Arrangements will be made to pick up all Grange property and move it to the State Grange Building.
- Hooksett Water Department ~ State Grange has been contacted by the Hooksett Water Department for authorization to dig in the back of the State Grange building. Due to short notice from the town, and no time to contact the Executive Committee the State Master authorized them to dig with the condition that fill in all holes/trenches that they create. Going forward there should be a process for authorizing this type of work at the State Grange Building in the future.

Some comments were made from the members during the presentation of the Master's report. It was suggested that we add to the guidelines the distribution of money when a Pomona is redistricted. Motion was made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the Master's report. Vote was favorable.

Secretary Report:

- Reported that the following Granges are behind in reporting: Barnstead Community, Granite State, Londonderry, Park, and Pleasant Valley.
- Report to National has been sent
- State Grange Banquet: the cost of the banquet is \$33.86 per person with all tax and gratuity included. The secretary offered two suggestions with the cost. 1) Lower the price to \$30 to make it more affordable and hopefully increase attendance. 2) Raise the cost to \$35 so that the accounting is less confusing and the little that is gained will help

offset the expense to provide tickets to the National Representatives. After some discussion it was decided to charge \$35 for the banquet.

- The hotel can provide a cash bar outside the banquet room for those attending who wish to purchase wine, mixed drinks or soda. The cost of this would be \$100. After much discussion, a motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to not have the cash bar available but to ask the hotel for a beverage station in the banquet room. The vote was favorable. The secretary will contact the hotel about the beverage station.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the report. Vote was favorable.

Treasure's Report:

- Income Tax report has been sent
- \$752.76 was received from Somersworth Grange.
- Bill from the former secretary of Somersworth Grange for \$161.25
- Income and expense reports were distributed and reviewed.

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

New Business:

- The State Secretary will look at the Concord and North Conway areas for the 2017 NH State Grange Session.
- Church lease: Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to renew the lease with the church for another year. Vote was favorable.
- Request from former Somersworth Grange Secretary for payment of a bill. Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to pay the bill. Vote was favorable.
- Watatic Grange needs help to reapply for nonprofit status. \$400 is needed to reinstate them. A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to offer to loan the money to Watatic Grange to be repaid to the State Grange by January 1, 2018 if they accept the offer. Vote was favorable.
- Zumba Class: motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Robert Haefner to offer the use of the hall at \$300 a month for a 3 month trial. Vote was favorable. Wilber Heath will draft the lease.
- Discussed the changing of the locks on the exterior doors of the State Grange Building. Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Mark Collins. Vote was favorable. The Secretary will work with Hannah West to set up the change. All keys will be printed do not duplicate and will be issued by the State Secretary. A log will be kept by the State Secretary as to who has keys.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 25, 2016
NH State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

Absent: Robert Trombi, Tricia Taylor

Meeting called to order at 7:43 PM with Treasurer Daniel Bascom acting as Chairman for the evening.

The minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting were reviewed and minor corrections were made. A motion was made Wilber Heath and seconded by Christopher Heath to accept the minutes as corrected. Vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- Peterborough Grange: State Master Heath spoke with Attorney Don Whittum to inquire about the status of the court case with Peterborough Grange. He was informed that case is in the hands of the courts. Once the court has set a date, all parties will receive notification of the hearing. This could take a while as this is not a criminal case and those types of cases take precedence over civil cases. Attorney Whittum predicted that it might take as long as six months to get a date for the hearing. A freeze has been placed on the accounts held by Peterborough Grange back in March.
- Mt. Pistareen Grange and Halestown Grange: Letters have been drafted to both Granges informing them that their charters are being suspended because they are in violation of the National Grange By-laws Chapter 4, Article V, 4.5.1(D) A Grange refuses or is unable to hold meetings, as provided for in Article IX of these By-laws, which reads Article IX—MEETINGS 4.9.2 Subordinate Granges – Shall meet at least once each month, however, such granges may vote to hold additional meetings. Seven members is the least number with which a Subordinate Grange may be opened in due form, and shall constitute a quorum unless a greater number is provided in the By-laws of the State Grange having jurisdiction. In cases where a quorum is not present, the Master may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present. Arthur Merrill is assisting in providing other requirements laid out in the National Grange Digest.
- Barnstead Grange: State Master Heath has been in communication with the Grange Master to get their dues and reports caught up. He has received two past reports via E-mail and they are submitting them to the State Secretary.

- Prentice Hill Grange: There has been no further communication from the Grange since their initial notification that they are considering closing their Grange. State Master Heath has tried several times to contact members of the Grange to find out when they might meet next with no success. The Master of Prentice Hill Grange will be contacted to find out when will be a good time for him and State Master Heath to discuss this.

Secretary's Report:

- The following Granges have not yet filed their June quarterly report with State Grange and currently are unable to vote at the upcoming Annual Session.
 - Antrim
 - Barnstead Community (reported but haven't paid)
 - Blazing Star
 - Coheco
 - Daniel Webster (reported but haven't paid)
 - Dorchester
 - Granite State
 - Londonderry
 - Manchester Community
 - Pleasant Valley
 - Prentice Hill
 - Winthrop
 - Hillsborough County Pomona
- Four Granges have reported Junior Members, Centennial 2, Chichester 1, Hudson 1, and Watatic 9.
- Assessment Bills: Bills should have been sent out in the spring but with the closures and consolidations of several Granges the since June 30, 2015 quarter some clarification was needed as to who would be paying for the members affected by the consolidations and closures.
- State Session 2016: plans are well underway for the upcoming State Session. Currently four resolutions have been received with the deadline coming soon for By-law changes. Session rules have been up dated and will be covered under new business.
- Memorial Service at State Session: The Secretary wanted clarification as to whose name should be on the Roll of Deceased Members for the Memorial Service. Currently only Past Masters, Spouses of a Past Master, Past or present pink sash holder who has been reported by June 30th of the current year are included. Some feel that if someone passes away prior to session they should be included. After some discussion, it was agreed that only those listed above that have been reported from July 1st of the previous year to June 30th of the current year be on the Roll at the Memorial Service. With the exception of the passing of an individual with strong State Grange recognition between June 30 and State Session.

- State Secretary reported he will be moving in late September so the office will be shut down for a few days but should not be a problem. The current computer is running slow and is not compatible with some of the new window products. He is requesting to be authorized to purchase a new computer.
- State By-laws: noticed that page 12 Article XIV, 2 need to change dues amount to \$7.75. This will be up dated after State Session following the voting of the resolutions presented.

Treasurer's Report:

- Income and Expense reports were presented. Currently there is a \$334 balance for uncollected Bonding Fees for 2015. The Fundraising Committee raised \$1250 for the 1/20 Club.
- Budget will be discussed under new business.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the Master's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. The vote was favorable.

Old Business:

- Pomona Disbursements: Merrimack County Pomona was closed effective June 30, 2016. The Granges were redistricted to Pemigewasset Valley Pomona and Suncook Valley Pomona. The accounts for Merrimack County Pomona were closed and all monies (\$2106.19) was sent to the State Grange. The money will be distributed as follows: 2/3 for Suncook Valley Pomona and 1/3 for Pemigewasset Valley Pomona.
- Exterior locks at the State Grange building: The secretary will contact a local locksmith to have the locks changed and to also replace the handles.
- Zumba Class: The Secretary will call the instructor to see if she is still interested in using the building. If so Wilber Heath will draft the contract.

New Business:

- Peterborough Grange: discussed the tracking of expenses for purpose of reimbursement. Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to recover the expenses after the suit is settled. Vote was favorable.
- Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Wilber Heath to absorb the \$80 assessment fees for those Granges closed since the June 30th 2015 quarter. Vote was favorable.
- A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to approve the Session Rules and to have any \$5.00 cell phone noise fees donated to the NH Grange Foundation. Vote was favorable.
- E Post cards: some confusion on doing these with the IRS has been occurring. State Treasurer, Dan Bascom will be providing assistance to the Granges to have these done in a timely fashion. Any questions are to be referred to him.
- A resolution was presented "Beverages at State Grange Banquets". Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the resolution. A motion was made by Mark Collins to amend the resolution by changing THE to A before NH State

Grange on line 2 and 6 of the last paragraph and adding “where alcohol may be served” at the end of the last line of the last paragraph. The amendment was voted favorably and the amended motion was voted favorably with one members in opposition.

- Proposed 2017 Income and Expense Budget was presented and discussed. The final version to present to the Delegates at State Session will be voted upon at the next meeting.
- A question was asked if the NH State Junior Grange have By-laws.

The next meeting will be on Sunday October 16, 2016 at the State Grange Building at 10 AM. The Secretary’s and Treasurer’s books will be audited.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

General Deputy Andrew Savage was escorted to the Masters station to present his annual report.

Worthy Master, Brothers, and Sisters

I have learned a lot this past year serving as general deputy and not all of it has been good. We have some real challenges ahead of us, and I ask all of you to do whatever you can to help us overcome them.

Subordinate Granges

One thing I have learned while interacting with the granges, either myself or through my team, is that there seem to be three types of granges. The first type is the grange that has a yearly planning meeting, and if they’re not contacted by their deputy, they will reach out to them to let them know when they are expected to visit their grange. The second are the granges that are able to find a mutually acceptable visitation date when contacted by their deputy. The third category belongs to granges that always seem to have a reason why they can’t give the deputy a date. Sometimes they promise to get back to you with one, but never do. You generally never see these members at state events either, which means they aren’t here to listen to this report. These granges are of great concern to me partly because they are not contributing to the grass roots nature of our organization, partly because we have no idea what great things they could be doing in their own communities that we might even be able to learn from, and partly because some of them are the ones who really need our help and guidance. It makes me wonder why they belong to a grange if they have no desire to be part of the grange.

Let's look at some of the percentages that I have extracted from the reports I have received. Roughly 15% of our granges never scheduled a time for their deputy to visit them in the spring. Given all the changes to the scoring this year, those granges are at a disadvantage in more ways than one.

Around 17% of the granges that were visited failed to provide their deputies with the proper secretary and treasurer records. Some of these were due to illness or accident, but almost half of our granges aren't keeping their records audited on a quarterly basis. The state master and state secretary recently toured the state in an attempt to help the subordinate granges understand what is required of their masters and secretaries. I hope these training sessions will result in improvements in the coming years.

Roughly 20% of our granges reported that they are not properly filing their 990N. This is a huge problem because it affects the non-profit status of our granges. Unless you want to start dealing with taxes, you need to file this every year. In the past, the state treasurer has been willing to assist granges with the filing of the 990N, so please contact him if you belong to one of these granges, or know someone who does.

On a positive note, our efforts to emphasize the opening and closing ritual of the grange seem to have had some success, as the number of granges not performing any type of opening ritual has dropped from close to 50% down to around 25%.

This year, we continued to challenge the granges to accomplish a goal that would require them to get outside of their comfort zone. The intent of the goal would be to increase either membership or recognition of the grange within the community. I am happy to report that half the reporting granges accepted and conquered their challenges, which is substantially better than the response we had the previous year. It seems that adding them to the scoring system worked the way I hoped.

On the subject of scoring, we did add some other new ways to get points this year. As a result of these changes, we have a new top grange for the first time in years. The top 3 scores from the reports that I have received are:

3rd place: Wingold grange

2nd place: a tie between the previous winner Wicwas Lake grange, and Baker's River grange

1st place: Blow-Me-Down grange

Congratulations to all of these granges for all the work and effort they have put into the organization over the past year.

Pomona Granges

We only have one deputy assigned to the Pomona granges, and as he requested permission to submit a report of his own, I saw no reason not to include it here.

Arthur Merrill, having visited every Pomona grange at least once this past year, sent me this report on Pomona Granges in New Hampshire.

The condition of the eight Pomona Granges in New Hampshire is at best mediocre.
Not one Pomona conferred the fifth degree this year.
We lost three Pomona Granges since the last State Grange session.

Carroll County Pomona #8 consolidated with Eastern NH Pomona in November 2015.
On June 30, 2016 Upper Coos Pomona #14 consolidated with Northern NH Pomona #5.
Also on that date Merrimack County Pomona #3 closed and the subordinate Granges were redistricted to either Suncook Valley Pomona #12, or to Pemigewasset Valley Pomona #18.

Some of the Pomona Granges are struggling to have a quorum present at their meetings.

Most of the Pomona Granges are not much more than a "social" meeting, a chance to get together with other members and discuss what each of the local Granges are doing.

What should we do to fix these and other problems that face Pomona Granges in NH?
Do we redistrict more, having only 3 or 4 Pomona's?

Do we only have One Pomona in the state meeting quarterly throughout the state, possibly conferring the fifth degree at State Grange session?

Do we eliminate Pomona Grange altogether in NH? At least two states are discussing that at their session this year.

Pomona Grange, at one time served a very useful purpose in our order. I believe, however, that it's time has passed.

Fraternally Submitted,

Arthur Merrill
Pomona Deputy NH State Grange

Whether we agree with Arthur's assessment or not, we do need to address the questions he raises sooner than later. I am going to end this Pomona report by announcing the 2 highest scoring Pomona granges:

2nd place: Cheshire County Pomona
1st place: Eastern NH Pomona

I would like to thank all of the deputies who continue to do great work around the state; I would not be able to do this job without them. I know it's a difficult, time consuming, and often thankless task, but please be aware that I really do appreciate everything that you do.

Fraternally,

Andrew Savage

General Deputy

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Jane Trombi, State Lecturer presented her annual report:

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Fellow State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters all:

I am thrilled to be presenting my second report to you as your state lecturer. It has been another exciting year for me in this office, with a lot going on, which kept me very busy!

In January I attended the Northeast Leader's Conference in Massachusetts. During this time, I met with the State Lecturer's from New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont and Maine. This was a busy meeting time planning the Northeast Lecturer's conference for 2016.

On March 13th we held our annual bowling tournament at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester. We had a total of 63 adult bowlers and 14 junior Grangers. The complete list of winners was announced in the May issue of the GSG and will also be included with my report. The first place grange team was Daniel Webster Grange. Our two top scorers were Arthur Merrill for the men and Mary Doves for the women. The State Officers and the Youth Association once again had a challenge to see who could come out the winner. Again this year the State officers won that challenge with only a 21 point triumph! We'll have to see if the youth can pull it off next year! Our date is already set for Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester, so save the date and plan on joining us.

