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New Hampshire State Grange 137th Annual State Session October 28 - 31, 2010 Best Western Sovereign Hotel Keene, NH

Room reservations can now be made for this year's NH State Grange annual convention. We currently have 28 rooms at the convention rate.

Room rates are as follows:

Single and double \$109.00

Triple \$121.99

Quad \$133.99

After September 28 the room rates will increase to full price on Friday, October 29, and Saturday, October 30:

Single and double \$135.00

Triple \$147.00

Quad \$159.00

The Best Western rooms now include a refrigerator and a small microwave. Children 17 and under are free with one paying adult in existing bedding. A hot breakfast is included in the price of the rooms. The 9% NH State room tax will be added to your bill.

Please call the Best Western Sovereign Hotel at 357-3038. Indicate that you will be attending the NH State Grange Convention. Book early as first floor rooms are limited.

Please ask your secretaries about the banquet information, as the menu will be included in the June quarterly report packets.

If you should have any questions please call Ken Berry at 772-5364. You can also e-mail to kenlberry@comcast.net.



National Master Visits NH

National Master Ed Luttrell visited New Hampshire on April 14th at the State Grange Building in Hooksett as part of his national speaking tour of all the State Granges. Forty-seven members were in attendance to hear his "Second Seven" message. This theme refers to the original seven founders of the Order and carries the implication that all Grangers today have the responsibility to be the "Second Seven" to carry the Grange forward into the future.

Topics covered during Brother Luttrell's presentation included written and unwritten officers' duties, the financial condition of the Grange, and an in depth explanation of how/why the National Grange has been working so diligently to protect its trademark from use by commercial enterprises, thus creating a serious financial burden upon the organization. The prepared remarks were followed by a general question and answer period with many concerns of the attending members brought forward.

State Master Beth Merrill is very appreciative of the members who arranged their schedules to attend this mid-week meeting and has duly made note of the Granges who were represented at this important event. The evening was a wonderful opportunity for local Grangers to meet our National Master, listen to his message, and experience the force of this personality.

Eighth Annual Artists' Exhibit at Antrim Grange

Antrim Community Grange proudly presents its Eighth Annual Artists' Exhibit at the Antrim Grange Hall, Rt. 31 North, from June 17-20, 2010. Bennington and Antrim amateur and professional artists' artwork, as well as some by any Grange member, will be on display. Some pieces will be offered for sale. Complimentary refreshments will be served during all viewing hours.

Viewing hours:

June 17, Thursday, 3-8 p.m.

June 18, Friday Evening Gala, live music 7-9 p.m.

June 19, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

June 20, Sunday, noon - 4 p.m.

Contest Awards at 3:30 p.m.

All visitors will have a chance to vote for their favorite exhibit to select the **People's Choice Award**. For more details call Beth at 588-6615 or log on to <http://antrim.nhgrange.org>.



**New England Grange
Go to Church Sunday
June 27, 2010 at 3 p.m.
Cathedral of the Pines
Rindge, NH**

The best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or to spend time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick alongside it.
Dwight L. Moody

**List your Grange event
On the NH Grange website.
Contact Mark Collins:
mark-dianecollins@comcast.net**



One year ago it was announced in this column that Tyson had withdrawn its motion to use the Grange name for commercial purposes. This, of course, was good news at the time and a great relief to us all, but in hindsight, the announcement caused the steady flow of donations being sent to National Grange to come to a sudden stop. The members who attended the April meeting with National Master, Ed Luttrell (please look for a full article elsewhere in this issue), were given a complete run-down on the process and progress of our name protection efforts before, during, and after the Tyson case. They understand the serious financial condition of the National Grange, and I'm sure would join me in urging every Grange to make a donation to the National Grange Trademark Protection fund.

The National Grange has not yet lost a case in which it was defending its trademark, but legal fees, despite much of the work being done in-house by National Grange staff, continue to mount. You may have heard about pending legislation that, once passed, would allow the Grange the same sort of protection that organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Olympic Committee currently enjoy. This legislation has been put on hold until the volatile political environment in Washington becomes more favorable for the success of such a bill.

Since the last GSG, I have attended and participated in the Bowling Tournament, and Arthur and I hosted the Moon Stomp in March. This was a great social event, and we thoroughly enjoyed the company of everyone who attended. Conditions were not appropriate for our usual "stomp" through the woods, so we had a leisurely stroll around the neighborhood on a gorgeous moonlit night. I attended and recited parts in the third and fourth degrees at both Degree Days and was happy to see a number of candidates at each venue. In May, I enjoyed fellowship with our

neighboring Grangers at the VT/NH Night in Surry and the ME/NH Night in Greenwood, ME. It was an exciting event when I attended an organizational meeting of the new Grange in Croydon, which Stephen Tracy, your Membership Development Director, is wholly responsible for starting. My sincere congratulations to Steve and the new members of Croydon Grange!

I was elected coordinator for the 2013 National Session by my peers at the March Northeast Connection meeting and in April had the pleasure of touring both the Radisson/Center of NH and the Palace Theater with Ed Luttrell. We were pleased with the facilities that were shown to us. I am waiting with great anticipation to hear if we will indeed be able to hold the Evening of Excellence and the Seventh Degree at the Palace Theater, which would make our hosting duties so much easier.

In April, I was honored to represent the National Grange at the Great Lakes Leaders' Conference in Cedar Lake, IN. I was welcomed and hosted in grand style by Jason Smith, Secretary of the Indiana State Grange. My workshop on communication activities seemed to garner much reflection after each exercise, and I in turn brought back some thoughts and ideas from the workshops I observed while there. This was my first opportunity in a number of decades to occupy a top bunk during the conference and I amazed myself at how easy it was to climb this old body up top both nights of my stay.

I want to acknowledge and thank Rockingham Grange for their kind invitation and subsequent hospitality when they invited me to present a program on hemp. I appreciated this opportunity to educate their members on this subject.

THE GRANITE STATE GRANGER

This is a free* publication to keep Grange members informed of past and up-coming events.

***(However, donations are accepted.)**

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Chichester, NH 03258**

One last little piece of advice - Practice the Law of Attraction in your Grange! When you put positive thoughts and energy into the universe, they **will** return to you. The same goes for negative energy. Which do you think will help your Grange to grow and prosper? It's springtime. Let's plant and sow our trust and beliefs, cultivate loving relationships with each other, then together we'll enjoy a bountiful harvest beyond your imagination!

2010 Spring Fling Report

In observance of Grange Month, the State Grange presented its third annual Spring Fling at the Belmont Middle School. Sixty-eight members and nine guest speakers were in attendance and enjoyed the variety of workshops presented throughout the day. Rochester Grange sent their usual large entourage of members, and we were very excited to have five members attend from Mt. Hope Grange in Landaff, as well!

