



The Granite State Granger

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Judy Sherrod National Grange Secretary

Our guest at the Annual State Grange Session in October will be Judy Sherrod, Secretary of the National Grange. Sher-

rod, a Granger for 45+ years, is currently President of the Tennessee State Grange. She is editor of the monthly newsletter, Tennessee Granger, as well as her Subordinate Grange monthly newsletter, The Volunteer. Her local Grange is Volunteer Grange #1250 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Judy works for Moseley & Ragle, PLC, a law firm in Knoxville, where she is a legal assistant and office manager. She has one daughter, Christy, who is currently the State Director for Juniors/Youth/Young Adults, State Lady Assistant Steward, and former member of the National Grange Youth Team. Judy has two granddaughters, Haley and Emily, who are Junior Grangers and 4th generation Grangers.

When not busy with Grange work, Judy enjoys reading, making craft items, taking mission trips home and abroad and spending time with her granddaughters. She is very active in her church, being a member of the sanctuary choir. Judy is also a clown (Puddin'), attending workshops throughout the year to maintain her skills. She is the past President of her local clown alley (club) and is currently the secretary and editor of the monthly club newsletter. Other than her clown character, she has developed other comic characters and routines as well. One of her favorite characters is "Imogene Payne", who has made appearances at Grange events across the country.

Important - Please Note: New Address for State Secretary

Jerry Leclerc, Secretary
NH State Grange
3 Burns Hill Road #28
Hudson, NH 03051
(Phone number is the same as before)

NH State Grange Banquet Town & Country Motor Inn Gorham, NH

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Reservations are now being accepted for the State Grange Banquet on Saturday evening, October 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Menu selections are as follows:

- Prime Rib of Beef
- Fresh Broiled Haddock
- Sundried Tomato Ravioli

The above dinners will include a Butternut Squash Soup, Fresh Seasonal Vegetable, Baked Stuffed Potato, Warm Peach Cobbler, Coffee (regular or decaffeinated) and Assorted Teas.

A children's menu and dietary options will be determined upon request at the time of reservation.

\$33.00 for adult meals

To make a banquet reservation contact Kerriann Heath (State Ceres) by Friday, October 9, 2015. No late reservations will be accepted after the due date as we have a deadline to meet with the hotel. Any e-mail, telephone or invited guest reservations that are not paid for by the due date will be canceled. All checks should be made payable to the NH State Grange and mailed to:

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28 Penny Lane
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101st Annual

Danbury Grange & Community Fair Saturday - September 12, 2015

Fair Theme: "Going to the Movies"
7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

PTO Pancake Breakfast @ Danbury
Elementary School
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Attic Treasures Sale inside the
Legion Hall
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Games - Exhibits - Food - Crafts -
Candy
10 a.m.

Parade Lineup & Judging @ Restful Road
11 a.m.

Parade from Restful Road to
Grange Hall on North Road
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Lindsey Schust & Ragged Mountain Band
12:30 p.m.
Bed Races
1 p.m.

Horseshoe Tournament @
Independence Park
Baby Show @ Grange Hall
Tractor Pull @ Spa Road
2 p.m.

Dutch Auction
All day

Silent Auction - winners announced
at end of evening
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

"All you can Eat" **Homemade Baked
Beans and Ham Supper** with homemade
salads and pies
Adults-\$9; under 12-\$4.00; under 3-free
7 - 8:30 p.m.

Live Bluegrass Music by
Cardigan Mt. Tradition
8:30 p.m.

Auction+ 50/50 Raffle Drawing
All activities are in or around the Grange
Hall near the junction of Routes 4 and 104
in Danbury, NH, unless otherwise noted.

*** RAIN OR SHINE ***

**Remember, someone asked you to join the Grange. Don't forget to ask
someone to share the same opportunities that you have received.**



*From my pad
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master**

It has been a very busy summer. I have been doing some more travelling around the state. At the end of May I met with the members of Grafton Star to assist them with the voting to consolidate with Park Grange. The members of Grafton Star Grange tried very hard to avoid this decision but in the end they felt this was the best thing for them to do.

