

Outside My Window on Parker Street

Winter Greetings from your State Master.

Can you feel the excitement and enthusiasm that is building in our organization? Over the last few months we have had several positive public relations opportunities the most recent being a segment on NH Chronicle. Did you all get to see that? Kudos go out to State Overseer Chris Heath who did a tremendous job in representing the State Grange in this segment.

As your State Master for the next two years, my priority is to grow the Grange. We are off to a great start! We have sixteen names on a charter application for Manchester Community Grange, Is there a community in your part of the State that we might like to target for a new or reorganized Grange? If so, let me know.

We had a very successful Grange Growth Seminar during the last Saturday in January at the Cabot Motor Inn in Lancaster. A total of eighteen Granges were represented, and all of the Granges in the North Country were represented. This was a very productive meeting, and I believe that this has inspired our brothers and sisters in the northern part of the State to work hard to grow their Granges. Do we have opportunity for a new Grange in Lancaster this year?

In looking at the membership pledges on the National Grange website (<http://www.nationalgrange.org/news/10166-2/>) right now we have a pledge of 26 new members. Have you gone out and pledged new members for your Grange?

Your State Departments have some great events coming up. Please take the time to invite our new brothers and sisters to attend some of these events. It give us the opportunity to meet them.

I want to take a minute and pay tribute to one of my Grange mentors. Brother Hugh Clark served as State Grange Chaplain for twenty years and as a Deputy for myself as well as several Past State Masters. Hugh was man who said few words, but when he said something everyone listened. Brother Hugh will not only be missed in our organization, but also in the Town of Surry, and by numerous other organizations that he made an impact on. "Well done good and faithful servant."