VARIETY DAY AND GRANGE MONTH BANQUET was held on April 30th at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. It was a fun afternoon and evening with around 40 in attendance. In our variety/talent show we had three participants. The winner in the Junior vocal was Ava Twiss of Watatic, Jr. Grange singing Viva La Vida. The winners in the adult vocal category were Hannah West and Mary West of Chichester Grange sing a Peace Medley. In the variety category, the winner was Adam Terrell of Walpole Grange tell an Abenaki Legend "Gluskabe and the Maple People". Adam was the winner of the Best of Show and will be attending National Convention next month to perform and the night of excellence. I hope you will join me in wishing Adam well in his performance. I presented Adam with a check at Walpole Grange for \$541.03 to help defray his cost. This money came from Talent Fund donations from ten granges as well as the money we raised at the penny sale and Grange month banquet. Many thanks to those granges who supported the talent fund.

I am sorry to say that this was the last year of the Variety/Talent show, as there has been a lack in participants. I know our state has many talented members, but not many that want to show off that talent in the contest. Who knows, maybe in a few years people will be asking for it to return. I would like to thank Kevin Belval for being the MC as well as Hannah West and Carolee Davison for making the penny sale a huge success. After the penny sale those in attendance had the opportunity to visit Robies Country Store, which is just up the road from the grange building. Robies is a member of the Historic Preservation Corporation and dates back to 1896. There is lots of historic memorabilia to see! Thank you to Gloria Davis for setting up the visit. Our banquet was wonderful and many thanks go to Sherrill Bokousky and the members of Watatic

Grange for all their hard work. Lester Gibbs provided us with a chance for a sing -a- long with songs from the Grange songbook and Richard Patten, NH State Grange Community Service Director gave out some awards to celebrate our members. Present to receive awards were: Henry Parkhurst, State Representative and member of Arlington Grange in Winchester, who received the Community Spirit Award for his role as Mr. Pickle for 18 years at the Winchester Pickle Festival and Hannah West of Chichester Grange who received the Grange Entertainer Award. The following awards were presented by Dick at a later date: Lifetime Achievement Awards went to Rodney Huntoon and Jane Cooper Fall, Community Spirit Award to Donna Huntoon Sprague, and Danbury Grange for their winter market.

Summer was a busy time for me, as Bob and I went on an extended vacation, traveling for almost 6 weeks. Because of that I had to have everything ready for the Northeast Lecturer's conference before we left at the end of June. The conference was held August 1, 2, & 3 in Bridgewater, Massachusetts and hosted by the state of Rhode Island. The theme this year was "Come Visit us In..." "So our theme was of course, New Hampshire. Our travelers, Mary West and Beth Merrill, went on a trip through the state, explaining about some of our wonderful sites. Gary Ford stepped in as a "Roving Redneck Reporter" and told of some funny stories about NH life. We had a rousing game of "Grange Family Challenge", just like the TV show Family Feud, with our members answering questions about our state. Our program ended with Lester playing "Old New Hampshire" and everyone joining in.

It was a great conference with many informative workshops and state programs. I am grateful for the help of our NH members: Beth Merrill, Mary West, Hannah West, Joyce Martin, Gary Ford, Judith Chase, Anna Murphy, Bob Trombi and Lester Gibbs. State Master Chris Heath and State Ceres Kerriann Heath attended for Spirit Night. I am so thankful to the NH Granges and Grangers for their donations to my gift. Again, I am overwhelmed with the generosity. Next year we will be in Vermont, so plan now to attend and have a great time. The theme will be "School Days". Information will be out in the spring. I do have some of my programs from the conference available for \$2.00 if anyone is interested. It is full of fun and exciting New Hampshire trivia, games, etc. Please see me if you would like one.

The "Our Own Backyard" program, which encouraged granges to do some extracurricular activities in a group of 5 or more, or some different types of activities in their own grange hall, seemed to be well received. I know that many have said that it's hard to get 5 or more members together, but I hope you will continue to try this next year. I didn't receive any collages this year of the activities, but I did receive 11 end of year reports, not as many as last year, but I am hoping for many more next year. The reports that I did receive showed lots of active grangers. The grange with the most activities completed was Wicwas Lake Grange #292. 2nd place goes to Rochester Grange #86, 3rd place to Blow-Me-Down #234 and Honorable Mention to Pemi Valley Pomona #18. Congratulations to all the granges that participated and those with the top numbers.

I hope everyone has had a chance to check out the display room and see the contest entries. The contests were not as well participated in this year, but the entries that I did get are wonderful. I will be sending items to the National Grange Showcase, so I would like everyone to take the time to vote for the items you would like to see representing NH. The instructions are on the Lecturer's table.

This year is decided to present an Honor Lecturer's Award. There were several requirements and I was pleased to see so many of them completed. I am happy to present this year's Honor Lecturer's award to Beth Merrill, Lecturer of Hillsborough County Pomona #1. Congratulations, Beth, and thank you for your hard work as Lecturer. I also would like to present 2nd place to Judy Bailey, Lecturer of Rochester Grange #86, 3rd place to Gary Ford, Lecturer of Concord Grange # 322 and honorable mention to Jozi-Best , Lecturer of Claremont Grange #9. Having all of you in this position makes your grange stronger. Thanks for all you do.

A list of winners in all the Lecturer's contests is included in this report. I will now read the contest winners whose items are on display here. You or the delegate from your grange can collect your prize during the next session break.

In closing, I'd like to share my biggest concern about being lecturer.... Communicating with members. I do my best to be sure all the information is out to every Grange. Unfortunately I don't have a program for every member, so I rely on each lecturer to share the information from the program with their members. I had several members ask questions about due dates, rules, etc. for contests. I'm happy that they got in touch with me, that's what I'm here for, but all the information was in the Lecturer's Program book and should have been shared with your members. So any Lecturer's that are here, please, please share the information during your literary program each month. I also put information in my mailings and the GSG, which every member should be receiving.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Trombi
NH State Grange Lecturer

Create A Card Contest 2016

Class A: Thank You

Category 1: Hand Made

1 st	Ida Hutchins	Baker's River
2 nd	Jeannie Horne	Baker's River

Category II: Computer Generated

1 st	Beth Merrill	Antrim
2 nd	Claire Gagnon	Hudson
3 rd	Joyce Martin	Claremont

Category III: Hand Stamped

1 st	Beth Merrill	Antrim
2 nd	Ruth Hammon	Chichester
3 rd	Marion Woodworth	Rochester

Class B: Wedding

Category 1: Hand Made

1st Priscilla Parker Pine Grove
2nd Linda Phelps Baker's River

Category II: Computer Generated

1st Claire Gagnon Hudson
2nd Beth Merrill Antrim

Category III: Hand Stamped

1st Beth Merrill Antrim
2nd Marion Woodworth Rochester
3rd Ida Hutchins Baker's River

Class C: Father's Day

Category 1: Hand Made

1st Ida Hutchins Baker's River

Category II: Computer Generated

1st Claire Gagnon Hudson
2nd Beth Merrill Antrim

Category III: Hand Stamped

1st Ruth Hammon Chichester
2nd Beth Merrill Antrim
3rd Marion Woodworth Rochester

Junior Division age 10-14

Class A: Thank You

1st Ava Twiss Watatic

Class C: Father's Day

1st Ava Twiss Watatic

Junior Division **age 5-9**

Class B: Wedding

1st Alayna Twiss Watatic

Class C: Father's Day

1st Alayana Twiss Watatic

Creative Writing Contest 2016

Category 1: Poetry Haiku

Class A: Seasons/Nature

1 st	Judy Bailey	Rochester
2 nd	Grace Leone	Rochester
3 rd	Camille Twiss	Watatic

Category II: Tell the Story – “My Favorite Spot in NH”

1 st	Camille Twiss	Watatic
2 nd	Stephen Tracy	Stratford

Category III: Read the Book

1 st	Camille Twiss	Watatic
2 nd	Beth Merrill	Antrim

Photo Contest 2016

Category B: My Favorite Spot to Relax

Division I: Subordinate Members

1 st	Carol Hill	Rockingham
2 nd	Joann Brandt	Wingold

Category C: Where Am I?

1 st	Joann Brandt	Wingold
2 nd	Carol Hill	Rockingham
3 rd	Katherine Umberhind	Hampton Falls

Division II: Junior age 5-9

Category B: My Favorite Spot to Relax

Isabell Brandt	NH State Junior
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Art Contest 2016

Category A: Oils & Acrylics

1 st	Ruth Pelton	Hampton Falls
2 nd	Sandra Dennis	Rockingham
3 rd	Amy Schunemann	Centennial
HM	Allissa Estes	Centennial

Category B: Watercolors

1 st	Elizabeth Congdon	Walpole
2 nd	Cam Twiss	Watatic
3 rd	Kathe Wolf	Watatic

Category C: Charcoal, Pastels, Pencil

1 st	Elizabeth Congdon	Walpole
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2nd Roberta Sliva Hampton Fall

Category D: Multi/Mixed Media

1st Beth Merrill Antrim
2nd Joyce Martin Claremont

Art Contest 2016 Junior 5-9

Category A: Oils & Acrylics

1st Isabell Brandt NH State Junior

Category B: Watercolors

1st Mallory Enman Rochester

Category C: Charcoal, Pastels, Pencil

1st Isabell Brandt NH State Junior
2nd Cole Enman Rochester

Art Contest 2016 Junior 10-14

Category C: Charcoal, Pastels, Pencil

1st Genevieve Twiss Watatic
2nd Ava Twiss Watatic

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

The Steward announced that Lorraine Merrill, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of New Hampshire is our guest and waiting. Master Heath had her escorted to his station to address the members.

The Grange was at recess for The New Hampshire Grange Foundation Annual Meeting. During the meeting Robert Haefner, President of the NH Grange Foundation presented his annual report.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Richard Patten, State Historian presented his annual report.

Worthy State Master, National Representatives, Delegates, Patrons All!

Once again the NH State Grange has returned to the City of Lebanon. I found in 1957, the 84th annual session was held in the Lebanon Lower Town Hall. George Clement was serving as State Master and Carl S. Adams was serving State Assistant Steward. It is noted on Friday, the Youth were invited to conduct the session. Some of the officers you might recognize were: Master Gordon Bemis, Sugar River Grange; David Bradley of West Thornton, serving as Assistant Steward, Philip Shattuck of Granite Grange serving as Secretary, Phyllis Taylor from Blazing Star Grange and Raymond Burton from Pine Grove Grange were members of the Executive Committee. The State Master in his address hoped that a Pomona Agriculture Committee would sponsor a Dairy Queen Contest. It was announced later the State Home Economics Committee would be sponsoring it on a Pomona level. The Secretary reported the Pomona membership of 11,724 in 27 units; the Subordinate Grange, a membership of 26,236 members in 266 units; and 1,632 juvenile members in 48 juvenile granges. The Degree of Flora was conferred on 157 candidates.

The NH State Grange returned to Lebanon in 1983 for its 110th annual session being held at the Elks Club. The membership in 1983 was 4,413 in the 25 Pomona Granges. The 151 Subordinate Granges reported a membership of 9,654 members. The Junior Grange membership was 302 boys and girls in 20 Junior Granges. The Sixth Degree was conferred on 74 candidates in the Lebanon City Hall Auditorium.

It has been nine years since we last came to this hotel in West Lebanon to hold our annual session at the Fireside Inn and Suites. Even though, it has been nine years, much has changed in Lebanon and in our great Organization. This past year has been a very busy one as your State Historian. Many times I feel like a detective doing research and trying to find answers to questions people are asking. I have been busy this year trying find members whose names have changed, looking for information as to where the Grange last met, looking for former members, towns who are having special anniversaries and would like to include the Grange located in that town. The biggest question I get asked is “why did the Grange close”? Where is the property or records?

I have been working with the town of Atkinson who is planning a 250th anniversary in 2017 and would like to include the Atkinson Grange in one of their programs. The people of Amherst are also planning a celebration and are trying to find out more about Skowhegan Grange. I have gone back through journals and rosters and offered information as to what I could find. I had a request for information about the Grange being involved in the Weeks Act in 1912. I contacted my friends at Legislative Services and they found the information that they were looking for. It was determined that it was more involving the Federal Government.

I continued my project of trying to return Secretary minute books to the local historical societies or libraries in the town where this Grange was located. I returned the Secretary minute books to Golden Grange of Lisbon, Lyman Grange, Lyme Grange, and Daniel Webster Grange of Webster. After several phone calls and three visits, I now have the books for Moultonborough Grange. I also have the Secretary Minute Books for Salem Grange. The two ladies who came to my home from the Salem Historical Society but said they didn't have room for all the Secretary minute books. The remaining books have been moved to the State Grange Building in Hooksett.

I am hoping that two or three guys would be willing to go to the State Grange Hall and bring up the boxes in the basement so we can find out what books are there. I have requests for Westboro of West Lebanon, Blue Mountain Grange and Mt Cube Grange. I have also been doing research on Wyoming Grange of South Weare. They are planning a town celebration next year and they are trying to find why the name Wyoming was chosen. I spent many hours looking for information regarding the original Grange in Orford. The person looking for this information was none other than my 10th grade teacher, whom I hadn't seen since 1967. His parents were very active members of Wentworth Grange and then Mount Cube. I went back to 1877 and found the information about Orford Grange. This Grange only lasted for about five years. I have also had telephone calls about Loudon Surprise Grange, Highland Lake Grange, Parker Mountain Grange and Province Road Grange.

I truly enjoy trying to help people who formerly held membership. One example was a lady who called me to find out when she joined. After much research and talking with our State Secretary and State Master, I finally found it and confirmed it was her.

This year our Heavenly Father continued to add more members to his roll. What is difficult for me is that some of these members were so active and now are taking their next degree. Most of these have taken their degrees and renewed friendships in that Great Grange above. I am not sure if this next section of my report is interesting to some or not, but I feel that I would like pay homage to them and let them know they were much appreciated and missed. These are just a fraction of those who were called to the Great Grange:

Russell & Marjorie Brooks from Aurora Grange of Pittsburg were called to the Great Grange. They were the major cogs of the Grange in Pittsburg. Russell was a past Master of Aurora Grange and Upper Coos Pomona with Marjorie being very active in the Grange along with being involved in other town organizations.