The first weekend June found my wife and me braving the elements at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia. Saturday night the temperature dropped to 32 degrees, which made it somewhat uncomfortable to sleep, but we made it without any frostbite. Congratulations to Beth Merrill and the Youth Committee for a good weekend.

On June 8th I met with Park Grange in Cornish to assist them with their vote to consolidate with Grafton Star Grange. The consolidation was officially completed on June 30th. It's unfortunate that this had to happen but it was the best thing for a struggling Grange. A big thank you goes to the members of Park Grange who opened their doors to their fellow Grangers.

The next weekend found me on the road again attending a New England Grange Building Trustees meeting in Springfield MA, an Eastern NH Pomona Grange meeting in Dover, and a Directors meeting in Hooksett to wrap up the weekend. On June 15th at a meeting in Barnstead, NH, fifteen people signed a charter application to organize Barnstead Community Grange. They have sent in the application and fees to National Grange and are waiting for their charter to arrive. They are a diversified group of people of all ages who care about their community. They are already working on projects in their community and sponsored Barnstead's Fourth Annual Open Farm Day on Saturday, July 25th.

The next weekend found me at Rochester Grange presenting member-

ship awards. It was an honor to hand out over 200 years worth of continuous membership awards. The biggest pleasure was to present my Junior Grange Matron, Grace Leone, with her membership award. It was a wonderful reunion with an important person in my Grange life.

On June 22nd I visited with Concord Grange, and the following night I presented membership awards to the members of Joe English Grange. I was honored to present Howard Towne with his 75 year certificate. Howard is a faithful Grange member who did many things throughout his Grange career.

On June 26th I visited with Baker's River Grange in Rumney. They are a small Grange who is working on their membership. They are very active in their community and provide countless hours of community service.

Sunday, June 28th, found me at the New England Go To Church service at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge. There was a very small group of Grangers from NH in attendance. I hope that next year we can have a better showing of support for our State Chaplain.

In July I attended the Northeast Regional Youth Conference. Congratulations to Kathy Yardley for her Best of Show win in the Sign-A-Song contest. I look forward to seeing her perform at the State Grange Banquet in October and the Night of Excellence at National Session in Lincoln, Nebraska, in November.

July 15th found my wife and me at Antrim Grange for their old fashioned youth night. A great time was had by all who attended. The next night was a visit with Stratford Grange. They are working on some new members and are hoping that this growth in membership will continue.

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

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

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Postmaster or anyone else:

**Please send all related correspondence to
Hannah West
3 Depot Road
Chichester, NH 03258**

Saturday July 18th found me helping Antrim Grange with a fundraiser at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Cleaning the grandstands is a lot of work but the rewards are helpful in funding their projects.

On July 20th I met with some members of Barnstead Community Grange to obligate them and assist them with electing officers. Their next step is to get their bylaws written and get their paperwork completed for the IRS and the Secretary of State. They are well on their way to becoming a fully working Grange.

The next weekend was spent at Gunstock Ski Resort attending Grange Family weekend. We had a good turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy the relaxing weekend.

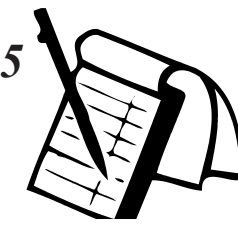
Tuesday August 4th found me at the Northeast Lecturer's conference for the day. I attended some informative workshops and assisted the State Lecturer, along with others, in putting on her program. Later that evening we had spirit night and I presented Jane Trombi with her with her gift. The Granges around the state should be very proud of their Lecturer. She did a very good job for her first year.