Thanks go to the Directors of the various State Grange Departments for the efforts they made to provide unique and interesting workshop speakers for our benefit. Thanks to the Youth and Junior Department for offering a day full of activities for the five Junior-age members who attended. We were able to utilize the time and talents of eleven Grange members who provided a large portion of the workshops. Another big thank you goes to your State Grange officers who, with the great coordination efforts of Jane Trombi, provided lunch to all the attendees.

Similar to last year, favorable reports were found in the evaluation sheets turned in at the end of the day, and several members have thanked me since that day for the wonderful program. One participant wrote "Would like to have this continue. Nice to have a chance to attend 'professional' workshops." Peg Batstone, of Laconia's Wild Women's Studio, called to say that her Reiki workshop participants had been remarkably respectful and attentive, more so than other groups she's presented at. Thank you, NH Grange members, for attending and representing your organization so positively!





All About Youth Chris Heath

It's hard to believe that this year is already half over. It seems like we were just celebrating Christmas a month ago. The Youth in the State of New Hampshire have been fairly busy this year already, and the summer is just beginning. In the month of March and again in April, some youth members helped the membership committee by doing the First Degree. I would like to thank the following people for helping out: Patrick Bailey, Rachel Scanzani, Matt Clark, Lynn Clark, Emily Leclerc, Larrissa Grant, Robert Varnum, Greg Trombi, Anne Boisvert, and Mary West. The Youth would also like to thank all the other people who helped them put on the degree for the new members.

On the 24th of April, 15 youth members met at the former Stadium Ten Pin bowling alley in Manchester to participate in the annual Caroline Hall Grangers Care project. A total of 100 dollars has been raised so far to help support the New Hampshire Food Bank. If you or your Grange would like to make a donation to this wonderful organization to stamp out hunger, donations are still being accepted. Please send your donation to the Youth Team Leader before September 1st. Be sure to make a note on your check that states the monies are for the Caroline Hall project.

The Drill Team has had its first practice on Sunday April 25th. They have started getting ideas together for the drill, music, and costumes. If you know someone who is interested in helping or participating, please send them to the State Grange web site so they can see the practice schedule and encourage them to attend. The Youth Team has also put on four Youth Nights so far this year. If you need assistance in holding a Youth Night, please let someone on the team know so we can plan on attending and bringing a number or two for the program.

The month of May found seven brave souls attending and participating in the Friends of 4-H Golf Tournament. This is now the fifth year that the New Hampshire State Grange has had a team in the tournament. It has been the Youth Team's goal to be active in supporting other youth organizations within the state and this is but one way. A good time was had by all who attended this worth while event. The Youth also participated in both the VT/NH night on May 8th and the ME/NH night on May 15th. The Team would like thank all the youth who attended both these events and helped make them a success.

The weekend of June 4th through the 6th will be the annual Summer Youth Rally. This year it will be held at Camp Spaulding in Penacook, NH. Please find the schedule and other important information about the event in this column. If you are interested in attending, please let Lynn Clark know as soon as possible. Also, if you are interested in participating in the Public Speaking or Sign A Song contest, please plan to attend Spotlight NH which will be held on Saturday of Summer Youth Rally.

This year the North East Regional Youth Conference will be held July 9th through the 11th. More information will be mailed to each Grange once the information is received. It will be hosted by the state of Massachusetts this year and the tentative location is Bridgewater College. The Youth Team hopes to see as many of you as possible at the upcoming events.



In Memoriam

Richard Cilley	GS, Antrim
William Horne, Sr	Baker's River
Walton Stiles	GS Crown Point
Ralph Taylor	GS Granite
Perle Preston	GS Granite
Marcia Savory	Hampton Falls
Jonathan Rutter	Harmony
Willis Jewett	GS Hudson
Rachel Adams	GS Jeremiah Smith
Ruth Keeping DeJet	GS, PM Londonderry
Lila Heath	GS Lower Intervale
Julia Little	Pineconia
John DiPrizio	GS Reunion
Geraldine Watson	Rochester
Robert Anderson	GS, PM Wingold
Ralph West, Jr.	GS Wingold



All About Juniors Lynn Clark

Hello everyone! I just wanted to let you know that we are trying very hard to get a State Junior Grange started; so if you know any children between the ages of 5-14 please let me know. Call me at (603)-313-5405 or reach me by e-mail at lynncam82@yahoo.com.

In February we had five young people participate in the Winter Youth Rally. At the State Grange Bowling Tournament in March we had four children participate. In April, six youngsters participated in Spring Fling. They were not always the same faces.

Then on the first Sunday of May we had an informational meeting at the State Grange Building in Hooksett to see what interest there is in the state to start a Junior Grange. Unfortunately, there was a poor turn out, which makes it difficult to see how people really feel about this.

We will be having an obligation ceremony at June Youth Rally on Saturday, June 5th, at 10:00 a. m. to obligate children that are interested in beginning a State Junior Grange. I am confident that we will get at least fifteen, which is the required number to accomplish this. Then in order to succeed I need support from the parents/grandparents/guardians by committing to be at events and meetings; as well as support from other Grangers who may not have children to encourage the parents to bring their children or help them get them to an event.

Together as a team we can all accomplish State Master Beth Merrill's goal of beginning a Junior Grange in our state. It should also be a goal of all Grangers to encourage juniors as well as youth to participate in Grange work, as they are the future of Grange.

**I will prepare and some day
my chance will come.
Abraham Lincoln**



From the Secretary's Corner
Carolyn Ross

Welcoming New Members

Whenever your Grange initiates new members to the Order, please gladly and cordially welcome them into this great organization. All new members should be receiving a 4th degree pin when they have completed their initiation. At the end of the 2nd degree new members should be presented with a Declaration of Purposes and, last but not least, give each new member the booklet entitled "The Grange and You". This booklet gives new members a wonderful overview of the Grange and the first four degrees. The booklet also provides new members with a certificate of membership.

Any of the above items can be ordered from the State Secretary. I have a supply of 4th degree pins (\$5.00 per pin), Declaration of Purposes (\$.75 per booklet) and The Grange and You booklets (\$.50 per booklet).

Are You Costing Us Money?

If you are among the 75% of Granges in New Hampshire that turn in your quarterly reports and dues payments on time, the State Grange and I, thank you.

Like subordinate Granges, the New Hampshire State Grange is required to submit quarterly reports and make payments to the National Grange 60 days following the end of a quarter. According to the Digest of Laws of the National Grange, delinquent (State) reports are subject to a penalty of 1/2 of 1% per month or fraction of a month. Penalties apply if the State quarterly report and dues payments are not made on time to the National Grange; therefore the state Treasurer and I diligently submit New Hampshire's report in a timely manner. When submitting the State reports to National, the State Grange must use the most current information available.