Mary Ham of Rochester Grange was a very active member of the Grange. I first met Mary when I was a Junior Deputy and assigned to Banner Junior Grange. Mary assisted her sister Grace Leone, who was Matron/Leader for Banner Junior Grange for many years. Mary's children were members of the Junior Grange. Her son Wesley played the piano very well. He gave the Junior Grange something that many Junior Granges let alone Subordinate Granges wished they had.

Glen Creighton who belonged to Daniel Webster Grange and Pineconia Junior Grange was a very talented young man. When he was a junior grange member, he would play the guitar and sing. Many times he would accompany his parents when they sang at meetings. He entered in several State Youth Talent Competitions. It was sad to have him leave this world so young but I am sure he is with his mother, late Joyce Creighton who had passed away a few years ago.

Tuftonborough Grange lost two members this year who were very active in past years. Dorothy Glidden, who transferred from Lake Shore Grange, had been active on the State Membership Committee along with filling offices in both Granges. Curtis Pike served as a Subordinate Deputy and knew his deputy work well. Curt would travel through Carroll County and Belknap County to do instructions and inspections.

Wicwas Lake Grange of Meredith Center also felt the loss of Irene Greenleaf who passed away this year. Irene was a very active member of Wicwas Lake even in the lean years. She continued in her pursuit in Wicwas Lake Grange knowing that someday this Grange would make a comeback. Irene would travel with David Boynton to meetings along with Pauline Champny.

Concord Grange had a couple of members they hadn't heard from in years. Chesley Hall was a member of Loudon Surprise Grange and later Bow Grange. When Bow Grange merged with Pineconia, he came in with his mother Martha Hall, a past Juvenile Deputy. Our Secretary asked me if I could assist in trying to find him. There were no family members still living in the Concord area and the last address we had was Florida. After several telephone calls including a local funeral home, he was located. Unfortunately he had passed away 10 years ago. Someone had been opening his mail, but never returned it. The same situation was with William Pluff Jr. He along with his mother and father were members of Pineconia Grange, and then they transferred to New Union Grange of Hopkinton, and then to Contoocook Grange. William Pluff Jr was past Master of Pineconia Juvenile Grange and Pineconia Grange along with New Union Grange. After several calls to his former residences in Florida, it was discovered he had passed away two years ago.

Clayton Tuck supported his wife Alice in all her Grange work as well as being active in Rochester Grange. Clayton was a Past Master of Rochester Grange and was always ready to help whenever needed. They also had their sad times, losing a son in the military. They knew family came first and spent as much time as they could. Clayton's health took a turn for the worse and spent his last months in Epsom Medical Center. Alice would visit him almost every day until he was called to the Great Grange above where he would see his son again.

The Rev. Gregory Derick was a member of Grafton Star Grange. Although I didn't know Rev. Derick, I knew he came from a very active Grange family. A month later, his mother Velma Dimick passed away. She was a member for over 75 years and a member of Morning Star Grange of Lyme.

Velma Pope served the NH State Grange as Pianist. She had a gift that many Granges would love to have. She could play the piano like none other. She played the piano for her local Grange. She also served as Master for Purling Beck Grange of East Washington. I am sure she is joining the other past State Pianists in the Great Grange above and continues to make the beautiful and wonderful music.

Aurora Grange lost two members already this year but they lost a valued member in Bernice Fish. Bernice Fish was the backbone of Aurora Grange. She served as Master of Aurora Grange and Upper Coos Pomona Grange. She was appointed a Juvenile Deputy in the northern part of our state. She spent many hours with the boys and girls in the Juvenile Grange. I was much honored to present her with a Lifetime Achievement Award. However due to an ankle injury, she was not able to attend last year's session to receive this award. I asked one of my committee members to present this award to her.

Stratford Grange lost two very valuable members, Robert and Gladys Lovering, who passed away within months of each other. Robert served as Master and worked very hard to keep his small Grange active. Their daughter, Cindy Aldrich, served as State Lady Assistant Steward several years ago.

I was very surprised when I learned Ernest Davis, former State Subordinate Deputy and Past Master of Moultonborough Grange had passed away. I was having a difficult time trying to locate the Moultonborough Grange and Carroll County Pomona Grange books. I made many telephone calls and was told he was in Laconia living for the winter at a nursing home, then I was told he was Selectman and in the office every day. I called and he hadn't been selectman for ten years. Ernest was a quiet Grange member doing his Grange work and making his Grange visits. He was a vital member of Moultonborough Grange.

Marion Stone, who celebrated her 100 birthday last year left our Earthly Grange to join her late husband Jessie Stone in the Great Grange Above. Marion served her Grange well as Master in Park Grange, as Past Master of Mascoma Valley Pomona Grange and as State Education Committee Chairman.

Ruth Gray served as Junior Deputy, State Pomona, a member of the State Executive Committee, Director for State Home Economics Committee, Chairman for the Grange Family Weekend, and State Membership Director. She and her late husband Stanley moved to Florida and she became active there eventually becoming State Master of Florida. Ruth held membership and was a Past Master of Lebanon Grange. She served her Grange well. She served as Matron/Leader for Lebanon Juvenile Grange. She was all set to attend this year's session in West Lebanon. Her passing was sudden and a loss that will be felt in this area of the state.

The final member I will talk about is the passing of Past State Master Paul Davis Sr. Paul was a dedicated, hardworking Granger. He joined Ossipee Mountain Grange in 1944, eventually moving to Lancaster and become Master of Mount Prospect Grange. He and his wife Rhoda and their family worked very hard through the years. He served as Subordinate Deputy for many years. Then he and Rhoda moved to Loudon NH and he started his business. They joined Pembroke Grange and Suncook Valley Pomona. In addition they joined as affiliate members of Hooksett Grange to help them in membership. They would travel to so many Granges in the State. He became elected to a member of the State Executive Committee, then to State Steward, State Overseer, and State Master. He and Rhoda represented the state very well at National Grange and became members of the Assembly of Demeter.

One of his favorite pastimes was playing cards. He and Rhoda would spend many hours' playing cards whether it was cribbage or just one of many card games. At Family Weekend, you would find Paul and Marilyn Machia playing cards for hours. He was a dedicated man who will be missed by many. He and Rhoda traveled around the state taking photographs of almost every Grange Hall in the state or where Granges met. They compiled a book which I have the here at this session and I hope you look at it. He worked many hours at the State Grange Building in Hooksett whether it was mowing the grass, planting flowers, or cleaning inside. When a Grange would call him to install their officers, he would always say yes. Now, he didn't have a regular installation team, but many times, Rodney & Shelley Huntoon, Debbie and I, Celia Andrews,

and others would be more than happy to help him. He knew his installation charges as well as his Grange work like none other. One of his funny moments was when I was State Lecturer and he was a good sport by being a Rockette in the New Hampshire program. Yes he joined myself, Bob Trombi, Arthur Merrill, Jerry Leclerc, Jim Tetreault, and few others dancing to New York, New York number. If anyone deserved the Well Done Good and Faithful Servant, it was Paul Davis Sr.

I have had comments said to me this year that I live in the past too much especially when I talk about the Grange. I have learned so much about this organization. I have made many friends in the Grange, and it is sad when we lose our members who have done so much for this organization. I enjoy talking about what the Grange did in the past reminding people how active we were and how much power we had in the Legislature. There is no reason why we can't be just as active again.

Worthy Master, I would like to close by saying I very much enjoy being State Historian and someday I hope to get a book I have been writing published. I have no problem researching information for people who are trying to get to know the Grange, who we were, why we were organized, what purpose do we serve and learn more about this great organization.

Thank you to my wife for typing and shaping this report and thank you to you State Master Chris Heath for having faith in me to be the best Historian I can be. I just love this position and I continue to learn more and more about this great organization.

Fraternally

Dick Patten, State Historian
NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

ADD THE CONFERRAL OF THE SIXTH DEGREE HERE AND FRIDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Saturday Morning

The third day of the 143rd Session opened in the fourth degree at 8:00 AM, with acting Master Beth Merrill presiding

Master:	Beth Merrill
Overseer:	Mark Collins
Lecturer:	Wilber Heath
Steward:	Kathy Yardley
Assistant St	Sarah Leclerc
LAS	Robert Trombi

Chaplain: Patricia Izzo
Treasurer: Stephen Tracy
Secretary: Arthur Merrill
Gatekeeper: Adam Paquin-Varnum
Ceres: Dan Bascom
Pomona: Diane Collins
Flora: Jerry Leclerc
Ex Comm: Jane Trombi
Ex Comm: Lois Enman
Ex Comm: Joyce Martin
Ex Comm: Matthew Clark
Pianist: Lester Gibbs

Roll call of State Officers found all present
Calling the Roll of Granges found a quorum present

The records of Fridays session were read and approved

The Standing Rules were read for information.

The acting Steward, Kathy Yardley announced that Beth Merrill, Youth Director and Joann Brandt, Junior Director were ready to present their annual reports. The Assistants were instructed to present them to the Masters station.

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Delegates, and Patrons All:

It has been a privilege to serve as your Youth Director the last two years. I appreciate the efforts of my committee Allissa Estes, Emilie Leclerc, Adam Paquin Varnum, and Sarah Leclerc as they pitched in to help get things planned and organized throughout the year.

The new Grange year started with the **National Grange convention** in Lincoln, Nebraska shortly after the conclusion of our State Session. I attended a meeting of State Youth Directors, Adam Paquin Varnum, received a blue ribbon for his entry in the Folding Display Contest, and Kathy Yardley performed her regional best of show Sign-A-Song entry during the Evening of Excellence.

You're Fired! Seven members attended this fundraiser in Concord on the day of Deputy School last December. Part of the fees each participant paid to select and paint a ceramic item was donated to our organization. Not a big money-maker for us, but it was **fun** and we hope to do this again in the coming year.

In January I met with the other Youth Directors of the northeast region at the regional **Leaders' Conference** in Massachusetts to discuss our mutual programs and to make plans for the upcoming summer regional Youth conference. Later that month, youth members and supporters gathered in Antrim at the home of Arthur and Beth Merrill for **Moon Stomp**. It was a casual evening filled with food and fellowship prior to the traditional enjoyment of a full-moonlit walk through fields and woods.

We had one youth member fully participate (Anna Murphy, Antrim Grange, attended on Friday only) in the **National Grange Primary Fly-In** hosted right here in our own state February 4-6. Emilie Leclerc (Hudson Grange) joined with Grange youth from Washington, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia for a two day experience that was packed full of noteworthy speakers, rallies, and tours in Concord and Manchester, culminating in a day of campaigning , mingling with the press, and sightseeing presidential candidates. Our State Youth Committee sponsored an evening activity for ten of the youth members who went to Granite State Escape in Manchester and participated in a fun, team building activity requiring the group to work together to solve a series of clues and puzzles before their one hour time limit expired. The group was successful and was rewarded for their perseverance and cleverness.

The next weekend we held our **Winter Rally Youth Meeting** at the State Grange Building with 45 people in attendance throughout the day. The Youth Committee met in the morning to make plans for several upcoming youth events and projects. The day's events began with lunch, provided by the Youth Committee and overseen by Junior Director, Joann Brandt, followed by a series of workshops. The first one was conducted by committee member, Emilie Leclerc, who explained the purpose and goals of the PI2 project of the National Grange Youth department and supervised an interactive group activity to emphasize her points.

The second workshop was a review of the Code Book as instructed by past General Deputy, Arthur Merrill, with sideline assistance from State Master, Chris Heath and current General Deputy, Andrew Savage. The youth members each bravely took turns reading parts of the code.

A third workshop was conducted by Andrew Savage who has invested a great deal of time and effort in choreographing a sixteen member drill consisting of four teams of four marchers that can practice in their own geographic region prior to rehearsing as a team in readiness for the **Drill Team** competition. The workshop was a lot of fun, but ultimately, we were not able to assemble enough participants to enter a team this year. I truly hope someday that I will get to see the end result of all of Andrew's hard work and find out if this concept can actually work.

Next, was time for the **Grange Knowledge Test**, written this year by Hannah West and her family. Winners of the contest are: 3rd place, Jane Trombi, Walpole Grange; 2nd place, Chris Heath, Centennial Grange; and 1st place, Arthur Merrill, Antrim Grange. By tradition, Brother Merrill is now assigned the task of writing the test for the 2017 contest.

Before setting tables for supper, members joined in tying three fleece blankets as a service project for the State Family Committee's Project Night Night. Three more blankets have been made with the leftover fleece and added this weekend to our donation to the project.

Thanks to the assistance I received from many helpers, a delicious spaghetti supper was served to the group and then it was time for the **Youth Association** meeting. Offices were filled by youth members, several of whom were dressed according to the designated farm animal costume theme. An excellent program was presented by Lecturer, Allissa Estes, and winners of the theme

baskets donated by the members of the State Youth Committee were announced. An award was presented to Adam Terrell of Walpole Grange for his most excellent and anatomically correct dairy goat costume! Everyone shivered their way home in sub-zero temperatures after a day jam-packed with fun, fellowship, and learning opportunities.

The youth members once again challenged the State Officers at the State **Grange Bowling Tournament** in March. A youth team and a state officer's team, randomly selected by the State Lecturer, each raised a sum of \$100 to put into a kitty. The youth bowling team, consisting of Lawrence Brandt, Allissa Estes, Aurora Farrell, Lynn Clark, and Emilie Leclerc, challenged the state officer's team comprised of Dan Bascom, Lois Enman, Kerriann Heath, Sarah Leclerc, and Arthur Merrill. Despite an early lead by the youth, the state officers got serious with their final string and prevailed with the higher total score. The winning state officers' team determined that the accumulated kitty be donated to the Education Loan Fund. Thanks to all members who made financial contributions to this fun activity!

As Youth Director, I presented a workshop at **Spring Fling** on paper craft ideas to help encourage participants to create entries for the Youth Committee's **Paper Craft Contest**. Entries were due at this convention, and we received three entries. Contest results are: 1st, Joyce Martin, Claremont; 2nd, Pat Izzo (Christmas Ornament), Gilman; and 3rd, Pat Izzo, (Holiday Box), Gilman.