On August 8th I attended Harmony Grange's Meet and Greet at the Sanborn-ton Old Town Hall. They took in two new applications for membership. The members of Wicwas Lake Grange in Meredith deserve a big pat on the back for helping this Grange with their event. Then I was off to Blazing Star Grange in Danbury for the Junior Activity Day. There were nine Juniors there for the day which included doing the opening, obligating two new members and the closing. Joann Brandt is to be commended for all of her hard work with the Juniors. After the Junior event I headed over to Antrim Grange to support them with their Penny Sale / Summa Suppa. They had many people purchase tickets for the penny sale and attend their buffet meal.

Londonderry Grange held an Open house on Saturday August 15th. They had great support from the community for this event. They sold mums and collected non-perishable food to support the NH Food Bank.

See STATE MASTER on page 6.

**Out & About 2015
State Lecturer
Jane Trombi**



The North East Lecturers' Conference was held in Standish, Maine, in August. It was a great conference learning about "100 Years of..." We had programs on Transportation, Education, Leisure Activities, Literature, Agriculture, Discovery, and our own program on Music. We had a great group of twenty people from New Hampshire, and I am so thankful for their support and help with the program. I couldn't have done it without them. A special thank you to Hannah West and Mary West for taking a leading part in the program. As this was my first ever Lecturer's Conference, I wasn't sure what to do or what to expect, but it all came out wonderful and was well received. Next year we will be in Rhode Island with a theme of: "Come Visit us in...New Hampshire".

It's Contest Time!

All Lecturer's Contest Entries are due to me on or before October 1st. See the program booklet or visit nhgrange.org for the complete list of rules. Or you may contact me directly. All items must be labeled with your name, Grange name, division, category and class.

Art Contest Categories

A. Oils & Acrylics

B. Watercolors

C. Charcoal, Pastels, and Pencil

D. Multimedia

Create a Card Contest Categories

Class A: Christmas

Class B: Get Well

Class C: Mother's Day

Creative Writing Contest Categories

I. Poetry – The Cinquains

There are two subject categories:

A. Seasons B. Patriotic

II. Tell the Story – "A Special Friend"

Write about a particular friend

III. Read the Book and answer the

following question, "Why Did I Enjoy

This Book?"

Photography Contest Categories

A. People B. Farm Animals

C. Churches D. Nature

It's time to send in your "OUT AND ABOUT" report. Your final report is due to me October 1st. You will need to print out the pictures and make a collage no larger than half a piece of poster board. That's 14 X 11 inches or smaller. It is OK to include items like programs and ticket stubs in the collage with the pictures. Have fun with it!

Thank you to all the Granges and Grangers who donated to my State Lecturer's Gift. I am overwhelmed with your generosity.

I look forward to seeing you at State Session. You will be able to see the great contest entries on display and receive your next year's program.



State Grange Directors
Agriculture/Legislative - Robert Haefner
Community Service - Richard Patten
Family Service - Debra Patten
Grange Services - Lois Enman
Youth - Beth Merrill
Junior - Joann Brandt
Membership - Norman Brandt
Publicity - James Tetreault
Fundraising - Kim Bascom
Webmaster - Wayne Turcotte
GSG - Hannah West
Building - Anne & Marty Boisvert
Photographer - Mark Collins
Family Weekend - Robert Trombi
Resolutions and By-laws - Tara Sadd
State Session Coordinator - Ken Berry



**Membership
Norman Brandt**

I would like to welcome any new members receiving this paper for the first time in your journey through Grange. At some time I encourage you to go take the degrees as they are offered by the State or the Subordinate Granges, for these degrees are what bind out members together in brother and sisterhood.

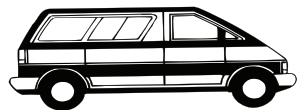
For all of our members let me tell about a recent event that may give you ideas. Recently I was invited to a 4-H club to talk on the importance of water with chickens and to show them how to make water buckets with poultry watering nipples (each one cost ~\$2 to make). I arrived and was introduced to all the members ranging between 6-17 years of age. The Leader, knowing I was a Grange member, requested me to talk to the members about Grange and what the Grange does. By the end of the night the three older ones were considering visiting a Grange to see if they would like to join, as the 4-H years are quickly coming to an end.