So, what if a subordinate Grange is not current with their quarterly reporting? In extreme cases, a subordinate Grange can be two years behind. Many of our Granges consistently turn in reports six or more months late.

When the State Grange reports and makes payments to National Grange based on old information, more often than not we are paying more money than we should. On an annual basis, the overage paid to National Grange because of late reporting subordinate Granges amounts to thousands of dollars. This is an unacceptable waste of money, especially when our State budget is so very tight. Granges that do report on time are subsidizing unnecessary costs caused by Granges that are not reporting on time. How do your members feel about that?

For example: It is the first quarter of 2010. The "Merrill Grange" is 6 months behind and the last report submitted was for June, 2009, showing 100 members. The State Grange must report to the National Grange and pay dues for the Merrill Grange based on the most current information available, which shows as 100 members.

Now the Merrill Grange finally submits their delinquent reports, officially showing only 80 members. The State Grange has overpaid National dues for 20 members that didn't exist. The overage the State Grange paid is not recoverable. Just in this scenario, with the dues being \$7.25 per member (as of March 2010), a total of \$145.00 has been overpaid to National Grange. If this were to happen with too many subordinate Granges, then the State Grange is wasting hard earned money that could have been used to help balance the State Grange budget.

At every State Grange Executive Committee meeting this topic comes up when I have to present my quarterly figures to the Executive Committee. So as a State Grange, what can we do to stop spending unnecessary State Grange funds? I have recently read where one State Grange is proposing to write a resolution requiring that Granges reimburse the State Grange for any unnecessary dues paid to National Grange as a result of their late reporting. Such a resolution would put the responsibility for these costs on the responsible parties. If you or your Grange has any ideas on how we can fix this problem, I would welcome your thoughts.

All of this could be avoided if Granges submitted their quarterly reports and dues on time.

Calendar of Events

- June 4 - 6 - Youth Weekend**
- June 5 - Spotlight NH, 2 p.m. at Youth Weekend**
- June 12 - Chicken Barbeque, Blazing Star Grange, Danbury**
- June 25 - 27 - 50th Anniv. National Grange Building**
- July 1 - Scholarship applications due**
- July 9 - 11 - Northeast Youth Conference, Massachusetts**
- July 17 - State Lecturer's Barbecue**
- July 22-25 - Stratham Fair**
- July 28 - Aug. 1 - No. Haverhill Fair**
- Aug. 1 - Needlework entires due to Jane Heath of F&C Committee**
- Aug. 2-5 - Northeast Lecturer's Conference, Vermont**
- Aug. 4-8 Cheshire County Fair**
- Aug. 13-15 - Family Weekend**
- Aug. 14-15 - Belknap Cty 4-H Fair**
- Aug. 20-22 - Cornish Fair**
- Aug. 21 - Moon Stomp & Harvest Fair Rainy Day Farm, Antrim**
- Sept. 1 - Deadline for Youth and Family & Community Reports**
- Sept. 1 - Deadline for F& C State Awards & Lecturer's Community Citizen Award**
- Sept 1-6 - Lancaster Fair**
- Sept. 2-6 Hopkinton Fair**
- Sept. 10-12 Hillsborough Cty Fair**
- Sept. 11 - Youth Mini Golf Tournament**
- Sept. 17 - Oct. 3 - Big E, Springfield, MA**
- Sept. 17-26 - Rochester Fair**
- Sept. 26 - Grange Day at Big E**
- Sept 30-Oct. 3 - Deerfield Fair**
- Oct. 1 - Youth Collage, Memory Book, Photo Scavenger Deadline**
- Oct. 9-11 - Sandwich Fair**
- Oct. 24 - State Officers' Rehearsal, State Grange Building, Hooksett**
- Oct. 28-31 - NH State Grange Session, Best Western, Keene**
- Nov. 10-13 - National Grange Session, Charlotte, NC**
- Dec. 4 - Deputy School**
- Dec. 11 - Deputy School Snow Date**

Gossip is when you hear something you like about someone you don't.
Earl Wilson



Our Grange year is in full swing. Home economics programs, the baking contest, and Awards Nights are happening all over the state. It is wonderful to see new faces in the meetings we attend. Remember these are prospective members. Put your best foot forward and make them feel welcome.

A big **THANK YOU**, to Pine Grove, Squam Lake, Hampton Falls, Jeremiah Smith, Mont Calm, and Gilman Granges for sending in their donations. As you may know, our budgeted money from the State Grange was less than last year, so we will be having a raffle at State Session in October. We are looking for quilt squares containing purple, lavender, and lilac prints or solids, your choice and design, to be transformed into useful articles such as a quilt, totes, pot holders, etc. depending on how many we receive. These need to be sent to the directors by June 30th.

We are accepting nominations for the Community Service State Awards **now**. If you've had your awards night program be sure to forward a copy of the citations to us so they can compete on the state level. (These awards are presented at State Session.) Please remember that the Community Citizen nominations go to the State Lecturer.

As you are working on your community service projects, jot down what you've done in a note book. Try to find someone in your Grange who would write up a small compilation of your projects into a basic report. It is easier for the judges (as they are non-Grangers) when they come together in the fall to pick the winners. Pictures are a nice memento of both the activity and the Grangers that participated.

All entries for the needlework and state contests need to be in my hands by August 1st. I will also accept any items for the Big E at that time. All items entered in the needlework contests must be clean (free from pet hair/pet odors) or the judges will disqualify them.

At Spring Fling this year the Family and Community Department held two workshops that were well attended. **Potpourri** was presented by Elaine Elliott from Glencliff Home. She guided us through a handout with a lot of information, recipes, and resources where we could obtain materials needed to make our own potpourri. She had many things for us to see and smell. The other workshop was **Letterboxing 101** presented by Wilber and Jane Heath. Letterboxes were hidden on the school grounds. A few hardy souls braved the cold winds to make an entry in their personal letterboxing booklet. It was rewarding (since this is a family organization) to have six Junior Grangers participate. They found the most hidden letterboxes. Thanks to Allissa Estes, Matt Haefner, and Chris Heath for bringing them to our workshop. A few members of Rochester Grange have planned an outing to Blue Job Mt. to test their letterboxing skills later this summer.



Deaf Awareness Grant Program

For many years the National Grange conducted an active Deaf Awareness Program which led to many valuable projects that enabled Grange members to learn more about deaf people and their challenges. In many cases great relationships were also built with the deaf community. A fund was developed within the National Grange Foundation for the purpose of supporting deaf activities within the Grange. Because funds are still available, this grant program is being offered to assist states with funding various deaf awareness activities.

