

Outside My Window on Parker Street

Our Grange summer has been a busy one. A group of us just returned from the Northeast Lecturers Conference, and your State Lecturer Hannah West did an outstanding job with her program. Congratulations also to Joann Brandt for a successful Junior Grange Fun Day in August. As we look to fall, don't forget to complete your final reports and send them to the appropriate State Director.

Secretaries, as of now you should have received your final fall report in the mail, Please take some time to complete this report for your Deputy's visit this fall. If for some reason you have not received the report form, please contact General Deputy Arthur Merrill.

As our thoughts begin to turn to fall, here is a reminder that our State Grange convention will be held this year at the Holiday Inn in Concord on October 24-26, 2013. I issue a personal invitation to each and every Grange member to join us for some part of the session this year. The theme of our convention this year will be "The Power of Positive Thinking".

Worthy Masters, do you have members that might need exemplification of the 6th Degree? This year you have two opportunities: the first is Friday, October 25th, at 7:30 p.m. at our State Grange Session; and the 2nd opportunity is at National Grange on Saturday morning, November 16th, at 9:00 a.m. The officers of the New Hampshire State Grange will perform both exemplifications. I hope that we will see you at one of them.

November 12-16th in the Radisson Hotel at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester, New Hampshire will host along with the other Northeast States the National Grange session for the first time since 1913. If we only host it every 100 years, who here will be present the next time? So don't miss this great opportunity to meet your National officers. The host committee is working very hard to put together an excellent Idea Fair.

Come see some of the great things that will happen, and, of course, take advantage of the opportunity to take the Seventh Degree, which is the highest Degree of our order. The 7th Degree will be exemplified on Saturday, November 16th, at the Radisson Hotel. I have challenged all the other State Masters in the region to bring 50 people to take the 7th degree, because New Hampshire will have 100 people to take the 7th degree. **PLEASE HELP ME WIN MY CHALLENGE!!** All New Hampshire members who have taken the 6th Degree are eligible to take the 7th Degree, so come be among those who can say, "I took the 7th Degree during National Session here in New Hampshire!"

The Grange Growth Team has been meeting and is putting together some plans to help Granges Grow. We are very excited that we have several new

prospects in several communities for new Granges. The Grange only grows when we ask members to join us.

As we think about the coming Grange year, do we need to consider a new attitude? Is your Grange a positive place for you to be? Does your Grange need to do a reset of your current members' attitude? At your next meeting sit back and observe and listen. Would this be a place conducive to new members? State Steward Bob Trombi is trained as a Visioning Deputy to help Granges discover their strengths and weaknesses. He does an excellent job, and your Grange might want to invite him to a meeting this year.