We also offered a **Duct Tape Contest** for the first time this year and received 3 entries and two Junior entries. Contest results are: 1st, Pat Izzo, Gilman; 2nd, Joyce Martin, Claremont; and 3rd, Joann Brandt, Wingold. Junior winners are 1st Caden Lynch and 2nd, Ava Twiss, both of Watatic Grange.

Thanks to Amy Schunneman, Allissa Estes, and Adam Paquin Varnum for judging these contests.

After Spring Fling, the youth and the young at heart headed off to enjoy our second annual **Fun@Funspot** to unwind and have some fun. Everyone split up into two groups, and worked together to complete a scavenger hunt. Once completed, everyone came back together for delicious cupcakes and ice cream and announcement of the winning team, whose members got 100 tokens to split among each other. After the team activities were over, everyone continued to enjoy the facility at their leisure.

Youth member, Adam Terrell, from Walpole Grange entered the Variety Act category of the **Lecturer's Talent Contest** with an Abenakis fable about how we came to have maple syrup. Adam was awarded the Best of Show and will be presenting his talent at National Grange's Evening of Excellence next month. Brother Terrell will be busy representing NH while he's there, as he's been selected to serve on the Executive Committee for the Youth Opening, and he will also help Pennsylvania field a team to compete in the Parliamentary Procedure Contest. Adam is a bright spot on the horizon for our NH youth program.

Due to many schedule conflicts, there were no youth officers in attendance at the Danbury **Degree Day**, but there was one youth member, Anna Murphy of Antrim Grange, who attended as a candidate. Thank you to all the young-at-hearts who filled the chairs for the Second Degree that day

June Youth Rally was held at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia, NH June 3-5. Having received registrations for only nine overnight campers, I seriously considered cancelling the event. However, two of those registered were new, teenage members who I felt deserved to experience the same overnight Youth Rally event many of us have enjoyed in the past. I am so glad we continued on with our plans, as it was a great weekend, intimate and relaxed, with some great learning opportunities sprinkled in. Arthur Merrill presented the Friday night workshop on our Seven Founders, which lead into our Saturday morning activity of clearing and landscaping at the John Thompson roadside memorial in Littleton. We made Father's Day cards for the Lecturer's contest, enjoyed a terrific workshop on identifying various personalities by Kathy Yardley, listened to Adam Terrell's public speaking entry, played Grange Baseball, and tried our hand at some contra dance moves. There was a Sunday inspiration service led by Mary West, a brainstorming session for ideas for the youth department's fair exhibit, a review of the weekend's activities and we headed for home just as the heavens started to let loose! Otherwise, we enjoyed lovely weather and equally lovely accommodations.

Youth members Emilie Leclerc (Hudson Grange) and Adam Terrell (Walpole Grange) accompanied me to the **Northeast Youth Conference** in Cobleskill, NY in July. We participated in get-acquainted games, workshops, and a tour of Secret Caverns. I was extremely proud of Emilie and Adam who each were participants in the Grange Jeopardy competition competing elbow to elbow with much more seasoned young adult members who were extremely fast on the buzzer. While they did not qualify for the regional team that competes at national session, they did show a basic knowledge of Grange trivia, and more importantly, were great examples to other youth in the audience to be future contestants. Workshops included a collection of turtles and snakes by a NY youth member who is an avid collector, and the High Priest of Demeter, Bruce Croucher, a NY Granger, spoke about the duties of his position and brought along the original book that has the secret work written out and illustrated. We so appreciate the support of our State Master, Chris Heath, who attended much of the conference and he, Kathy Yardley, and I cobbled together an entry just prior to the conference to compete in the Sign-a-Song contest. There were no other entries in the group category, so we received first place by default. Many excellent public speaking entries were presented and our own Adam Terrell impressed the judges enough to receive first place in his age category. On Saturday evening we learned some fun folk dances. Sunday morning wrapped up the weekend conference with a church service followed by the traditional Drill Team competition with the Massachusetts team emerging as victors. Chris and I were asked to judge the competition and were busy in another room tallying scores, while the presentation of the Spirit Stick was made to the NH delegation. It was quite a surprise that our small delegation would be honored this way, but Adam and Emilie were excellent ambassadors for our state and I am so proud and happy for them to have received this honor! On a side note, thank you, Rick Bailey for adding the NH name and color to the stick, which is on display at the youth table here at this session.

A **Youth Committee exhibit**, "Fun For the Whole Herd", was entered in four fairs this summer and fall, and received two red ribbons and two blue ribbons. We also received a trophy for best Grange exhibit at Hillsborough County Fair.

There were no entries this year in the **Photo Scavenger Hunt**. This contest has been removed from our youth program for 2017.

In the past year we were raising money for the **2016 DC National Session Travel Fund**. We thought we might fill a coach bus to get folks transported to the convention next month. There was not enough interest for that, and after a couple more downsizes to our plans, we are now down to a minivan with four people heading south in November. The leftover money that was raised for this travel fund will be turned over to the new director and designated for the Jodi Bailey Youth Fund so that more youth can receive assistance to attend these very important conferences.

Last year we could assemble only a partial slate of youth officers for this Session, all of whom were asked to sign a commitment form to perform the duties of their office at the few events that require the presence of our youth officers. The State Master and I had hoped we could instill a sense of responsibility and importance to those who seem to value the privilege of performing at State Grange, without accepting the long term requirements of the position. In a couple of instances, my request for this commitment was met with resistance, and in a couple of other instances, those commitments were not fulfilled. This year, with no entries in the Youth Officer Contest, and no election of youth officers held, due to the low attendance at June Youth Rally, there was not a **Youth Officers** opening at this year's State Session. This is the first time in my years as a Grange member it has been omitted. It is a sad day for our State Grange. Even more upsetting is that no member has spoken to me in protest of this decision. Is there no one outraged?

I am not sure what the prospects are to have the youth opening restored to our program, or if indeed, the delegates have missed seeing it here, or if the youth really want to be here. I hope this is a one-time occurrence and that the youth have received notice that this is an honor that must be earned, not assumed.

I KNOW there are youth members out there in your Granges that we never see or hear from at our state events and contests. Who is mentoring these young people and providing them with opportunities to grow in the Grange? When was the last time your Grange made a serious effort to put on a Youth Night program? What activities/projects could your Grange do if you had assistance from young adults? Can you offer them a ride to a state youth function?

Often I hear this comment, "Young people are not interested in the Grange". That is a blanket statement and is just not true. It is your duty to your organization, local, state and national, to seek out those young people, show them some examples of how your Grange work can appeal to their interests, and ask them to join. Then the REAL work begins at your meetings, because having these new members will probably require your Grange to make some sacrifices in order to make them feel welcome and give them a sense of ownership.

Look around this room. Twenty to 30 years ago, half of these State Officers were your youth officers. That was an investment that has benefited our state organization exponentially. But where will we find the leaders who will carry on after us, not thirty, not twenty, but what about just TEN years from now? When you look around this room do you see enough members to fill all the leadership roles that we'll require to maintain a strong state Grange? I hope we can all get behind our new youth director and work together to rebuild this vital program. It is essential to

the existence of the Grange.

I received a total of 4 Pomona reports and 14 Subordinate **reports** this year. That's only one more report than last year. Some Granges submit reports and claim points only for reporting youth activities at each meeting, stating that they have no youth. While I am happy to receive the report, I am frustrated by the inactivity of such Granges. When you take the time to read our program booklet, you will notice that roughly two thirds of the activities and contests in our state youth program have no age limitation.

The last engraved plates on the **High Youth Score Subordinate and Pomona plaques** were completed last year, so they will be retired for permanent display at the State Grange Building. I defer to the next Youth Director to determine if it is worthwhile for this type of award to continue, where there are fewer and fewer Granges owning halls and therefore having appropriate space to exhibit them. So this year, in lieu of an engraved plaque I have framed certificates for the top Pomona Grange Youth Score going to Hillsborough County Pomona with a score of 440 points. The top youth score for a Subordinate Grange goes to Walpole Grange with a score of 430 points.

I cannot end any report without thanking my husband, Arthur, to whom I owe so much for all his support. He is truly a great **Youth Booster** to me and any youth or young adult member who asks for his help. Too bad for him that, as Youth Director, I don't feel that it's appropriate to award my own spouse for an award such as this. But there is someone who is greatly deserving of recognition - for always being on hand to support, mentor, and encourage the youth members at almost every event we held this year. We were proud of our tiny NH delegation to the regional youth conference, and our **State Master, Chris Heath**, was the only State Master that attended the full weekend at the Northeast Youth Conference. He is often a willing participant in our activities, never ceases to be a mentor and sometimes travels great distances for our department, when I know, sometimes there were really pressing matters he could have been attending at home.

I think that about closes the book on the 2016 youth activities of the NH State Grange. In closing, I remind you that the first three letters in the word "youth" spell YOU. That's Y-O-U, you! Regardless of the average age of the members in each of our Granges, the youth program relies on all of our members to support and participate in the youth activities. Without our older members, there is little leadership to train the youth to continue in our footsteps. Without our younger members, our Granges grow weak and stagnant due to lack of enthusiasm and innovation needed to carry us forward. Once we learn to balance our Granges with the strengths of every age group, we will be close in our pursuit of achieving the perfect Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

Beth Merrill, Youth Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

New Hampshire State Junior Grange 2016 State Session Report

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

Another year in our State Junior Grange and I have mixed feelings on our membership in Junior Grange. I was able to obligate 2 young ladies at Centennial Grange and have heard of others who now belong to different Granges due to the (Plus) +1 program. No communication is coming to me as to where our young people are now joining Granges. Are you adding children to your Granges and how do I relay our activities to you? I have dues cards to send once I receive the information. There are two other new members being reported to the State Secretary and I am excited to hear we are growing. Please let me know if addresses of members have changed so I can be in touch with them.

I attended the Northeast Leaders Conference in Milford, Ma, and the new Big E Junior Contest will be: Paper Boat to float in water. See more in the program. We had two entries this year and I sent them on to be judged at the Big E and I was pleased to hear that Alayna Twiss received 2nd Place. Congratulations! Also entering was Ava Twiss. Thank you for taking the time to make your entries. This contest has to be to me by August 1 to be judged and sent on to Springfield.

How many have ever attended Farm and Forrest? There were three activities available for children and adults to take part at the State Grange booth. The booth was busy most of the time and hands on was a great learning tool as our grass roots come from Agriculture.

An attempt to have our own Junior Activity Day the first weekend of February lead to good weather but fewer children. Many activities were held: birdhouse craft, Sewing Kits for Homeless and food pantries, and planting a plant lunch was served. I will work to hold it so as many as possible can attend. If you have weeks that are bad with your children, please let me know now and I will list these times to have everyone able to enjoy the activities. The following weekend I attended the Youth Rally and had as many children there as the week before doing some of the same activities with different children.

Bowling turned out to be our biggest attendance with 14 bowling.
Spring Fling this year had no children where last year we had many.

The State Lecturer's Talent Contest had one entry from our Juniors. Ava Twiss did an excellent job.

Our Family camp weekend had Juniors making crafts on Saturday. We also did a nature walk and saw many frogs, a Blue Heron and fish. I will try to do this again next year.

We have three Juniors graduating and hopefully joining your Granges:
Samual Klapyk, Blazing Star Grange #71; Mollie Durand, Wicwas Lake Grange #292; and
Patrick Marcoux, Watatic Grange #36

I would like to congratulate all the granges working with Juniors: Centennial Grange, Chichester Grange #132 and Hudson Grange #11 especially for starting with Juniors in 2016.

I have chosen two Granges to recognize:

Blazing Star Grange #71 for having the most Junior members in 2016 and
Watatic Grange #36 for the most contests entered in 2016

Contest winners will be on Display at the Junior Table. Stop and visit our table.

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

Did you know that in 2017 the Junior Grange in New Hampshire is 90 years old? How can we grow and celebrate such a great event? My theme this year is "Let's Celebrate! NH 90 Years "Jewels of the Grange". Will you all assist in making the year a growing year for Junior Grange? Participation in activities with your children bonds us all together. We can turn up our numbers and maybe open a Junior Grange in your own Grange and be the first in years to do so. These will be our future Subordinate, Pomona and State officers if we work with them, and teach them more about the Grange. Make it fun for all young adults and children to be a part in our order.

Mark August 11 as our Junior Birthday Party at the Hooksett Grange Hall. Watch for more information and plan to bring children or Grandchildren to our big party. Next year I would like to end our Junior Party at State Grange.

In closing, I want to thank our Worthy State Master for all of his support with the Junior activities this year, along with all the parents and grandparents who bring children to the activities and support us.

Fraternally submitted,

Joann Brandt, Junior Director

JUNIOR GRANGE WINNERS AT STATE GRANGE 2016

Drawings:

Alayna Twiss, Watatic Grange 1st
Alayna Twiss, Watatic Grange 2nd
Alayna Twiss, Watatic Grange 3rd
Ava Twiss, Watatic Grange 1st

Felt Crafts:

Genevieve Twiss, Watatic Grange 3rd

Ava Twiss, Watatic Grange 1st
Lily Lynch, Watatic Grange 2nd
Alayna Twiss, Watatic Grange 3rd
Caden Lynch, Watatic Grange

Something Recycled from nothing::

Cole Enman, Rochester Grange 2nd
Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange 1st

Baking Contest – Chocolate Chip Cookies:

Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange 1st
Cole Enman, Rochester Grange 2nd

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

A brief recess was called so that the State Officers could return to their elected positions.

Hannah West, Granite State Granger, Editor was called on to present her annual report

My fellow Grangers,

Issues of the Granite State Granger were mailed to members in December, March, June, and September. The paper is also posted on the New Hampshire State Grange website.

I heartily thank all the Grange Directors for sending their columns in on time. I also appreciate those folks who send in news from their Granges and personal news as well. A quarterly paper is not the best venue for “breaking news,” but it is a good opportunity for reporting events, giving Grange members an extra pat on the back, and sharing ideas. Pictures are always appreciated. In this computer age, putting the paper together is the easy part. The more stressful part is what happens after the paper is printed. I am never sure exactly when the paper will print, and once it is printed it must be picked up, folded, stuck together with a wafer, labeled, and taken to the post office in trays filled with papers in zip code order. My family usually does this work, but once this year Chichester Grange took a mystery ride to visit Rhoda Davis in Concord and fold papers there. The State Secretary prints the labels, and the best way to have the proper address on your paper is to have your Grange Secretary report address changes on their quarterly reports.

