

Outside My Window on Keene Rd

The 138th Annual Session of the New Hampshire State Grange recently held in Gorham was a great success! I want to take the opportunity to thank the State Grange Officers for doing a great job on the 6th degree. The State Grange Directors had great exhibits. Everyone did a wonderful job. If you missed it, you really missed a great State Grange Session.

So where are we?

As of June 30, 2011

Total number of Subordinate Granges: 65

Total number of Pomona Granges: 11

Total number of Subordinate Grange Members: 1,873

Total number of Pomona Grange Members: 767

Granges Who Own Their Hall: 27

Granges Closed this year: 3

·Contoocook

·Oceanside

·Wattannick (consolidated with Hudson #11)

Granges with net gains in membership: 18

Is your Grange going to be one of those that we recognize with a net gain in membership next year? In order to achieve a net gain in membership for the New Hampshire State Grange we need to double that number of individual Granges with net gains. The membership challenge to each member for next year will be to go out and ask someone to join the Grange. Let me know what happened. I have pre-addressed post cards you can ask for to tell me what happened. Anyone who returns a post card to me with their name and address and a story will be placed into a special "Grange Growth drawing".

Pomona Masters, we are asking you to grow the Pomonas by each Pomona taking in three new members. I know at least two Pomonas who have already met this goal.

We need to improve communications in our organization. Pomona Secretaries, I am asking you to help us out. We are going to start sending communications via the email grapevine, and we will need you to make sure that all of these communications are sent to all the Secretaries in your jurisdiction. Can we count on you to help us out? I will be sending each of you a letter outlining this program.

Don't forget our upcoming Area Meetings. This is your opportunity to bring the State Grange to you! Come meet your State Officers and Directors:

January 14th
Barrington
First Congregational Church, Route 9

January 21
Keene
First Baptist Church, Maple Avenue

January 28
Dalton Town Hall.

A lunch will be provided for a cost of \$7.00 per person. I will be sending out a letter in early December with the details.

I want to take a moment to touch on National Grange. NH was well represented at the 145th Annual Session of the National Grange in Tulsa Oklahoma, we were pleased to see Sister Beth Merrill re-elected as Lady Assistant Steward of the National Grange. Brother Dan Bascom was re-elected Priest Archon of the Assembly of Demeter. The Youth of New Hampshire did us proud at the Youth Opening on Friday morning of the session. Thank you, Matt and Lynn Clark, who served as Assistants; Alissa Estes as Ceres; and Amy Shunemann, who served as Flora, for making us proud. We were treated to great hospitality, and the host region did a great job.

I want to thank all of my Grange family for your calls, e-mails and cards with the death of my sister. It really strikes home during times like these that the Grange is a very warm and comforting family.