Any State Grange is eligible to apply for a grant to assist with a worthwhile project that may be planned within the state, using the following information as a guide.

Grant applications will be due on June 30, 2010.

Grants up to a maximum of \$500.00 will be awarded to each approved application and will be awarded to the State

Grange. The State Grange will have the option of transferring those funds to the Community or Pomona Grange conducting the deaf activity included in the grant application.

A maximum of three grants will be awarded in 2010.

Grants may be awarded for any project that enhances deaf education. Preference will be given to high quality activities that involve significant numbers of individuals. Creativity and uniqueness of the projects will also be factored into the selection process.

The application should be in document form and include the following information:

- Name of State Grange**
- Date of Application**
- Name of the Project**
- Description of the Project**
- Anticipated number of people involved**
- Anticipated impact on the Grange (State and/or Local)**
- Anticipated impact on the Community or State**
- Other anticipated results of the project**

There isn't a lot of time left to plan something, but if you have a project in mind, please let me know. Maybe we can at least start the ball rolling for another year.

Scholarship Applications Due

The deadline for scholarship applications is July 1, 2010. Please mail your completed application to:

Lois Enman
9 Blake Street
Rochester, NH 03867

Scholarship applications and the criteria for applying are available on the State Grange website. Several letters of recommendation are required, so don't put the application process off until the last minute.

NH State Grange Trust Fund

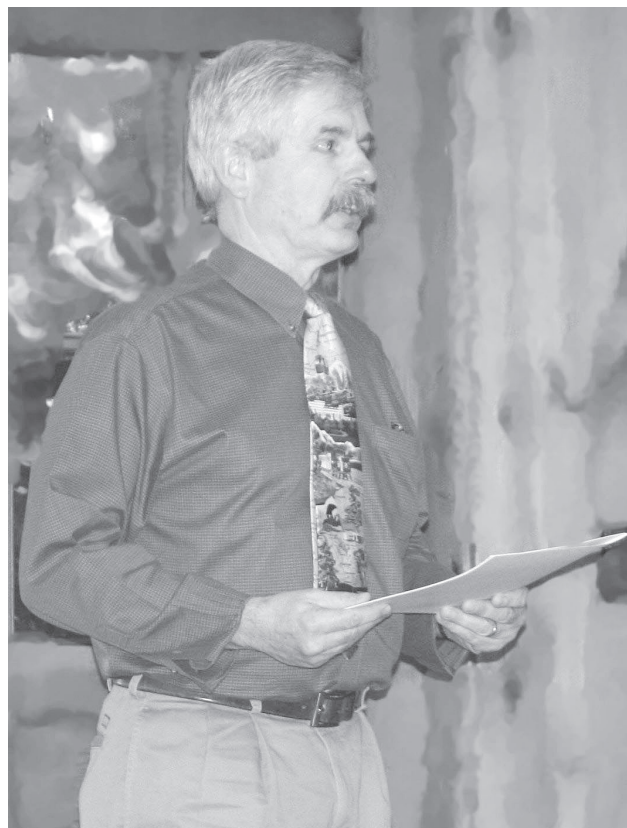
Your donation supports the personal care, comfort, welfare, and well being of NH Grange members. Checks may be made payable to **NH State Grange Trust Fund**.

Mail your donation to:

Gail Turcotte
53 Oak Hill Rd.
Barrington, NH 03825-3822



Hazel Noyes - 75 year member



Stephen Heath Educator



Community Citizen Elana Worrall

Squam Lake Grange Honors 75-Year Member

Hazel Royea Noyes joined Squam Lake Grange on November 26, 1934. At an Awards Program held May 8, 2010, Hazel was presented a 75 year Citation and pin. While acknowledging that she “doesn’t get out as much, now” she expressed pleasure at being recognized and honored for her years of membership. Sister Noyes has served the Grange in many offices, including several terms as Master and Lecturer as well as Lady Assistant Steward. She also chaired the Home and Community Welfare Committee for several years.

Other members recognized for their continued membership included **Joan Smith Blake**- 65 years; **Joyce Prince Bavis** and **Nina Smith Huckins**-60 years; **Juanita Smith Gates**- 55 years; and **Frances Cerami**-25 years.

The Community Citizen Award was presented to Elena Worrall for her leadership and coordination of the weekly “Food For All” community suppers during the past 12 years. Each Wednesday 50-75 local residents gather to enjoy a free meal. Prior to receiving the award, Elena gave a short presentation on the history and purpose of the “Food For All” project.

Linda Folson, who has worked alongside Elena at “Food For All” was recognized as a co-recipient of this year’s award, but was unable to be present due to a previously planned family activity.

Stephen Heath, Science and Woodworking Teacher for grades 5-8 at Ashland Elementary School was recognized for Excellence in Education. Over the years, Steve has continually modified a curriculum to keep students inquisitive and engaged. Afterward, Steve provided a brief update on previous, current and future projects, including a months-long aqua culture project; outdoor classroom with an emphasis on native vs. invasive species, identification of native hardwoods, and the importance of forestry management; nature/exercise trail; and plans for a solar geodesic greenhouse.

At the close of the program, a door prize consisting of wooden window box, garden soil and seed packets to create a “salad garden” was won by Lynn Heath.

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A New Granger

Isabell Brandt is checking on her sister, born on May 8 at 5:23 a.m. Madison Jeannette Naomi Brandt weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Lawrence and Nicole Brandt, and Joann Brandt is the baby’s grandmother.

Neighbors’ Night

July 23

Baker’s River Grange

Route 25, Rumney, NH

Pot Luck Supper at 6 p.m.

All state and local officers will be invited. Be prepared to fill an office and furnish a number for the program.

Harmony Grange # 99

The date and time of meetings for Harmony Grange are incorrectly listed in the 2010 Roster due to an error by a former secretary. Harmony Grange meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. except January and February.

To All Interested

I am putting together an installing team to install officers at any Grange that would like to see the installation ceremony. If you have any questions or would like to schedule us to come, please contact me, Lynn Clark, at (603)-313-5405 or lynncam82@yahoo.com.

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

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Granite Grange Public Suppers

23 Webster Street

Milford, NH

5 to 6:30 p.m.

Adults - \$8.00

Children under 6 - \$4.00

June 12

Macaroni & Cheese

Hot Dogs

Strawberries & Ice Cream

July 10

Barbequed Chicken

Potato Salad

Watermelon

Pineconia Grange #322

Pineconia Grange on Concord Heights held a very successful Awards Night in April. They are currently planting flowers and spreading mulch to beautify traffic islands at the junction of Loudon and Airport Roads in Concord. At the May Family and Community Night members and guests were entertained by a ten-year-old violinist who has studied the Suzuki method for four years and plays with great skill and style. The newest Pineconia project is an attempt to begin a Farmer's Market on the Concord Heights. The market will feature crafts, vegetables, fruits, and plants. If you live in the Concord area and have questions, please contact Dick Patten at 496-2917.