I also wish to thank those who have sent donations to help with the costs of printing and postage. It makes the work worthwhile when I know that the paper is important enough to generate donations from those who receive it.

The “Grange Grapevine” e-mail is my task as well. It is a timely way to announce events and share news of Granges and Grangers. I sometimes also pass on items of general interest such as Ag in the Classroom or events generated by the Cooperative Extension Service. If you receive

the messages, please share them with those who do not use e-mail. If you are not on the list and would like to receive these messages, just send an e-mail to gowest@tds.net and ask to have your name added.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah West

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Mary West was presented to the Master's station to present the report for the Building Committee.

ADD BUILDING REPORT HERE

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Lois Enman, Grange Services Director was presented to give her annual report.

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

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

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

Education Loan Fund Balance Sheet

October 1, 2015 at Peoples United Bank \$2,536.60

Contributions:

1 Pomona	\$50.00
18 Subordinates	\$455.00
2 Personal	\$115.00
1 State Grange Youth	\$200.00
Total Contributions	\$820.00

Income:

Interest Paid	\$0.00
Interest on Bank Accounts	\$0.93
Morgan Stanley	\$5,000.00
Total Income	\$5,000.93

Total Available Funds \$8,357.53

Expenses:

Scholarships	\$6,000.00
Postage	\$84.55

Total Expenses \$6,084.55

Balance Sept. 30, 2016 at Peoples United Bank \$2,272.98

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

Scholarships

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

The following members were awarded a scholarship at our annually committee meeting. Elizabeth Nelson - Mount Holyoke College, MA.; Melissa McKinnon – Franklin Pierce University, NH; Andrew Perry -Lyndon State Collage, VT; Thomas Perry – Quinnipiac University, CT; Kathe Wolf – Southern NH University, NH. The State Grange wishes them well as they continue their education.

National Grange Benefits

Many benefits are available to you from the National Grange, because you belong to a Subordinate Grange. To mention some there are, Visa Reward Credit Card, Travel Center, Choice Hotels, Comfort Keepers Inns, Life Line Screening, RX Pharmacy CVS Caremark, Hertz Rental, Med Air Services also Beltone Hearing Aid, True Hearing and a Prescription Drug Coverage. Plus, Wi-Fi – cell phone services, VIP Pet Insurance, MetLife Home & Auto and Office Depot. Also NAS-National Affinity Services, a vision/dental coverage and Private Health Insurance Exchange. These programs are updated regularly through the National Grange web site at www.nationalgrange.org and it is important that Grange members share this information at their regular meetings.

In closing, I need to thank my committee members, Patrice Lawlor, Rodney Huntoon, Norma Neary, Linda Phelps, Lester Gibbs and Christopher Heath for their work by helping to inform Grange members of the programs offered on the State and National levels.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois L. Enman, Director

Grange Services Committee

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Election of officers began and continued throughout the morning with the following results:

Master	Christopher Heath
Overseer	Robert Trombi
Lecturer	Jane Trombi
Steward	Arthur Merrill

Assistant Steward	Adam Paquin-Varnum
Lady Assistant Steward	Kathy Yardley
Chaplain	Matthew Clark
Gatekeeper	Norman Brandt
Secretary	Gerald Leclerc
Treasurer	Daniel Bascom
Ceres	Kerriann Heath
Pomona	Sarah Leclerc
Flora	Lois Enman
Executive Committee	Beth Merrill
Executive Committee	Robert Haefner

Debra Patten, Director Family Services was escorted to the Master Station to present her annual report:

Before the report was presented Sara Kobylenski, Executive Director, Upper Valley Haven Homeless Shelter was introduced and presented with the contributions provided by the members. She gave a brief description of the services and assistance provided. She thanked the grange for the contributions of the items and assured us that they will be used well.

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

WOW! Where did the year go? It seems like only yesterday we were finishing up the Grange Year and getting ready to start a new one!

We began the year with meeting at Leaders school at the NH Fire Academy in December 2015. We discussed the program and shared new ideas and then got to work to fill 120 goody bags again for the NH Home in Glencliff. What a rewarding project this is! The residents truly enjoy the treats we put in these goody bags. I think the committee had just as much fun putting them together – we had a true assembly line going. These were transported to Glencliff the week before Christmas as this is right along the way to my family for our family Christmas. We will continue this project as long as I am chairperson of this committee so to all on my committee come prepared at Deputy School in December for assembly line work.

In January Dick and I attended the Northeast Leaders Conference. I attended meetings with the directors of Family Services from the other states represented – we shared many ideas and talked a lot about the Needlework contests for Eastern States. I pushed to add a sewn garment in the Adult Garment category. Previously this category was limited to knit or crocheted. So all of you who sew can now enter an adult garment in this category this next year. We also discussed at great length the need for items to sell at the Big E. The items you so graciously make and donate really do support the grange building at the Big E.

I have tried to keep you all informed and well reminded during the year with a few letters. I know there are many Granges who do not want to rely on email for their communication. I respect that and therefore send letters to all of you. I only ask that you PLEASE be sure to read the letters at your granges. Please don't just say – "I have a letter from Family Services – it's here if you want to read it" and leave it on your station. Communication is critical to success and

only you can help us all be successful. Please, as chairperson of your Grange, you need to keep your Grange informed of what is happening so that all interested can participate.

The committee met virtually through email and phone calls this year. It was difficult to find a weekend that works for most. We did decide on our baking contest and shared many ideas about the program for this next year. I think it will be an exciting year.

The baking contest for next year is Blonde Brownies or as I call them, Congo Bars. There is no specific recipe but hopefully you will please note if you are including nuts in the event there is anyone allergic to nuts when judging. There are several recipes available in cookbooks for these types of bars or brownies. I have looked.

The results baking contest for this year which was Blueberry Muffins are:

1st – Jeanne Forrester ~ Pemigewasset Valley Pomona

2nd – Mary West ~ Suncook Valley Pomona

3rd – Pat Izzo ~ East Rockingham Pomona

Thank you all for your participation in this contest.

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

Class A – Afghans

1st – Jan Pollard – Blow Me Down Grange #234

2nd – Beth Merrill – Antrim Grange #98

3rd – Ida Hutchins – Bakers River Grange # 290

Class B – Doilies

1st – Jeannie Houghton – Hampton Falls Grange #171

2nd – Katherine Umberhind – Hampton Falls Grange # 171

3rd – Joan DeButts – Crown Point Grange #65

Class C – Embroidery

No entries

Class D – 3 piece Baby Set

1st – Janet Cichocki – Londonderry Grange #44

2nd – Ida Hutchins – Bakers River Grange #290

3rd - Theresa Rousseau – Watatic Grange #36

Class E – Plastic Canvas

1st – Rhoda Davis, Pembroke Grange #111

2nd – Norma Neary – Pembroke Grange #111

3rd - Claire Gagnon – Hudson Grange #11

Class F – Counted Cross Stitch

1st – Marion Woodworth – Rochester Grange #86

2nd – Sarah Mercier – Antrim Grange #98

Class G – Adult Garment

1st – Ida Hutchins – Bakers River Grange #290

2nd – Sandra Dennis – Rockingham Grange #183

3rd – Ann Leger – Winthrop Grange #315

Class H – Latch Hook

1st – Claire Gagnon – Hudson Grange #11

2nd – Ann Leger – Winthrop Grange #315

Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging

1st – Diane LaFavre – Wicwas Lake Grange #292

Class J – Stuffed Toy

1st – Cam Twiss – Watatic Grange # 36

Class K – Baby Afghan

1st – Carolyn Ross – Gilman Grange #1

2nd – Jan Pollard – Blow Me Down Grange #234

3rd – Debbie Greene – Watatic Grange #36

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

Congratulations to all who entered and sincerely THANK YOU!

The first place winners from each of these categories made the trip to Eastern States for the Northeastern Needlework Contest judging. A special thank you to Arthur and Beth Merrill for coming to my home to pick up the winning entries and all of the items for sale at Eastern States. You delivered them safely and I truly do appreciate this.

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

Class A - Afghans

3rd – Jan Pollard

Class B – Doilies

1st – Jeannie Houghton

Class D – 3 piece baby set

Honorable mention – Janet Cichocki

Class G – Adult Garment

Honorable mention – Ida Hutchins

Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging
3rd - Diane LaFavre

Class K – Baby Afghan
3rd – Carolyn Ross

Congratulations to these 6 ladies for jobs well done!

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

Woodworking
1st – Rick Bailey, Hudson Grange #11

Adult Garment/ Other - Sewing
1st – Ruth Pelton – Hampton Falls Grange #171
2nd – Doris Mercier – Blow Me Down Grange #234
3rd – Stephen Tracy – Stratford Grange # 238

Other
1st – Jan Pollard – Blow Me Down #234
2nd – Doris Mercier – Blow Me Down #234
3rd – Willis Brown – Claremont Grange #9

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

A special thank you to all who made items for sale at Eastern States. The volume started out slow but all of a sudden I received a good number of items and this was really blown out when I received a very large box delivered to me by one grange member, Carolyn Ross, from Gilman Grange. Thank you everyone and especially Carolyn.

We continue to collect mittens, hats and gloves for our Mountain of Mittens. Thank you so very much to all of you who keep your knitting needles going to help warm the hands of our children in the State of NH. Also thank you to all who brought or already donated boots for our Galoshes from Grangers project. We are discontinuing this project for next year but encourage Granges to continue to look for boots on clearance at the end of the season and make that well needed donation to your local schools, boys and girls clubs etc. We feel we ask a lot of our granges and would like you to continue to do these projects as you are able to but are encouraging participation in all of our state projects.

Project Night Night is off to a great start. This is the first year for this project. We purchased the sacks that say Project Night Night on them as this is a National branded project. However, thanks to the generosity of all of you, we are planning to fill 50 sacks here at State Session. Each sack contains a blanket, a book and a stuffed toy. We will be dividing these up between approximately 6 shelters in the State. We held a work session at Spring Fling to make fleece

blankets and I went home with 8 blankets made that day. We will be doing this again at Spring Fling 2017.

Doris Mitton worked very hard to get a grant to supply the books. Although this wasn't successful this year, we will try again and will hopefully succeed. Despite this issue, Riverside Grange and Northern NH Pomona collected more than ½ of the needed books. Granges were also generous in donating the stuffed toys for this project. Thank you all so very much. Just think how calming this sack will be to a boy or girl who enters a shelter with nothing but the clothes on their back! I am so pleased to have a representative with us from Upper Valley Haven, a shelter just across the border from West Lebanon to accept the first batch of sacks for use at this homeless shelter for the Upper Valley area of NH.

In closing, I want to thank my committee for all of their help, support and ideas. We work well together and I thank you. Committee members are Cam Twiss, Ann Leger, Virginia Clark, Mary West, Deb Stone, Linda Phelps, Alice Tuck and Katherine Umberhind. Most of all, thank you to my husband Dick. He hears me out, loud and clear most of the time and even though I bounce ideas off him I usually have already made my decision. He is patient and knows me by now – after 32 years. And a thank you to my sister Elaine who always helps with putting packets together and all the stuff that needs to happen to get ready for this convention.

Fraternally submitted,

Deb Patten, Family Services Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Richard Patten, Director Community Service was presented to the Master's Station to present his annual report.

Worthy State Master, National Grange Representatives; Delegates, Patrons All

It is a pleasure to present the annual report for Community Service. Once again, it has been a very busy and interesting year in community service. I am very proud of the accomplishments of the Granges in the state. I am so pleased that Granges on the whole, have continued projects they have been doing but attempting to do new projects. I am also pleased two organizations can work together because the project proved bigger than one group could handle. I feel that it should not be embarrassing to reach out for assistance from another organization.

Granges throughout the state have sponsored Halloween events, Christmas gatherings with Santa and gifts for everyone, Valentine parties, Easter Egg Hunts, sponsored Memorial Day programs, Fourth of July, Old Home Day parades, country fairs, Back to School projects, National elections, and it's time to start a new year.

The Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas was successful again. I know the Grange is a very dedicated group of men and women who care about this great organization the year before when we started this project to we collected over \$900 hundred dollars in gift cards. This past session we only collected \$500 hundred dollars. This was very disappointing; however much to my surprise I had two members hand me two checks to go and buy \$450 dollars' worth of gift cards.

The Friends for Forgotten Children and Operation Santa Claus were thrilled as you know someone broke in to their headquarters and stole hundreds of dollars of toys etc. Your generosity has helped so much to make Christmas a happy one for all ages.

Deb and I filled 14 Santa Stockings with candy, cookies, note pads, gift certificates, and few other items and took them to Liberty House. They were very happy when we arrived. I also sent cards for every occasion from New Year's cards to Christmas and everything in between. They even had a Hanukah veteran and I sent him with a special card. They were very happy to think the Grange cared enough to send these cards and check in on them.

This year Deb and I attended the Northeast Leaders Conference however we had to leave the next morning as I had a medical spell and decided to head back to New Hampshire. I did meet with the other Community Service Directors from the other states. It was agreed that we would continue to recognize the Outstanding Police Office, Educator and Firefighter Awards for 2016. I agreed to continue coordinating this project. We shared our programs with all the other states present.

I was pleased to be asked to present Community Recognition Awards for Grange Month at the Grange Month Celebration at the State Grange Building in late April. I was pleased to present Henry Parkhurst from Arlington Grange with an award for his portrayal of Mr. Pickle in the annual pickle Festival in Winchester; I recognized Donna Sprague and Blazing Star Grange for their Winter Farmers Market, which was very successful. I presented Rodney Huntoon and Jane Cooper Fall with their Lifetime Achievement Awards. These were presented at a later date. I did receive a very nice letter from Jane Cooper Fall, who had served 25 years as Secretary for Educational Loan Fund following in her mother, Lillian Foss Cooper's footsteps.