Before I left I gave each one 2 Grange pencils and invited them to the Grange website and told them where their Local Granges were. Think about the way a talk on chickens and water sparked interest in the Grange. How many chances do we pass up each year on talking to Youth Organizations such as 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Rainbow, DeMolay and Boy Scouts?

Until the next time we meet, stay cool and get the crops in.

Grange Day at the Big E

Make your travel arrangements, Grange Day at the Big E is **Sunday September 27**. Come join us at the fair. Visit the NH Building, Eat some fair food. Visit the New England Grange Building and sit in the NH room for a while. Visit the critters in the barns. Visit with fellow Grangers. Most importantly come march in the parade at 4:30 p.m. Let's show the other New England State Granges how to turn out people to celebrate our state and Grange.



**Family & Community
Department
Deb Patten**

It's time to welcome the fall. Hope you are all enjoying the good weather.

Needlework

Family Services has been busy collecting all the beautiful needlework and crafts for judging. The first place winners of each category are sent off for judging at Eastern States. The number of entries seems to be way down again this year. I am hopeful you are spreading the word about all of these categories and remember – non-granges are welcome to participate with the sponsoring of one of your Granges. The entries I have received are beautiful. I am in hopes that the number of entries would double for next year.

Eastern States Items

The number of items turned in for sale at Eastern States is also down from previous years. The New England Grange Building needs our support of these items to sell to help maintain the building. All northeast Granges are participating. Items such as scrubbies, pot holders, hats, mittens, doilies, dishcloths, etc. are very much needed. It is not too late as the Big E doesn't begin until mid-September. If your Grange has turned items in please be sure to mark this on your report.

Reports

The only way I know what your Grange has been doing is if you send your report in to me. Please be sure to fill it out and send it in by September 15. I will be combing through them looking for the top Grange doing Family Services work.

Donations

Your annual donation to Family & Community Services is critical to our work in the State Grange. We want to continue our programs and be able to continue to provide prizes and rewards for your great work as well as support some of the greatest needs in our communities. We have some very rewarding projects such as Glencliff Home at Christmas

time, Liberty House, and other supported projects. but we can only continue these with your help. Please try to send in your \$15 donation payable to Family & Community Services. Thank you.

State Grange

We are just around the corner to State Grange. We will hold the baking contest for the state winner on Friday afternoon. All entries from each Pomona should be delivered to State Grange in Gorham by Friday at 11:00 a.m. please. I will secure refrigeration for the entries as we will need to refrigerate most of the entries I am sure.

We will once again be selling Fudge, trail mix, brownies, cookies, etc. at State Grange. We will also have a small supply of Rada cutlery for sale, and we can take orders.

Mountain of Mittens

We will build our mountain again and wouldn't it be nice to be able to have it so tall we couldn't fit them all on? There is a tremendous need in the communities where we live for mittens, gloves, and hats. Thank you for your continued support of this project. Please bring these to State Grange with you.

Galoshes from Grangers


Hopefully your Grange was able to purchase a couple pairs of boots. We collected 36 pair last year. I would like to certainly exceed this count this year. Thanks for helping with this great need as well. I will also be collecting these at State Grange.

Program for 2016

The committee has met and the decision has been made for next year's baking contest. I am keeping it a secret for now but will announce it at State Grange, and it will be in the program for 2016. The programs will be available at State Grange.

Thank you so much for all of your support! We truly do appreciate it!

Support the ELF!
Please send your
Educational Loan Fund
donations to:
Patrice Lawlor
P.O. Box 386
Pelham, NH 03076





**State Grange
Building
Manager
Marty Boisvert**

Hopefully you all have noticed a difference at the NH State Grange building. With some good ol' time bartering of maple syrup and a generous donation in memory of John Saturley (who once brought his paintbrush to a Grange show and tell program themed "my favorite thing") the exterior of the building got a couple of fresh coats of paint. The back of the building got more like four coats, but the result is quite an improvement.