The Agate

At the April meeting of The Agate officers were elected as follows:

President Anne Boisvert

Vice President Ralph Ford

Secretary Dorothy Haskins

Treasurer Peg Winton

**Board of Directors: Paul Davis
and Ida Hutchins**

The August meeting of The Agate will be a picnic held at the Route 25 Rest Area in Rumney.

Mohawk Grange #217

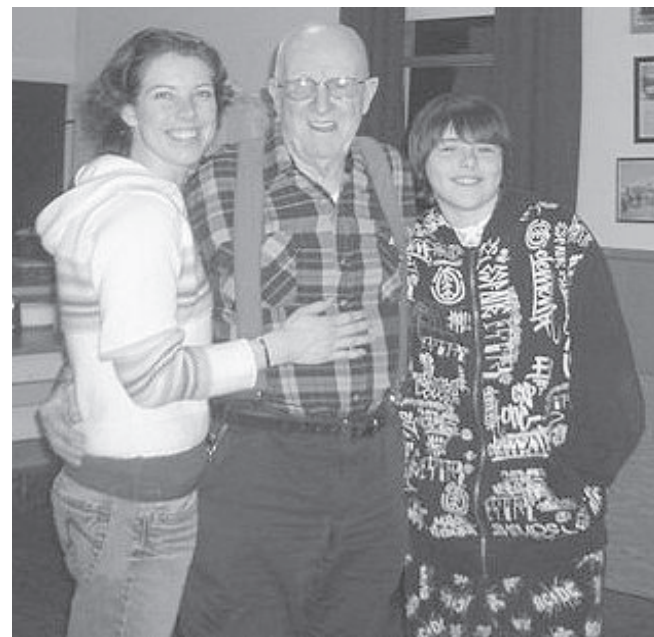
Mohawk Grange in Colebrook celebrated Youth Night on February 22 with thirteen guests present. The youth filled the officers' chairs and participated in the ritual of the Grange. After the meeting everyone played Musical Chairs, and Heads Down-Heads Up. Then MaryAnn Neary led everyone in the Grand March, accompanied by musician Carolyn Brooks. Everyone enjoyed subs, punch, and ice cream sundaes after the Grand March.

On May 1st Mohawk Grange held their annual Ham & Bean supper at the Grange Hall to raise money for the scholarship fund. As always, the dinner was very well attended by about 100 people from Colebrook and the surrounding area. One of the unique things was that four of the Grange families had three generations there - helping to serve the supper and clean up. Throughout the dinner music was provided on stage by Brad & Carolyn Brooks and friends. Brad is Mohawk's Treasurer, and Carolyn is the musician - piano player.

The Community Service Award was presented at the May 17th meeting. As usual, the recipient of the award was "conned" into coming to the meeting. Representatives of the 4-H Club spoke about their activities, and then Greg Placy talked about the Boy Scouts. Following his talk Master Michelle Hyde presented Greg with his award. Greg is on the Board of Directors of the 45th Parallel EMS, on the Colebrook School Committee, has been a local EMT for many years. He also serves on the Ski Patrol at Balsams Wilderness Ski Area, and, of course, he's still very active in Boy Scouts. Greg's dad, Gordon Placy, was Treasurer of Mohawk Grange for many years before he died.



Greg Placy and Master Michelle Hyde.



Mohawk Grange Gatekeeper, Glenn Perry, with his granddaughter Mindy, and her son, Dakota Collins.

"The Attic" Shop

Blow-Me-Down Grange #234

Rte. 12A, Plainfield, NH

Open Saturdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

May to October

New merchandise every Saturday.

We provide an opportunity for artists, artisans, gardeners, cooks, new and gently used clothes, and "All Collectors" to offer their items for sale in an attractive shop-like atmosphere. We have a ramp for easy access into the building and an electronic stairchair to access the second floor. For more information call Judy-603/675-9137 or Merylene 603/448-0773.

Baker's River Grange

Open Meeting

June 30 p.m.

Route 25, Rumney

A slide show entitled "NH Wild History" will be presented by the NH Extension Service.

All are welcome!

Granite Grange #7

The May 8th supper at Granite Grange in Milford was a fundraiser for the Disabled American Veterans. The veterans will receive ten percent of the meal and raffle proceeds.

Deadline

Send copy for the September issue of the Granite State Granger to Hannah West by August 10, 2010. Report on events of June, and July. Look ahead to October, November, and December.



**Membership Development
Coordinator: Stephen Tracy**

What a busy time since our last GSG! Can you feel it? That good Grange Spirit is coming back.

We've had two successful Degree Days with approximately 15 candidates. I have received kudos from a lot of people for the increased interest and memorization. Everyone is to be commended and thanks to all who participated.

I noted at the Walpole Degree Day that we had two multigenerational Grange families there. We had three generations of the Clark family, and four generations of the Collins/Brown family there. The Grange truly is a family organization.

Although I do not know how many demits or suspensions occurred during that time period, I was pleased to read in the last GSG that we had 18 new members and only 11 deaths. That is an increase of 7 members. Most of those new members were in small struggling Granges.

I wish to commend Pineconia, Winthrop, Watatic, and Granite Granges for their reports on their community activities in the GSG. They appear to be working hard at promoting the Grange in their communities. I know others are doing the same. Let's hear from you and keep up the good work. Other Granges may gain ideas from you.

Speaking of Grange activities in our communities, I had asked Granges to let me know what they were doing for Grange month. Rochester Grange held a Degree night complete with a supper like we used to do. Remember the fun and enjoyment we had at big festive evenings? We need more moral boosters like that. Good job, Rochester.

Other Grange Month activities that I heard about were Blow-Me-Down's flea market and distribution of Grange info along with a display at their library. Park Grange started their monthly breakfasts

which are a social highlight in town. Good work, Grangers.

I am pleased to report that five NH Grangers attended the Grange Growth Summit in Albany NY and two attended the one held in Wisconsin. It is exciting to see a growing interest in the future of our organization. Matt and Lynn Clark traveled to WI. Matt also joined Mark Collins, Arthur Merrill, Jim Tetreault and me in Albany. The enthusiasm and instruction gained will show around the state in their future plans and goals. Speak to them about their experience next time you see them.

Fellow Grangers-I need your help to help you build your Grange. My income does not support a vehicle and travel so I cannot get to all the places needed. Fair season is coming and fairs are a great venue for us to promote and advertise the Grange. I would like to see a Grange exhibit or float at each fair in the state. Can each Pomona work on this? For fairs that do not have a Grange in their area, can the two neighboring Pomonas join forces and work on the fair between them? Examples: Mascoma Valley and Northern NH work on North Haverhill Fair and Upper Coos and Northern NH work on Lancaster Fair.