I was pleased with the number of single page reports sent by the Granges. However, I wish more Granges would have indicated what they did. I enjoy reading the booklets submitted as it gives me some ideas as to what the Granges are doing. The Grange is very active in Community Service. When I provide community service ideas, it doesn't mean the Granges have to do all or any of them. It is meant to give ideas only.

The non-member judges who judged the Community Service books had a tough time again. They took three days to read each one and discuss among themselves the pros and cons of each one. They couldn't believe how much work was done by the Granges in their communities and neighboring towns in some cases. The results are as follows:

First place: Wicwas Lake Grange # 292 of Meredith Center. This Grange did many special projects for the town such as a Haunted House with everything you can imagine. I am sure those who went enjoyed it tremendously. They gave the town's children a visit with Santa Claus and gifts, candy, and food. It was a wonderful project. They have a member who is a State Senator and she ran for Governor and didn't win in the primary but she still found time to enter in the baking contest. The Grange is non-partisan but she answered many questions about the state government.

Second place: Hudson Grange #11

Third Place; Concord Grange #322
Fourth Place: Watatic Grange #36
Fifth Place: Joe English Grange #53
Sixth Place: Blow- Me - Down Grange #234
Seventh Place: Mohawk Grange of East Colebrook #217

All of these Granges did an enormous amount of community service projects. Whether it was presenting scholarships, sponsoring parades, celebrating special holidays or traditions in their community, people of all ages came and enjoyed everything the Granges did. In many cases, if it wasn't for the Grange, a long time tradition or holiday event would have been cancelled. The Granges presented dictionaries to many third grade students in public schools, charter schools, or private schools. In some cases, the Grange worked with another business or organization to provide the dictionaries to the students. In most cases, the schools wanted the dictionary program to continue. I was pleased to see how many schools received dictionaries as a result of the dictionary program.

I appreciated the Granges, who honored citizens in their community. Recognition is very important no matter what community position or role they fill. As we watch television every day or read the newspaper, what do we see but tragedy, shootings, people taking law and order into their own hands, and much more. We don't see good news on television or read good news on the front page in the newspaper. If something good is printed it is buried in the middle of the paper or on the back page. The Grange, with their community service projects, promotes goodwill, brings the community together and most of all, welcomes people of all races, religion, and lifestyles.

In regards to the Recognition Awards, the Citizen and Public Service Awards are going back to the Lecturer's Department. Next year State Lecturer Jane Trombi will have the forms for these two awards. We discontinued the Veteran or Active duty Military this year as well as the Postal Worker of the Year due to lack of interest or suggestions from Granges. It is sad that in every town there are people who served their country and yet no suggestions were submitted to honor. The Grange previously honored someone from the Postal Service in response to the Grange's strong connection and support for the start of RFD in New Hampshire. Next year, we are going to try a First Responder Award. This could be presented to rescue personnel, doctor, a nurse, a neighbor, a teacher. When there is an emergency, many times while you are waiting for help, someone will stop to see if you need help. They may render important service. This is a great way to thank them and recognize their efforts.

I know there are many people out there who should be recognized. Again, I am more than happy to assist you with this program.

I enjoyed reading what some of our smaller Granges did this year. Mohawk Grange of East Colebrook and Aurora Grange of Pittsburg are two Granges who do a lot for their communities. Aurora Grange made the news on WMUR TV 9 as they needed a new home for their food pantry. I have not heard if they found a new place, but they were looking for a new home. Watatic Grange is another small Grange but they accomplished so much. They had youth, junior members, and the adults all working together to make their projects successful. Claremont

Grange, small in membership, made Christmas very special for some special people. The Community needs the Grange and the Grange needs the Community.

Tonight, I will have the honor of presenting some very special awards to some very special people. Some of the people being honored tonight are volunteers who give their time to give service to the fire department. There are others who help educate our children and keep them safe all day long. We need to be vigilant as to what the Grange can do to prevent bullying. There are people who bully not only children but senior citizens as well. One of my goals this year is to contact a local nursing home, speak with someone in charge and see if there is someone who would appreciate cards on special days. There are many days in which residents will sit in their doorway and struggle to find a reason to smile. Can you imagine the smile on their faces when the postal service delivers mail to a resident?

I am also hoping the Pomona Granges will organize some kind of celebration to honor the NH State Police on their 80th anniversary. If you have a State Police Troop Headquarters in your Pomona, please contact them and see what you can do. You can also do something to show the local police or Sheriff Department that the Grange and community do appreciate them.

I would like to thank the Future Farmers of America who accepted my challenge last year to work on a joint project. I chose The Silent Warriors who work with the homeless in Enfield and Lebanon. The FFA collected several big boxes of food and toiletry items. I hope we can do this again next year or possibly another State Grange Committee.

I am so thrilled to report Grange members in the Granite State contributed over 14,927 hours. This does not include Granges who reported a question mark, wrote didn't know, or many hours. Many times, people don't want to be committed or have time to volunteer. They are working two jobs, transporting children to school events, sporting events, or just plain want to sit home and watch a TV show. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. Believe me your efforts are truly appreciated.

As I close this report, I would like to thank my wife Deb for her patience and assistance; a huge thank you to the members of my committee: Kevin Belval, Frances Everard, Haven Haynes Jr, Sherrill Bokousky, Doris Mitton, Brian Rossiter, Roy Stone, Erick Todd, and Brian Phelps. I would like to thank Donald Ross, Norman Brandt, and Brian Rossiter for their support and willing to lend an ear. Thank you to my sister in law Elaine Dame for helping Deb put the programs together. A huge thank you to my newspaper contacts who have published the articles that I sent to them.

I would like to wish everyone here a very Happy Thanksgiving and as you sit around the table, be sure to thank our Lord for his blessings and allowing us to do the best we can for each other and our communities. I also want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Grange Year and a successful and prosperous 2017.

Fraternally,

Dick Patten, State Community Service Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Stephen Tracy, Outreach Deputy was presented to the Masters station to present his annual report.

ADD REPORT HERE

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

James Tetreault was escorted to the Masters station to present the Publicity report.

ADD REPORT HERE

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Recessed for Lunch.

Session reconvened at 1:30 PM

State Treasurer, Daniel P. Bascom presented the 2017 Income and Expense Budgets.
(For results refer to the financial section of the Journal)

Tara Sad, Chairman of the Resolutions and By-laws committee was escorted to the Masters station to present the report.

National Representative, Worthy Master, Officer, Delegates and Patrons all,

I am honored to once again serve as the chair of the Resolutions Committee. I want to thank the other members of the committee, Bob Haefner and newly appointed Jozi Best for serving. I also want to thank the granges who submitted these resolutions for our deliberation here today. We can tell that a lot of work and thought went into them.

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

Resolution #1

Submitted by: Wingold Grange #308

Subject: State Sponsored Degree Days

WHERE AS, Over the past several years, attendance at Degree Days has been going down and,

WHERE AS, it is becoming harder and harder each year to find volunteers to put on the Degrees and,

WHERE AS, Appendix A division 5 of the NH State By-laws Appendix already mandates when Degrees and Degree Days can be put on and,

WHERE AS, it is hard for the State Grange to know where to hold Degree Days and,

WHERE AS, there is a lot of time and energy dedicated to Degree Days and many people drive long distances to fill offices for Degree Days.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange only do Degree Days when asked by a Grange to put on a Degree Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any Grange requesting a Degree Day Sponsored by the NH State Grange guarantee at least 6 candidates to take the degrees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Grange add Appendix A division 5 B The NH State Grange will only host Degree Days when a Grange requests and guarantee that a minimum of 6 candidates will take the Degrees.

This resolution is really only for state degree days (not subordinate grange days). That seem to make sense, since you're not doing it unless there are a few people.

But if you don't have the people, would that mean you would never have a degree day?

The Committee thought that six candidates is quite a lot to require. It seems like we had, for a long time, needed to recruit people to fill these slots.³

For a while, we were doing two degree days per year. This past year, there was only one.

Bob moved to vote in favor of the resolution with an amendment changing the required number from 6 to 2. One person at a minimum behind each assistant steward marching.

Jozi noted that it would not be difficult to get four volunteers to march with them.

Recommend this amendment with change of number to 2 from 6.

3-0 in favor as amended.

The resolution was defeated by vote of the delegate body!

Resolution #2

Submitted by: East Rockingham Pomona #11

Subject: Lobbying for restrictions on Drug Commercials

WHEREAS, the federal government have restrictions on advertising tobacco and alcohol and,

WHEREAS, drug companies spend millions of dollars each year advertising drugs to general public and,

WHEREAS, drug companies Lobby to increase their abilities to Advertise and,

WHEREAS, people should be getting informed choices of drugs that are good for them from their doctors and,

WHEREAS, pricing for advertising the drugs are most likely driving drug prices up and,

WHEREAS, over uses of pharmaceuticals are causing increases of drug resistant bacteria and,

WHEREAS, pharmaceuticals are increasingly showing up in drinking water due to over use.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange lobby National Grange to lobby for greater restrictions on all advertising.

While we sympathize with the distaste for the pharmaceutical companies' advertising strategies, the committee thinks that the pharmaceutical companies have the right to advertise. You can't take a first amendment right away from people. Unless the product they are selling is harmful, then they have a right to sell and market them. In fact, most pharmaceuticals exist to make people's lives better. Advertising is a way for these patients to find out there is help for their condition.

Reject: 3-0

The resolution was defeated by vote of the delegate body!

Resolution #3

Submitted by: Stratford Grange #238

Subject: Change for Grange Growth and Survival

WHEREAS, the Grange is a grassroots organization and struggling to gain new members and,

WHEREAS, a growing number of Americans and world citizens and foreign countries are adopting Organic agriculture and building local food hubs and,

WHEREAS, any business or organization that wants to thrive must give the prospective customer or member what they want and,

WHEREAS, there are increasing numbers of food and farm product customers who are attracted to organic and natural products and,

WHEREAS, conventional CAFO style, GMO based farming is causing cancer related deaths and growing food deserts and cannot feed the world due to low nutritional value crops and GMO products that take up large areas of farm land, and by being concentrated in one area, is more susceptible to attacks by weather and terrorism and,

WHEREAS, the Grange's current stance of promoting big agriculture is hurting the Grange, thus keeping away new members from the ever growing number of small farms who need a voice as was the original stance of the Grange.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, for the salvation of the Grange, America and the world, that the National Grange should change its current course and promote safe organic agriculture and sustainable economies and support the small farmer.

Check report for recommendation

The resolution was defeated by vote of the delegate body!

Resolution #4

Submitted by: The New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee

Subject: Beverages at NH State Grange Banquet

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 1, Division 11 of the New Hampshire State Grange by-laws reads "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. (10/30/2010)" and,

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire State Grange has recognized outstanding citizens at their annual State Grange banquet for many years and,

WHEREAS, these guests are not members of the Grange and are not required to abide by the rules and regulations of the Order and,

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire State Grange is not officially in session or in an official meeting during the banquet honoring these guests and,

WHEREAS, the guests to this banquet may prefer to be able to purchase beverages that are not typically supplied during the meal and,

WHEREAS, these guests consume beverages that are both alcoholic and non-alcoholic in nature and,

WHEREAS, these beverages that our guests like to consume are not made available unless contracted by the New Hampshire State Grange when making plans for the banquet and,

WHEREAS, having these beverages available during the banquet could possibly lower the cost of the meal, depending on the property, if it is contracted

THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange change Article XII, Section 1 Division 11 by adding the words "with the exception of a NH State Grange Banquet where alcohol may be served" after "Such containers shall remain sealed at such Grange meeting or activity." so that it reads "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, with the exception of a NH State Grange banquet where alcohol may be served.”

This came from the executive committee, where the vote was unanimous in favor (State secretary change.. the vote with the executive committee was not unanimous) The committee discussed the proposal, and thought that, if the presence of alcohol was limited only to the annual meeting banquet, and every effort taken to be sure that children are not present at the time, it would a good idea. Many facilities and hotels will give discount on price of food if they will be making money on a cash bar. Therefore people who think the price of the banquet is too high should be in favor of this resolution. In addition, guests, award recipients and others who come to the banquet are expecting to have wine with dinner.

In favor 2-0 1 abstained

The resolution was defeated by vote of the delegate body!

Resolution #5

Submitted by: Concord Grange #322

Subject: Commuter Rail in New England

WHEREAS, there have been numerous attempts to restore passenger rail service to Nashua, Manchester and hopefully Concord and,

WHEREAS, the inter-state highways are at max with automobiles, truck, motorcycles etc and,

WHEREAS, by restoring passenger rail service it could take the pressure off highways and,

WHEREAS, it has been proven by studies that people do want to see passenger rail service as an alternative form of transportation and,

WHEREAS, the passenger rail from Portland to Boston, going through New Hampshire with stops at Dover, Durham, Exeter have proven to be successful and,

WHEREAS, the passenger rail provided by the Vermonter going through Claremont en route to Montreal has proven to be a success.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Grange members take an active interest if they want to see passenger rail service restored, to contact their State Representatives, State Senators, and the Governor's Office to let them know the Grange is behind this project.

Bob Haefner is taking a different position then he would in the legislature, agreeing to vote to accept only if we amend the resolved to say 'specifically how are you going to pay for it'. The brochure that's put out by the rail authority said that the startup costs before you send the first train down the tracks is \$114 million. Where is that money coming from? In addition, a \$7 million subsidy would be needed each year. The committee would be in favor of this resolution if

it was amended to state specifically how we were going to pay for this. What new revenue source would there be, or where would the money be coming from? Every single passenger rail in the world is subsidized.

*Another comment was that this is a local issue. Commuter rail in Nashua to Boston doesn't benefit all of New Hampshire. It need to have a lot of local support. The legislators who voted on this in Concord from the west and north were against this. We are already spending billions to widen I-93, which mostly benefits the southeastern part of the state. We don't need another huge project that the rest of the state has to pay for but doesn't see any return from.
Reject 3-0*

The resolution was defeated by vote of the delegate body!

Resolution #6

Submitted by: Concord Grange #322

Subject: Standing Committees

WHEREAS, the Standing Committees in the Grange are extremely important and,

WHEREAS, each committee has its purpose and program to offer the members and,

WHEREAS, several years ago, some committees were merged or combined and,

WHEREAS, the Grange has been known for promoting education at all levels and,

WHEREAS, Agriculture continues to be the basis of the Grange and,

WHEREAS, the Grange needs to return to its roots in agriculture and provide the education for today's farmer to succeed in today's world.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge the State Master to seriously consider bringing back the State Education Committee and State Agriculture Committee and to urge each committee to promote their department.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this take place so they can be listed in the 2017 Roster.