Just recently a large tree on the back hill had to be cut down as its branches were overhanging into the driveway. I tried to just remove the offending branches, but with all the bittersweet tangled around the limbs this proved to be a futile endeavor. After several attempts to pull the branches free with my pick-up truck and one broken tow strap in the process, it was decided that cutting the whole tree down was the only viable option.

Adam Paquin Varnum has been doing a super job a cleaning the hall, and Hannah West continues to rent out the hall for assorted events. As I've mentioned before, one major thing that is needed which is outside my skill set is some landscaping and gardening work. Any volunteers are encouraged to contact me at 435-5127 or mboisvert2@myfairpoint.net.



In Memoriam

Louis Amadio	Granite
Robert Winter	Granite
Helen Akerman	Hampton Falls
Arthur Todd	Hampton Falls
Martha Settles	Hampton Falls
Barbara Toppan	Hampton Falls
Ruth Goodwin	Harmony
Irene Currier	Mount Hope
Bernice Johnson	Park
Sandra Baker	Pembroke
Kenneth Craigue	Tuftonborough
Priscilla (Tillie) Myers	Winthrop
Carolyn Conway	Winthrop



Community Service Thoughts
Richard Patten

I hope Granges are working on the Community Service booklets which are due by September 15. If you do not intend to do a booklet for National Grange judging, I hope you will send in your single page report. Please write on the back side about your Grange Community Service Projects. Let me know what your Grange did, including your volunteer hours. The booklets will be judged with the top four receiving money prizes from National Grange along with a certificate. The first place book will be sent to National Grange.

Please be sure to **NOT** include photographs of the previous State Grange Session, Flora's Court, or awards being presented. The judges would like to see what your Grange did for community service. The same with newspaper items. Please be sure to cut them neatly to be placed in your booklet. If you have any questions, please call me at 496-2917.

I will be looking for new community service projects by your Grange. Please be sure to talk about the goals, problems, and the final outcome. I am also looking for projects retained by a Grange and done year after year. One of the big problems I have seen over the years in Grange is a great project was begun and benefitted a lot of people. However, someone else comes along and doesn't like it, so it is dropped. Another organization comes along and takes it over, getting great publicity for doing it. The Grange started it but lost all connections because someone didn't want it, not realizing that many people enjoyed it or benefitted from it.

I will be presenting the Recognition Awards during my report on Saturday and at the State Grange Banquet Saturday evening. There will be some major changes for the Recognition Awards next year. The Grange receives a lot of recognition when we thank our community and state leaders. It is very easy to criticize a police officer, teacher or firefighter but when they respond to a call, they have no idea what they are going to find. It could

be a true emergency, possibly putting their lives on the line.

We are doing our State Project "Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas". I am hopeful that Granges will donate gift cards for this project. We did so well last year that many teens had a great Christmas. I was told by Operation Santa Claus and Friends of Forgotten Children the families were so happy that their teens had gifts to open. They love to go shopping and believe me, many of them did. We will be marking where the gift cards came from so they will go back to that area. Please bring them to the session and I will have a Christmas tree to place them under. Thank you for making Christmas a happy one for our teenagers.

I am collecting signed Halloween and Thanksgiving cards for our friends at Liberty House in Manchester. I will also be sending them to NH Tilton Soldiers Home. I had nice comments from Liberty House as they appreciate all the Grange has done for them. I will be doing Santa Stockings filled with goodies. The residents have enjoyed getting a Santa Stocking on Christmas morning.

The autumn is a great time for Community Service Projects. These are some suggestions in case your Grange has no idea what to do. If you have elderly residents who live next to you, they might need someone to help rake the leaves and then bag them up. You could help your neighbors put away summer chairs, put winter windows or doors on, In other words, don't waste your time.