Keep up the good work, Grangers. Catch that good Grange Spirit. and once you get it-Share it.



A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members

Adam Paquin	Antrim Grange
Kevin Belval	Chichester Grange
Tammy Dodge	Mt Hope Grange
Jameson Clement	Mt Hope Grange
Casey Doig	Mt. Pistareen Grange
Vivian Weaver	Sunapee Lake Grange
Angela Weaver	Sunapee Lake Grange
Pamela Aslinger	Walpole Grange
Eric Marcoux	Watatic Grange

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www.nhgrange.org**

What I Did During Grange Month

This year I took the National Master Ed Luttrell's challenge to activate or reorganize a Grange.

At town meeting in the new town that I live in I asked if I could set up a Grange information table. I was told yes and was invited to speak. The Moderator spoke highly of the Grange and out of the 50 attendees, 37 signed up for a future informational meeting. The fire chief offered the fire station for the meetings.

The meeting was set up for April 10 at 3pm. I then called all the 37 interested people to inform them and distributed posters, contacted local radio stations and four newspapers. With the assistance of Lester Gibbs and some members of Park Grange I worked with 9 prospective members. We discussed what the Grange was about and then they set up another meeting and were charged with bringing a friend. We were the talk of the town.

On May 3rd with assistance from some members of Park Grange again and State Master Beth Merrill we witnessed the organization of Croydon Grange! That's about 2 months worth of work behind you and several months ahead to show them the way.

This is the 3rd Grange I have participated in organizing (2 in VT) but this was the easiest and quickest. It is a labor of love. I want to see this organization thrive and grow again and I feel I need to do my part. Last summer when Sullivan County Pomona closed, I made a vow that meeting to the embers that I was going to try to rebuild our Pomona. It may take awhile but here is a start.

You too can have a new Grange in your area. Part of my job is to train others and we have other trained people in your area who can train and work with you. Just ask.

I do hope that NH Grangers will feel comfortable with the money spent to send me to training under Rusty and Ed's tutelage. This is not the end of my efforts. I have spoken with other Grangers about where to work next. I hope to repay you 100 fold by increase in membership across the state by putting my training into reality.

Thank you for entrusting me with this challenge and thank you to Park Grange, Lester and Beth for your assistance.



**Legislative
James Tetreault**

It looks like spring is finally deciding the to join us. I was so pleased to see so many of you at the “Spring Fling” back in April. What a great day with so many terrific workshops. A big pat on the back goes to our Worthy Master Beth Merrill who put so much work and effort into this event. If you did not have the opportunity to attend this event you really missed something.

Town meeting Season is finally behind us, and I want to take a moment to congratulate all Grange members who serve in any capacity in your community. As a public official I realize you work hard on behalf of your communities. Thank you!!

By the end of June the Legislative Season in Concord will be ending and the filing period for County and State Offices will begin, if you have ever considered running for office this is a great opportunity. I know that both of the State Reps. who belong to my own Grange find it very rewarding.

At State Grange in October the State Legislative Department will again be looking to recognize members of the NH House or NH State Senate. If you believe that your State Representative or State Senator is worthy of the recognition, please feel free to submit your nomination to me via e-mail at jtetreault@nhgrange.org or by US mail at 35 Keene Road Apt D Winchester, NH 03470.

Here are a couple of issues that the National Grange Legislative Department is working on feel free to contact your representative in Washington on these.

National Grange Supports Lifting Cuba Travel Restrictions

Representatives of America’s agriculture and agribusiness community, broader business community and other advocates including the National Grange, recently urged members of the U. S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture to co-sponsor and support H.R. 4645, the Travel Restriction Reform and Export Enhancement Act. Chairman Collin

Peterson (D-Minn.) and Rep. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) introduced this legislation.

Since sales of U.S. farm goods were allowed into Cuba in 2000, U.S. farmers have seen \$4 billion in sales into the market, and payment has been received from the Cubans without issue. Unfortunately, due to continued arbitrary restrictions on U.S. agricultural sales, American producers have failed to realize the full potential of this market. The Coalition urges Congress to help support America’s farmers increase their export sales, especially in these difficult economic times.

H.R. 4645 will not repeal the U.S. embargo or lift the restrictions on credit. Cuban exports to the United States would continue to be prohibited. The bill simply clarifies how U.S. farmers and agricultural businesses conduct sales to Cuba and allows U.S. citizens to travel to Cuba, consistent with their ability to do so to every other country, including other U.S. sanctioned countries. These modest changes will establish and protect U.S. agriculture’s reputation as a reliable supplier and provide the opportunity to maintain and grow U.S. agricultural sales to Cuba.

H.R. 4645 represents an opportunity to remove unjustified U.S. barriers to our own agricultural sector in order to increase the export competitiveness of U.S. agriculture products in Cuba. As a result, the Coalition urges Congressional support of the bill as introduced without amendments.

National Grange Encourages Wall Street Financial Reform Debate

National Grange and the Commodity Markets Oversight Coalition recently urged U. S. Senate Leadership to include the “Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act,” in the “American Financial Stability Act” (S.3217) - otherwise known as the comprehensive “Wall Street Reform” bill.

The National Grange and the Coalition believe that policy in the commodity trading markets should aim to strengthen oversight, transparency, and stability, and to address inadequacies in the existing financial markets for both regulated markets like stock markets and futures contracts markets as well as un-

regulated, privately traded, bilateral, contractual, financial products, generally known as “derivatives”. To this end, the proposed legislation constitutes the most reform-minded legislative proposal to-date. Written under the leadership of US Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Sen. Blanche Lincoln, this legislation makes significant improvements over current inadequate regulatory programs and brings greater public accountability to all financial product markets, included those privately traded.

The National Grange and the Coalition believe this legislation may be Congress’ best opportunity to pass meaningful reform of the financial markets, to address excessive speculation to prevent market fraud and abuse, and to prevent a recurrence of a market bubble and subsequent collapse that nearly brought down the entire American economy.

We have lots of Grange events coming up in the next few month and I look forward to seeing all you around the state.

Thank You

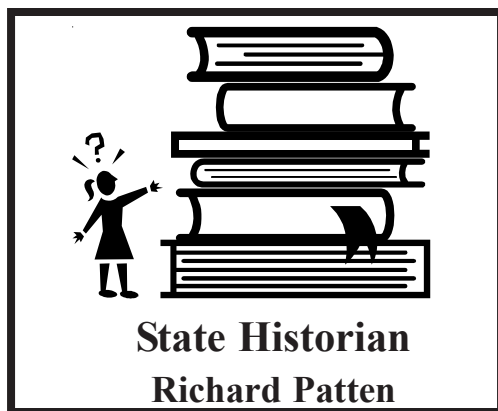
I am honored and flattered to have received the Clesson “Junie” Blaisdell Award for Excellence in Government at the New Hampshire State Grange meeting on Halloween. When I left private practice and moved to New Hampshire in 2005, I had a number of reasons. I truly enjoyed practice, but I wanted a better place to live and raise my family. The New Hampshire State Grange helps to foster the state as a community that is supportive of that simple goal.

