

December 10, 2011

Dear Worthy Master and Secretary:

At the end of October we completed a very successful State Grange session at the Town and Country Motor Inn, in Shelburne, NH.

A major focus for the coming year will be again growing the Grange in New Hampshire. The State Grange can not do this alone! We need your help to make a net gain in membership possible. I was pleased that we had seventeen Subordinate Granges that had net gains in membership, and one Pomona Grange.

In my Masters address, I laid out some membership goals for our State Grange, they are as follows:

- **I am asking each Pomona Grange to take in at least three new members during the current Grange year.**
- **I am asking each member to make an effort to invite one person to join the Grange this year. I would like every member who invites someone, to drop me a line, telling me who they invited and the results. I will provide pre-addressed post cards at every event that I attend. Each member who returns a post card to me, will be in a special drawing.**
- **I am asking each Pomona Master to select a Grange, within his or her jurisdiction that is struggling, to assist them with revitalization.**

“Worthy Pomona and Subordinate Masters, may I count on you to be a part of our Membership Team? Ask yourself this, what are you going to do to lead your Grange to membership success in the new Grange year?”

Another important goal that I laid out in my Masters Address is to improve communication. This is where I am going to need the help of both Pomona and Subordinate Secretaries:

- **We will ask each State Director to offer quarterly mailings. Due to the high cost of postage, we are encouraging the distribution of this information “via the grapevine.”**
- **We will ask each member who has e-mail access, to assist us with communication, by printing this information, and sharing with our fellow Grange members.**
- **We will ask each Pomona Grange Secretary to assist us, by printing copies of this correspondence and distributing it to each Subordinate Secretary. Secretaries, these are not expenses you are expected to absorb on your own, don’t hesitate to place a bill into your Pomona’s treasury for paper, toner**

and other supplies. The idea of doing this is so we can improve communications and to help the Pomona's make a connection to each Subordinate Grange.

We hope to see you at our Area Meetings in January. This is your opportunity to meet the State Grange family, and to ask questions. We will be sending out a schedule of events in another mailing

Here are the dates and locations:

January 14, Barrington

January 21, Keene

January, 28 Dalton

Be looking for a more detailed schedule of events shortly.

I hope you and you family have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally

Jim Tetreault,
State Master