Another idea is children in school. You might check with your local school to see if there are some children whose parents can't afford to buy them a book bag, pencils, etc. Your Grange might be able to purchase a few book bags and ask the members to bring items to fill them.

Make a Difference Day in October has become an annual event in conjunction with the State Session. I will be talking with the committee about what we would like to do to make a difference in Gorham/Shelburne.

Thanks again for all your support for the Community Service Department and know that you have made a difference in many lives.

Judge Rules in Favor of National Grange in California Case

On August 18, 2015, Judge Brown granted the National Grange's motion for summary judgment filed in Sacramento Superior Court. In his words he clearly and unequivocally ruled in favor of the National Grange.

1. "In the first cause of action, National Grange seeks a declaration that because the Now Unchartered State Grange's Charter was revoked under the Bylaws of the Order, and Defendants have acknowledged their voluntary disaffiliation from the Order, they have no standing to retain the real and personal property belonging to the Grange."

Judge Brown recognized the vital role of the Digest when he ruled, "...it is undisputed that the Now Uncharted State Grange recognized and was governed by the National Grange's Digest of Laws, the supreme laws of the Order. Accordingly, based on the undisputed language of the National Grange's Digest of laws, the revocation of the Now Unchartered State Grange's charter, the subsequent inability of the Now Unchartered State Grange to operate as a Grange, and the Now Uncharted State Grange's acknowledgment that it is no longer affiliated with the Order, it has no standing to retain any real and personal property belonging to the Grange."

2. "In the second cause of action, National Grange seeks a declaration that by following its rechartering rules under the Bylaws of the Order, the Newly Chartered State Grange is properly recognized as the sole chartered Grange entity entitled to use and control Grange property in California."

In deciding on the second cause of action, Judge Brown was brief and clear: "Because it is also undisputed that the Now Uncharted State Grange's Charter was revoked, it therefore could not operate as a Grange, and it acknowledged it was no longer affiliated with the Order (as discussed above), the Newly Chartered State Grange is the only Grange entity entitled to use and control Grange property in California pursuant to the National Grange's Digest of Laws."

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On August 17th I attended a meeting of Merrimack County Pomona at Daniel Webster Grange. On the 27th I was off to a State Grange Executive Committee meeting in Hooksett. The committee worked on details for this year's State Session as well as next year's session.

By now you should have received your log books for the Visitation Contest. I hope that many of you will make an effort to get out and visit other Granges. Believe me when I say that Granges love to have visitors attending their meetings. Offer to fill in a station or participate in the program. Share with them some of the things that you do in your Grange and enjoy some of those tasty treats that are often served. I will be doing more visiting in the next couple of months and will continue to work on my goal to make it to every Grange this year.

I want to encourage all Granges to find new members. Membership is everyone's concern and we all need to do our part. Ask your neighbors, friends, and people from the other organizations that you belong to and see if they will join. If we all ask two people to join, we can triple our membership across the state.

I hope to see many of you at this year's State Session in Shelburne, NH, at the Town and Country. Remember that reservations must be made with the hotel by October 2nd. Please be sure to send your resolutions to the State Secretary soon. Be safe, and I look forward to seeing many of you in the next couple of months.

Park Grange Membership Recognition

Park Grange of Cornish recognized long-term members at their May 21, 2015 meeting. The following members received certificates:

- 25 years.
Sally and Sarah Chamberlin
- 30 years
Priscilla Abbott, Tammy Gray,
Mark Collins, and Deborah Stone
- 35 years
Diane Collins
- 50 years
Irene Chamberlin
- 75 years
Marion Stone

A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members

Jennifer Seaton	Granite
Louise Osborne	Henry Wilson
Cindy Caplette	Henry Wilson
Robert Caplette	Henry Wilson
Lauren Fryman	Mohawk



Aurora Grange

Aurora Grange #235 held its Citizens of the Year awards ceremony on June 3, 2015. Aurora Grange recognized Shirley and Fred Hamel who are both very active in the community helping at church suppers and other events, helping at various fire association events, and participating in the newly formed POPS (People Organized for Pittsburg School) group.