I owe any success at this job to the support of my family, my staff and the Department. They all contribute to make it go more smoothly than I could manage on my own. This award has reinvigorated my desire to work to support agriculture and improving the lives of the residents of New Hampshire.

**Stephen K. Crawford, DVM
New Hampshire State Veterinarian**

**The difference between the right word
and the almost right word is the
difference between lightning
and the lightning bug.**

Mark Twain



I am a person who loves to travel especially by train, bus and lastly plane. Yes I admit it, I don't like flying. I would rather take the train with its comfortable seats and great scenery. The bus is okay, but it can be a long trip especially if the person in front of you doesn't respect you and has their seat bent backwards almost lying in your lap. It can be very rude especially if they don't ask you for permission to be so far back with their seat.

However, in 1996, I think it was, State Membership Director Bob Trombi organized a bus trip to Washington DC to see the Nation's Capital, tour the National Grange Building, attend the Cherry Blossom Festival and much more. We gathered in Concord in the parking lot of the former Bradley's Department Store, now Lowe's, early on a Friday morning in early April.. There were 50 plus Grange members and guests who boarded the bus with our tour guide named Penny. She was a young lady who hadn't met Grange members and didn't realize how much fun they could be.

I know I will long remember this trip. You see, my parents and sister had never been outside of New England for any kind of a trip. The farthest my family had ever traveled was to Rhode Island, Maine, or Vermont. This trip they, along with a good friend Hazel Drown and our son Juan and another exchange student from Brazil were among the group traveling. Some of the others traveling I remember were: Paul & Rhoda Davis, Rodney & Shelley Huntoon, Beverly Woods and her family, along with a few other members of Pine Grove Grange, Barbara Frangione, Shirley Waters, Marion T. Jones, Dot Haskins, and Bob Trombi. I know I will remember more names but right now they are escaping me. Soon it was time to board the bus and were on our way.

Bob had given everyone a small red duffle bag with the Grange emblem on the

front. We could put papers, trinkets, snacks inside. It was a nice gesture, and I still have mine. It had been awhile since I had taken a bus for a tour and I was surprised when I saw movie screens throughout the bus so we could watch a movie. Penny, our tour guide, had several games that she played with us throughout the trip. We stopped a few times during the trip to Washington for lunch or necessity breaks.

The excitement grew as we entered the Nation's Capital. We could see the top of the Capital Building off in the distance. What a majestic sight to see that in the sky. We saw the Pentagon in the distance as we drove into Virginia for our hotel. Penny kept exclaiming, "Crystal City!". I thought what is Crystal City? I thought we were staying in Washington, DC. Evidently, it was cheaper to stay at a hotel in Virginia in this city. We arrived at our hotel and checked into our rooms. There were a few who took a quick nap to rest up for dinner (supper).

Following dinner, it was time to take an evening bus ride into the city, which was beautiful. It was early April and the sunset was beautiful. We saw the White House, what a shock! On television it seemed like it set back and was the huge building. I couldn't believe how close it was to Pennsylvania Avenue. The bus continued on its nighttime journey through the national's capital.

The next day found us busy with a bus tour of the city including stops at the White House, US Capitol Building, Union Railroad Station, Arlington National Cemetery, and we got to see some of the Cherry Blossom Parade. The Cherry Blossoms were in full bloom lending a beautiful touch to Washington. We also got to see the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Viet Nam Veterans Wall, and Ford's Theatre where President Lincoln was shot.

During Saturday morning, the bus tour had a scheduled stop at the National Grange Building where then National Master Bob Barrow and First Lady Dolores Barrow greeted everyone and offered a tour of the building. Refreshments were enjoyed by all. The National Grange Building is just a stone's throw from the White House. Despite a nasty thunderstorm with sharp lightening and heavy rain, everyone enjoyed a nice

dinner at a local restaurant. After a very full day it was time to say good night and think about going home.

Sunday arrived and everyone boarded the bus with their souvenirs, baggage, and snacks. Everyone talked about their favorite part of the trip. It was almost sad to go home. We got back into Concord in the late hours of the evening.

I still think about the amount of work done by Bob and his helpers in making this trip so successful. Even today, I still say, "Thanks, Bob, for a trip well done."

National Grange Leadership Tip What Is the Point?

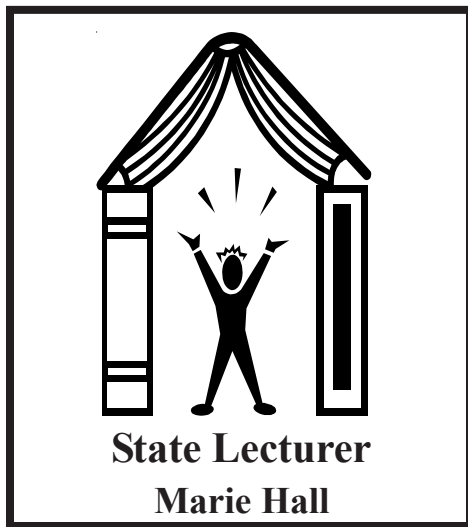
As a leader in the Grange can you explain to someone, "What is the Point?" We should be able to explain what is the point of the meeting, what is the point of the activity, and what is the point of this event. Everything we do has a "point" or reason for doing it, and we need to know what that is. We also need to be able to explain it.

When you are working with a group it is important to be sure that everyone has the same understanding of what the "point" is. How can we achieve our goal when we do not all clearly understand what it is? We must share what the "point" is with each other, so we can work together to help each other achieve our goals

As a director of a program or a team leader laying out a course it is vitally important that everyone knows what "point" you are trying to make. We must clearly define the "point" and make adjustments as we get feedback from our team members. We need to make sure that everything we do leads to that "point." If we add contests or activities to our programs they should lead to achieving our "point."

There are a lot of reasons we do the things we do in the Grange. Traditions and politics sometimes lead us into places that are unnecessary and unproductive. As leaders we should always evaluate the situation by asking ourselves, "What is the point?" to make sure that the best is being accomplished for the Grange and those impacted by our decisions.