Currently Education is part of Grange Services. Agriculture has been with Legislative. One of these recommendations has already been done, and Agriculture is coming out of Legislative.

Theoretically it sounds like education should be by itself, but we cannot order the State Master to do something. Its inappropriate. The State Master already has that authority.

Reject 3-0

The resolution was defeated by vote of the delegate body!

Resolution #7

Submitted by: Antrim Grange #98

Subject: Officer Expenses

WHEREAS, it is considered to be a great honor to be selected as an officer of the National Grange or the Assembly of Demeter and,

WHEREAS, until recent years, except for the Master and the High Priest, it was tradition that upon ceasing to be a delegate that an officer was rarely re-elected and,

WHEREAS, there are currently nine officers who are not delegates, not counting the Master or High Priest and,

WHEREAS, the National Grange pays transportation and lodging for delegates and officers and their spouses to attend the annual National Grange Session and,

WHEREAS, the National Grange is currently in debt for more than \$1,000,000 and needs to be in a frugal mode until the debt is repaid and,

WHEREAS, depending upon the location of the Session and the attendance of the officer's spouse the average expenditure could be between \$1,000 and 2,000 per officer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, beginning with the 151st National Session in 2017 no officer expenses be paid for non-delegates except for the Master and High Priest or any officer who ceased being a delegate since their election to their current term of office.

The committee agree that only Delegates and Masters of High Priests should be reimbursed for their travel to the National Grange Session. The National Grange cannot afford it.

Approve 3-0

The resolution was defeated by vote of the delegate body!

Resolution #8

Submitted by: Antrim Grange #98

Subject: Honorary Delegates

WHEREAS, National Grange delegates are the representatives of the State Granges and,

WHEREAS, for many years National Grange has allowed a representative of Potomac Grange to be seated as an honorary delegate and,

WHEREAS, National Grange has ended the practice of seating representatives of other Granges in states without a State Grange due to financial considerations and,

WHEREAS, The Digest allows the creation of a State Grange in any State, US Territory, or the District of Columbia which should give an incentive to start six Granges to receive representation and,

WHEREAS, The National Grange has incurred a substantial debt of over \$1,000,000 and needs to be in a fiscally prudent mode.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange pay no expenses for the seating of honorary delegates representing Community Granges where a State Grange does not exist.

The states who have no delegates should not be reimbursed.

Accept 3-0

The resolution was withdrawn by the delegates of the sponsoring Grange!

Resolution #9

Submitted by: Antrim Grange #98

Subject: Voting at Meetings

WHEREAS, the National Master has ruled that members not physically present at a meeting may take part in discussions and vote and,

WHEREAS, The National Grange Digest of Laws chapter 10.2.1 states “All voting, except by ballot...shall be by the voting sign of the order,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 10.2.1 be amended by adding “only those members physically present at the meeting be allowed to vote.”

Conference calls are prohibited. A legal meeting, according to the bylaws, needs 7 members present. Claremont agreed. This should not be changed.

Approve 3-0

The resolution was adopted by vote of the delegate body and will be forwarded to National Grange for consideration!

Resolution #10

Submitted by: Centennial Grange #185

Subject: Election of Officers at National Grange

WHEREAS, the election of officer’s process is defined in National Grange Digest of Laws 10.4.1 as “ELECTIONS – 10.4.1 Nominating speeches shall not be allowed in any of the Granges in the various divisions of the order (Junior, Subordinate, State or National) at the time

of the election of officers; but in the election of officers, a member may present the name of another member as a candidate for a Grange office provided this rule has been adopted by the Grange having jurisdiction. A motion to close nominations is never in order and members may vote for a member whether the member's name has been placed in nomination or not." and,

WHEREAS, the original resolution submitted by Brother Aiken in 1873 was clearly stated by saying "Resolved, That the election of officers at this session of the National Grange a majority of all votes cast shall be required to secure an election." and,

WHEREAS, Brother Aiken also stated in the resolution "Resolved, that in said elections there shall be no nominations, each member being allowed to vote for the brother of his own selection." Which is in violation of the above mentioned National Grange Digest of Laws 10.4.1 and,

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

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

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

WHEREAS, sometimes the people who are elected to these positions are non-delegates and this directly affects the expenses paid by National Grange which in turn comes from Granges across the country and,

WHEREAS, the money spent to send non-delegates to National Session is money that could be better spent doing more programming, providing more member's benefits and other important grange work

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegates to National Grange be encouraged to elect officers among their peers as to reduce the cost to the National Grange for sending non-delegates to National Session.

The committee agree that this would be a time saving measure to reduce both the expenses and the time spent in election of officers. This is the way the state grange does it, and it works well.

Accept 3-0

The resolution was adopted by vote of the delegate body and will be forwarded to National Grange for consideration!

Resolution #11

Submitted by: Centennial Grange #185

Subject: Junior Grange Membership

WHEREAS, the Junior Grange was adopted by National Grange as a division of the order in 1888 a mere 21 years after the formation of the organization and,

WHEREAS, the Junior Grange is patterned after the Grange – Order of the Patrons of Husbandry and,

WHEREAS, the Junior Granges are subject to the National Grange Digest of Laws that govern the divisions of the Grange and,

WHEREAS, the Junior Grange members pay dues to the State Grange's annually and,

WHEREAS, the Junior Grange annual word, badges, manuals, equipment and other organization specific items are controlled by the National Grange and,

WHEREAS, most Junior Grange members graduate into the Subordinate Grange at the age of fourteen and,

WHEREAS, the National Grange now has the one plus program that entitles junior members to participate and become junior members of a Subordinate Grange and,

WHEREAS, Junior Grange members are hopefully the future members of the Subordinate, Pomona, State and National Granges,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Grange recognize a Junior Granger's membership towards a member's continuous membership total and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Grange make this retroactively effective as of November 2013.

This is coming from the State Master. It won't affect him because of the dates, but his point is you can recognize for fifty years in the grange, but if you're a junior the time should be counted toward the service. This could encourage their parents and grandparents to bring in juniors.

Recommend 3-0

The resolution was adopted by vote of the delegate body and will be forwarded to National Grange for consideration!

Resolution #12

Submitted by: Centennial Grange #185

Subject: Electronic Device Substitution

WHEERAS, the price of paper is increasing ever year and the cost of printing is expensive and,

WHEREAS, the use of paper is creating a large burden on paper producers and natural resources around the world and,

WHEREAS, this is a gross misuse of our natural resources and it is affecting our environment and,

WHEREAS, the National Grange reprints most all of the changes to resolutions and redistributes these paper to all the delegates, officers and staff and,

WHEREAS, the National Grange has been trying to reduce the cost to the National Grange by eliminating programs and distributions and,

WHEREAS, today's technology could provide a cheaper alternative to the National Grange's current process for providing these documents to the delegates, officers and staff during National Session

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the National Grange be tasked with researching the cost of alternative methods of providing these documents during National Session and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Grange Executive Committee report their findings and make recommendations to the delegate body at the 2017 Annual Session and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the delegates at the 2017 Annual Session vote on the said findings of the National Grange Executive Committee.

This is just a study.

Recommend 3-0

The resolution was referred back to the sponsoring Grange for clarification!

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

Resolution #13

Submitted by: Claremont Grange #9

Subject: New Hampshire Lyme Disease Information System

WHEREAS Lyme disease has become a serious concern for owners of equines and livestock in NH; and

WHEREAS an online system where affected persons could share experiences and encouragement would be beneficial for animals and their humans; and

WHEREAS the concept is being studied by the NH Horse Council; being received favorably when discussed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Hampshire State Grange ~~supports~~ **encourages** the formation of a New Hampshire based online Lyme disease support/information system.

The resolution was adopted as amended by vote of the delegate body!

Resolution #14

Submitted by: Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: National Grange Contest Review

WHEREAS: The National Grange Departments promote contest to enrich and broaden the lives of Grange members.

WHEREAS: The participation in these contests seems to be dwindling and some of the contest seems to be coming obsolete or irrelevant.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the National Grange does a top to bottom review including a statistical assessment of the participation in the contests and consider discontinuing any contests that are no longer relevant.

The resolution was adopted by vote of the delegate body and will be forwarded to National Grange for consideration!

Resolution #15

Submitted by: Stratford Grange #238

Subject: Repeal FSMA Food Safety Modernization Act

WHEREAS FSMA was enacted in 2011 to provide food safety and security and in reality has done the opposite and has hurt farmers and consumers alike and has made our food delivery system more open to terrorist attacks and severe weather related issues by concentrating food production in easily damaged places instead of scattering production safely in various communities and overburdening farmers with onerous food security damaging requirements,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange work in Washington for the repeal of FSMA

The resolution was defeated by vote of the delegate body!

Resolution #16

Submitted by: Stratford Grange #238

Subject: Review of United States Department of Agriculture Electronic Benefit Transfer Guidelines (USDA EBT)

WHEREAS: Current USDA EBT eligibility guidelines require a recipient to spend a certain percentage of their income on housing and medical care, etc. whether the recipient needs or can afford them or not, and

WHEREAS: if a recipient makes a budgetary decision to pay for an increase in rent and pays less for medical care their EBT benefits are cut causing undue hardship on the recipient, and

WHEREAS: a person's personal budget is just that, "personal",

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the National Grange work with the USDA to study and revamp their current EBT eligibility guidelines so as not to require a recipient to spend their income in unnecessary or unaffordable manners in order to keep their EBT benefits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that some EBT beneficiaries are included in the review and revamping process to avoid unintended consequences to the beneficiaries,

The resolution was adopted by vote of the delegate body and will be forwarded to National Grange for consideration!

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Chair
Resolutions Committee

The State Master thank the committee for their service and ordered this report printed in the journal.

Session reconvened at 9:15 PM

The remainder of the resolutions were acted upon. (Results of all resolutions are noted in the Resolutions Committee report on the previous pages).

Kimber Bascom was presented to the Masters station to present the report of the Master's Address committee.

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The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Emilie Leclerc was called upon to present the Credential Report

Total Voting Delegates	
Masters	31
Wives of Masters	6
Husbands of Masters	2
Delegates	32
Total Delegates	71
State Officer's	19
Deputies	12
Committee Members	48
Non-Delegates	49
Special Guests	8

The members of the Credentials Committee thank the State Secretary for the privilege of serving at the registration table for the 2016 State Session.

Respectfully,

Emilie Leclerc, Chairman

State Master Christopher Heath announced that there would be a Church service at 9:30 Sunday morning followed by the installation of State Officers.

With no further business to conduct the last day of the 143rd Annual Session of the New Hampshire State Grange was closed in the fourth degree at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange

Add installation here:

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2015	TD Bank Checking Account	
12,398.73		
	Income – Exhibit B	61,574.82
	Expense – Exhibit C	-58,467.42
September 30, 2016	Balance	15,506.13
Accounts Receivable		
October 1, 2015	Balance	
345.00		
	Payment on loans	0

September 30, 2016 Balance
345.00

State Grange Building Hooksett

October 1, 2015 Purchase Price
87,500.00
September 30, 2016 Purchase Price 87,500.00

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

October 1, 2015 TD Checking Account
1,235.82
Income 1,766.78
Expense 2,156.00
September 30, 2016 Balance
846.60

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

October 1, 2015 Balance
187,023.73
Transferred 0.00
Taxable Income
15,573.65
Realized Gain/Loss 406.87
Deposits .61
Quarterly Income Paid -
6,341.54
Withdrawals 0.00
Fees Paid -2,329.33
Unrealized Gain/Loss 3,365.16
September 30, 2016 Ending Market Value 197,122.53

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

October 1, 2015	Balance	
35,531.31		
	Taxable Income	
2,851.88		
	Realized Gain/Loss	-1,940.31
	Deposit	
591.51		
	Annual Income paid	0
	Fees paid	-446.74
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-673.73
September 30, 2016	Ending Market Value	38,942.04

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

September 30, 2015 Closed account was transferred to defunct account

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

October 1, 2012	Purchase Price	2,106.91
September 30, 2016	Purchase Price carried forward	
2,106.91		

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

October 1, 2015	Balance
488,282.48	
	Taxable Income
38,044.39	

	Realized Gain/Loss	-67.76
	Paid Granges	-18,350.18
	Withdrawal	-1,000.00
	Fees Paid	-6,018.71
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	13,416.63
September 30, 2016	Ending Market Value	514,832.91

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

October 1, 2015	Balance	
24,080.58		
	Taxable Income	
1,990.41		
	Contributions	0.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	0.00
	Aid to Youth	-300.00
	Fees Paid	-305.48
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	772.93
September 30, 2016	Ending Market Value	26,059.31

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

October 1, 2015	Balance	
137,226.30		
	Taxable Income	
11,521.04		
	Realized Gain/Loss	401.55
	Scholarships	-5,000.00
	Fees Paid	-1,746.71
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	3,230.93
September 30, 2016	Ending Market Value	144,720.12

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY**

Northeast Connection

October 1, 2015	Balance	
16,138.96		
	Deposits	195.00
	Taxable Income	
599.27		
	Realized Gain/Loss	0.00
	Withdrawals	0.00
	Fees Paid	-198.34
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	756.40
September 30, 2016	Ending Market Value	17,704.00

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

October 1, 2015	Balance	
46,774.21		
	Taxable Income	
3,993.62		
	Deposits	0.00
	Withdrawal	-75.00
	Donations	570.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	-56.56
	Aid to Members	-978.15
	Fees Paid	-591.92
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-1,240.47
September 30, 2016	Ending Market Value	50,652.92

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

October 1, 2015	Balance	
12,485.42		
	Taxable Income	
1,064.64		
	Realized Gain/Loss	0.00
	Fees Paid	-159.75
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	362.51
September 30, 2016	Ending Market Value	13,667.93

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE TRUST
CHECKBOOK SUMMARY**

October 1, 2015	Morgan Stanley Checking Account	
1,739.94		
	Income	
	3.5% Income from investments – 2years	
3,438.38		
	Donations	580.00
	Minus restricted donations & donations	-
252.50		
	Transfer from trust/filing fee	<u>75.00</u>
	Total Income	5,580.82
	Expenses	
	Aid paid to members	-500.00
	State of NH – charitable filing fee	<u>-75.00</u>
	Total Expenses	-
575.00		
September 30, 2016	Ending Balance	
5,005.82		

**New Hampshire State Grange
Income Annual Summary
2015-2016
Exhibit B**

Investments

Operating Account Income	6,341.54
Withdrawals from Principal	0.00
Special Funds	
Defunct Grange Accounts	752.76

Other Income

Accounts Receivable	0.00
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	2,828.00
Donation	100.00
Dues & Fees	37,764.25
Granite State Granger Donations	565.00
Grange Growth	0.00
Miscellaneous	2,959.52
National Grange Session Assessment	83.00
Operations -	
Blueberry Pie - ESE	800.00
Fund Raising	1,250.00
State Session	3,779.00
Sixth Degree Fees	40.00
State Grange Building Use	3,950.00
State Grange Building Fund Donations	10.00
Spring Fling	344.25
Supply Department	7.50
Trust	0.00

Total Income **61,574.82**

Exhibit C
 NH State Grange
Expenses 2015-2016

Date	Paid To	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/15/2015	Beth Merrill	Youth Dept.	2510	300.00
10/17/2015	Arlene Fall	Deputy Milage	2511	96.60
10/17/2015	Hooksett Sewer Comm.	State Grange Building	2512	53.00
10/17/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2513	39.58
10/17/2015	Mark Collins	State Session Sound System	2514	400.31
10/17/2015	Fireside Inn & Suites	State Session Deposit	2515	1,000.00
10/17/2015	Robert Trombi	Family Weekend Deposit	2516	200.00
10/23/2015	Kim Bascom	State Session Flowers	2517	123.60
10/23/2015	Wilber Heath	Deputy Milage	2518	83.40
10/23/2015	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Milage	2519	433.80
10/23/2015	Kathy Yardley	Deputy Milage	2520	77.40
10/23/2015	Jane Trombi	Deputy Milage	2521	87.00
10/23/2015	Kathy Yardley	Deputy Milage - spring	2522	82.50
10/23/2015	Dorothy Haskins	Deputy Milage	2523	67.20
10/23/2015	Ida Haskins	Deputy Milage	2524	65.40
10/23/2015	Lynn Clark	State Session - batteries	2525	25.82
10/23/2015	Mark Collins	State Session - batteries	2526	21.94
10/24/2015	Arlene Fall	Deputy Milage	2527	66.00
10/24/2015	Judy Sherrod	State Session - National Rep.	2528	397.20
10/24/2015	Town & Country Inn	State Session	2529	2,633.40
11/1/2015	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2530	539.17
11/5/2015	Gerald Leclerc	Repayment banquet tickets	2531	99.00
11/5/2015	National Grange	6th degree fees	2532	10.00
11/5/2015	Eversource	State Grange Building	2533	83.77
12/1/2015	Eversource	State Grange Building	2534	53.53
12/1/2015	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	2535	25.00
12/1/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2536	39.56
12/1/2015	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2537	950.67
12/1/2015	National Grange	Dues	2538	4,532.50
12/12/2015	Jane Trombi	Department Budget	2539	300.00
12/12/2015	Debra Patten	Department Budget	2540	375.00
12/12/2015	Lois Enman	Department Budget	2541	75.00
12/12/2015	Robert Heafner	Department Budget	2542	275.00
12/12/2015	Norman Brandt	Department Budget	2543	1,000.00
12/12/2015	NH State Grange Trust Fund	Department Budget	2544	50.00
12/12/2015	Beth Merrill	Department Budget	2545	300.00
12/12/2015	Joann Brandt	Department Budget	2546	200.00
12/12/2015	Christopher Heath	Master Budget	2547	1,125.00
12/12/2015	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Budget	2548	250.00
12/12/2015	Dan Bascom	Treasure Budget	2549	125.00
12/12/2015	Hannah West	GSG Postage	2550	224.84
12/12/2015	Jean Abbott	Deputy Milage	2551	124.50
12/15/2015	Donald Whittum Law Office	Legal Fees	2552	100.63
12/25/2015	Bank Charge	Misc - New Checks		51.50
12/27/2015	National Grange	Bonding	2553	3,546.00

12/28/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2554	39.56
12/28/2015	Eversource	State Grange Building	2555	57.11
1/7/2016	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2556	661.80
1/29/2016	Bank Charge	Misc - Paper Statement		2.00
2/3/2016	Fair Point Communications	Telephone	2557	39.60
2/3/2016	Hooksett Sewer Comm.	State Grange Building	2558	53.00
2/3/2016	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2559	100.00
2/11/2016	Concord Monitor	GSG	2560	300.25
2/11/2016	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2561	353.39
2/11/2016	MSA Group	State Grange Insurance	2562	2,208.00
2/11/2016	Eversource	State Grange Building	2563	65.35
2/22/2016	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2564	100.00
2/26/2016	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2565	39.67
2/26/2016	Hooksett Sewer Comm.	State Grange Building	2566	30.00
2/26/2016	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2567	50.00
2/26/2016	National Grange	Dues	2568	4,371.50
3/14/2016	Hannah West	GSG Postage	2569	222.30
3/14/2016	LaVallee Oil	State Grange Building	2570	113.25
3/14/2016	Eversource	State Grange Building	2571	116.13
3/14/2016	Concord Monitor	GSG	2572	300.53
3/28/2016	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2573	39.67
3/28/2016	Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building	2574	100.00
3/31/2016	Bank Charge	Misc - Paper Statement		2.00
4/1/2016	Eversource	State Grange Building	2575	58.47
4/1/2016	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2576	327.16
4/5/2016	Chris Heath	Master Budget	2577	1,125.00
4/5/2016	Dan Bascom	Treasurer Budget	2578	125.00
4/5/2016	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Budget	2579	250.00
4/5/2016	Hennessey & Vallee, PLC	Accountant	2580	1,650.00
4/14/2016	Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building	2581	25.02
4/14/2016	Hooksett Sewer Comm.	State Grange Building	2582	53.00
4/30/2016	Bank Charge	Misc - Paper Statement		2.00
5/2/2016	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2583	39.66
5/2/2016	Eversource	State Grange Building	2584	51.15
5/2/2016	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2585	284.86
5/2/2016	Donald Whittum Law Office	Legal Fees	2586	805.76
5/2/2016	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2587	100.00
5/20/2016	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2588	39.65
5/20/2016	Dan Bascom	Postage	2589	95.61
5/20/2016	Eversource	State Grange Building	2590	55.34
5/31/2016	Bank Charge	Misc - Paper Statement		2.00
6/2/2016	Eversource	State Grange Building	2591	58.47
6/2/2016	Richard Patten Hooksett Village Water	Historian Budget	2592	83.65
6/2/2016	Precinct	State Grange Building	2593	30.00
6/16/2016	Taylor	Spring Fling	2594	344.25
6/16/2016	Concord Monitor	GSG	2595	300.53
6/16/2016	Hannah West	GSG Postage	2596	211.27
6/16/2016	Hannah West	Bulk Mailing Permit	2597	215.00
6/16/2016	Steve Tracy	Grange Growth	2598	112.50
6/23/2016	National Grange	Dues	2599	4,165.00

6/23/2016	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2600	39.65
6/23/2016	Chris Heath	Master Budget	2601	1,125.00
6/23/2016	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Budget	2602	250.00
6/23/2016	Dan Bascom	Treasurer Budget	2603	125.00
6/23/2016	Frances Everard	Defunct Grange - Somersworth	2604	161.25
6/30/2016	Bank Charge	Misc - Paper Statement		2.00
7/19/2016	Jane Trombi	Lecturer's Budget	2605	300.00
7/19/2016	Debra Patten	Family & Community Budget	2606	375.00
7/19/2016	Lois Enman	Grange Services	2607	75.00
7/19/2016	Robert Haefner	Agri & Legislative Budget	2608	275.00
7/19/2016	Norman Brandt	Membership Budget	2609	1,000.00
7/19/2016	NH Grange Trust	Trust Fund	2610	50.00
7/19/2016	Beth Merrill	Youth Dept.	2611	300.00
7/19/2016	Joann Brandt	Junior Dept.	2612	200.00
7/19/2016	Jean Abbott	Deputy Milage	2613	254.70
7/19/2016	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Milage	2614	51.90
7/19/2016	Andrew Savage	Deputy Milage	2615	222.16
7/19/2016	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Milage	2616	425.10
7/19/2016	Wilbur Heath	Deputy Milage	2617	137.19
7/19/2016	Norman Brandt	Deputy Milage	2618	33.00
7/19/2016	MSA Group	State Grange Insurance	2619	148.00
7/20/2016	Hooksett Sewer Comm.	State Grange Building	2620	57.25
7/20/2016	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2621	39.67
7/31/2016	Bank Charge	Misc - Paper Statement		2.00
8/1/2016	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies, Sec'y	2622	433.27
8/1/2016	Eversource	State Grange Building	2623	161.50
8/2/2016	LaVallee Oil	State Grange Building	2624	1,408.33
8/2/2016	National Grange	Misc - Membership Conference	2625	667.58
8/25/2016	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	2626	30.00
8/25/2016	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2627	39.76
8/25/2016	Donald Whittum Law Office	Legal Fees	2628	44.42
8/25/2016	Adam Paquin Varnum	State Grange Building	2629	442.00
8/25/2016	National Grange	Dues	2630	4,042.50
8/27/2016	Suncook Valley Pomona	Misc - Merrimack County Closing	2631	1,404.13
8/27/2016	Pemi Valley Pomona NH State Grange/Morgan	Misc - Merrimack County Closing	2632	702.06
8/27/2016	Stanley	Defunct Grange - Somersworth	2633	591.51
8/31/2016	Bank Charge	Misc - Paper Statement		2.00
9/28/2016	Hannah West	GSG Postage	2634	205.95
9/28/2016	Northern NH Pomona	Misc - Upper Coos Closing	2635	107.68
9/28/2016	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2636	39.76
9/28/2016	Concord Monitor	GSG	2637	300.53
9/30/2016	Chris Heath	Master Budget	2638	1,125.00
9/30/2016	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Budget	2639	186.74
9/30/2016	Dan Bascom	Treasurer Budget	2640	125.00
9/30/2016	Dan Bascom	Postage	2641	69.27
9/30/2016	Bank Charge	Misc - Paper Statement		2.00

Exhibit D
New Hampshire State Grange
Expense Annual Summary
2015 – 2016

Accounting Services	1,650.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	3,170.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00
Bulk Mail Permit	215.00
Defunct Grange Account	752.76
Department Expenses	
Agriculture/Legislative	550.00
Family & Community	750.00
Grange Services	150.00
Historian	83.65
Lecturer	600.00
Membership	2,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00
Youth	600.00
Junior	400.00
Deputies Expenses	2,085.69
Dues- National Grange	17,111.50
Family Weekend	200.00
General Deputy Expenses	222.16
Grange Growth	112.50
Granite State Granger	2,066.48
Leader's School- December	325.00
Legal Fees	950.81
Master Expenses	4,500.00
Media	
Info Director	
Website	
Miscellaneous	3,306.21
National Session Assessment	0.00
Office Equipment	
Operations	
Fund Raising	
Printing/Postage/Supplies	2,632.75
Secretary Expenses	1,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees-National	10.00
Spring Fling	344.25
State Grange Insurance	2,356.00
State Grange Building	4,006.46
State Session	3,601.80
State Session Deposit	1,000.00
State Session Sound System	400.31
Supply Department	338.09
Treasurer Expenses	500.00
Totals	58,467.42

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2016 TABULAR STATEMENT						
		Membership				Average
Grange	Number	6/30/2015	6/30/2016	Real Estate	Total Assets	Attendance
Antrim	98	29	24	\$ 81,400.00	\$ 6,969.84	11
Arlington	139	27	26	\$ 100,200.00	\$ 5,337.48	10
Aurora	235	34	28	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 73,069.00	9
Baker's River	290	15	13	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 4,118.33	6
Blazing Star	71	62	63	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 149,197.42	16
Blow-Me-Down	234	42	42	\$ 301,100.00	\$ 109,149.74	9
Centennial	185	29	27	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	11
Chichester	132	43	39	\$ -	\$ 18,863.45	11
Claremont	9	19	20	\$ -	\$ 1,671.98	11
Concord	322	35	48	\$ -	\$ 17,336.50	17
Crown Point	65	30	36	\$ -	\$ 14,137.38	8
Dorchester	280	21	21	\$ -	\$ 29,695.37	6
Gilman	1	24	22	\$ -	\$ 234,857.09	10

Golden Rod	114	11	17	\$ -	\$ 17,139.62	10
Hampton Falls	117	44	39	\$ -	\$ 6,737.54	9
Hudson	11	29	28	\$ 412,300.00	\$ 52,117.94	10
Joe English	53	27	27	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,458.86	16
Lower Intervale	321	37	33	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 3,462.53	13
Mohawk	217	46	47	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 8,975.41	17
Mount Hope	77	34	32	\$ -	\$ 7,469.32	12
Mt Livermore	288	18	18	\$ -	\$ 9,289.36	7
Mt Pistareen	145	18	18	\$ 179,200.00	\$ 6,110.00	5
Pembroke	111	27	31	\$ -	\$ 29,062.90	7
Pine Grove	298	23	22	\$ -	\$ 16,015.00	14
Prentice Hill	257	19	18	\$ -	\$ 362.23	15
Riverside	137	12	12	\$ -	\$ 6,067.21	0
Rochester	86	57	52	\$ 192,300.00	\$ 36,553.69	19
Stratford	238	13	13	\$ -	\$ 5,543.19	7
Sunapee Lake	112	24	23	\$ -	\$ 40,167.21	6
Walpole	125	59	57	\$ -	\$ 9,697.28	21
Watatic	36	17	17	\$ -	\$ 5,426.84	9
Wicwas Lake	292	86	84	\$ 156,000.00	\$ 11,183.84	33
Wingold	308	61	59	\$ -	\$ 5,690.74	13