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Vermont/NH Night was in Surry, NH, at Prentice Hill Grange. NH proudly won back the banner for the first time in years. Maine/NH Night was in Locke Mill, Maine. A great time was had by all who attended. Spot Light NH (Talent Contest) will have taken place and hopefully all those who wished to participate were given the information by their Lecturers and many will have decided to participate who never dared before. Last year showed some new faces and our winner (Mary West) was able to go to the August Lecturer's Conference and National Grange as well.

The Northeast Lecturers' Conference is scheduled for August 2-5, 2010, and will be held at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center, Vermont. In a time when many prices seem to be going up the North East Grange Lecturer's Association is proud to say that the price for this conference continues to be reasonable. A Double Room \$185.00 per person, Single Room \$205.00. This is for the entire conference. Where else can you spend that much for room and meals from Monday night to Thursday morning? There are prices also for single days, single meals. New Hampshire's program will be on Tuesday, August 3, at 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.. Rehearsal for the program is from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. just before the program. Our program this year will be "A Vacation To Alaska". If you have never been to a Lecturers' Conference before, now is the time to try it out. I hope we can have a good turnout this year. Registration forms should have reached you by the time this news letter reaches your homes. If your Lecturer has not received it or more copies are needed please let me know and I will get more to you.

Over the summer is a great time to be working on your Photo contest, Art contest, create a card contest, and creative writing contest entries. As many people would like to put their entries into the various fairs around the State the deadline for these contests is October 1, 2010. I am hoping that your Pomona Lecturers will collect these different items from you and that we can meet together and not have to worry about any items becoming lost in the mail. If you are unable to give them to your Pomona Lecturer you may still mail them to me.

Community Citizen Award is given to a non-member individual or group. Please submit your award recipient to me for inclusion in the State Award to be presented at the State Grange Celebration Banquet in October 2010 by September 1, 2010. This is an opportunity to stretch your boundaries by including those people in your community and surrounding communities that have contributed their efforts and outstanding achievements in a wider area. (Many surrounding areas do not have Granges so please consider some of them when you think of honoring someone.)

Public Service Award is generally done at Pomona Level and is presented to a non-member individual or group or a member of the Grange. This, also, is an opportunity to stretch your boundaries by including those people in your community and surrounding communities that have contributed their efforts and outstanding service achievements. Please submit your award recipient to me for inclusion in the State Award to be presented at the State Grange Celebration Banquet in October 2010 by September 1, 2010.

As always there is a need for Talent Fund monies. This year's contributions have been coming in extremely slowly. The talent winners that have been representing the State of NH have wowed National Grange and you should be very proud of them. However, it does take funds to be able to get the winner to the North East Conference and also to National Grange. Please help. Every little bit is appreciated.

**When prosperity comes, do not use
all of it. Confucius**

Bowling

I am pleased to say that bowling this year showed an increase in participants. The results are as follows.

Men's High Single

A	David Hewes	102
	Chris Heath	101
B	Ben Russell	108
	Jon Russell	98
C	John Doves	100
	Matt Clark	96
D	Forrest Decatur	100
	Matt Haeffner	82

Women's High Single

A	Mary Doves	93
	Dianne Hoitt	88
B	Judy Bailey	96
	Ruth Pelton	91
C	Stacey Seymour	95
	Joan Garland	94
D	Beth Merrill	99
	Jane Heath	81

Men's High Triple

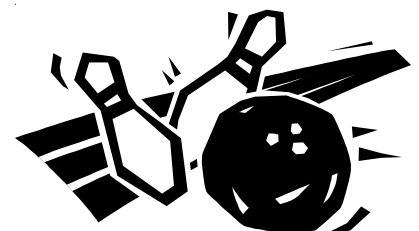
A	David Hewes	291
	Chris Heath	282
B	Ben Russell	284
	Andrew Savage	277
C	Matt Clark	283
	Lawrence Brandt	256
D	Forrest Decatur	235
	Patrick Bailey	205

Women's High Triple

A	Mary Doves	267
	Dianne Hoitt	261
B	Judy Bailey	255
	Sarah Russell	247
C	Jennifer Bailey	244
	Stacey Seymour	243
D	Beth Merrill	233
	Laura Gotauco	209
	Marion Woodworth	209

High Team Scores

A	Halloween	1186
B	Henry Wilson	1296
C	Rochester	1198
	Wingold	1163
D	Hudson	955



Recent IRS Letter and 990-N Tax Report Filing

This notice is in response to the May 3, 2010 letters most Subordinate and Pomona Granges in NH received from the IRS stating that their records show your Grange has not yet filed your 990-N or alternate report form for the 2008 tax period. The letter explains that failure to file for three consecutive years may result in a loss of your tax exempt status. **If you have not received this letter I suggest you check with past officers to see who did receive your Grange's letter. Your Grange is responsible for complying with the IRS tax return filing requirements even if you did not receive the letter!**

1. The tax period shown in the upper right hand corner of the letter is incorrect on many- it shows tax period ending March 31, 2008 or December 31, 2008 and possibly other dates as well. I have mailed a second request to the IRS listing all of the NH Grange names and their Tax ID numbers with instructions to the IRS to change the tax period for everyone to October 1 to September 30 annually. This is the second time I have requested the IRS to change/correct the tax year for all the Granges in NH. I have also contacted the Taxpayer's Advocate office for assistance with this ongoing problem.

One's objective should be to get it right, get it quick, get it out, and get it over. You see, your problem won't improve with age.
Warren Buffett

2. The letters you received state:
- 1.) If you filed within the last four weeks then you may disregard the letter.
 - 2.) If you filed and used a different TID then you need to tell them what name and TID you used. **Please be sure you are filing under the correct Tax ID and legal name for your Grange. Your legal name is not just your Grange name and number!** If you are not sure what your TID or legal name is please contact Gail Turcotte, State Treasurer as soon as possible.
 - 3.) If you have not yet filed then do so. Once you receive your electronic receipt showing the IRS accepted your filing I suggest you also send a photocopy of the receipt with the voucher on page 2 of the letter to the IRS just to be sure they are aware you have now filed for 2008. **If you are unable to file the 990-N online** I still have copies available of the 990-EZ paper form for 2008 and I will be happy to mail one to you. The paper form changes each year so you need to use the correct form for the year you are filing for.

3. If you have already filed under your correct TID and name and you received one of these letters then you need to provide written proof to the IRS that you have filed for 2008.

Your written proof should include:

- 1.) A photocopy of the electronic receipt you received by E-mail showing your 990-N electronic postcard filing was accepted by the IRS
- 2.) The completed voucher at the bottom of page 2 of the letter.

I suggest you keep a copy of everything you send to the IRS for your own Grange records. I also strongly suggest that your reply to this letter be sent by regular postal service mail or certified mail if you prefer before the June 2, 2010 deadline shown on the letter.

If you have any questions about this very serious issue please contact me.

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