Grangers, community and family members were in attendance at the ceremony, and Fred and Shirley were surprised and pleased to find that they were this year's Aurora Grange Citizens of the Year. The photo shows Lindsey Gray, Master, Shirley and Fred with their award and their special cake, and Chip Evarts, Lecturer.

In August, Aurora Grange held its annual picnic at the home of Chip and Ed-die Evarts.

Some members of Mohawk and Stratford Granges were also in attendance so they held a mini-Pomona meeting. Everyone enjoyed a wide assortment of delicious foods and were thankful that the rain held off until the end of the meal.

Thank-you from State Lecturer

Thank you to all the Granges who donated to the Talent Fund: **Pemi Valley Pomona, Rochester, Harmony, Walpole, Pembroke, Hooksett, Suncook Valley Pomona, Joe English, Crown Point, Merrimack County Pomona.** If I missed your Grange, I apologize. It is not too late for your Grange to send a donation.

Grange Bulletin Board

State House Christmas Tree

The 29th annual Concord Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration will take place on Friday, November 27, the traditional day to light the holiday lights. The activities begin at 4 p.m. with a petting zoo, pony rides, horse drawn wagon rides, music by Brian Waldron and Band, blessing of the Creche and Christmas Tree by local clergy, and a visit by Santa Claus, courtesy of the Concord Fire Department.

There will be news media personalities from WMUR 9 and WBIN NH 1 News along with WJYY Radio and WLNH. You can enjoy hot chocolate, coffee, apple cider, and more, courtesy of various non profit organizations. A countdown to light the tree at 6 p.m. will precede fireworks that will light the skies over Concord

The Concord Imaging is a major sponsor for the tree lighting, supported by The Rowley Insurance Agency, Foxfire Property Management, David Mailhot Enterprises, Unitil, NH Federal Credit Union, Concord Grange # 322, and AutoServ of Tilton. The Merrimack County Pomona Grange #3 and the Concord Council Knights of Columbus No. 110 co-sponsor the Nativity Scene.

Concord Grange has provided the lights for the State House Tree, along with a large tree at the corner of Pembroke, Loudon, and Airport Roads. They also provide lights for a tree in Eagle Square in honor of our Armed Forces who can't be home for the holidays.

Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in December 2015. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before November 9, 2015. Report on events of September and October. Look ahead to events of January February, and March.

Concord Christmas Parade

Concord Grange # 322 is a major organizer for the 64th annual Christmas Parade to be held on Saturday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin forming at 8 a.m. at Hazen Drive, in the Department of Transportation parking lot if you are entering a float or 8:30 a.m. for all other parade participants. The theme this year is "Celebrating Concord's 250th, A Colonial Christmas."

The parade route is Hazen Drive to Loudon Road to the Steeplegate Mall, where it will disband. The reviewing stand will be in front of the Stove Barn and Steeplegate Mall parking lot. This will be Dick Patten's 44th year as chairman and James Cusano's 4th year as Co-Chairman.

**Wingold Grange
Ham & Bean Supper
East Kingston Town Hall
September 19, 2015
5 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Two types of Beans, Spiral Ham,
Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Homemade
Pies, Rolls and Beverage.
Adults \$8.00 Children \$4.00
All you can eat.
Proceeds will benefit
East Rockingham Pomona**

Watatic Grange

On August 6th Watatic Grange in Amherst hosted a fun day for five Juniors. They made cards for the Lecturer's contest and paper bag crafts for a Junior project. They finished duct tape items and sent them off for judging at the Big E. A few of the children drew pictures for the Art contest at State Session.

The Juniors also all had a part in organizing and serving lunch to the adults and to each other. After games and s'mores they left with full bellies and smiles on their sticky faces.

**Visit the State Grange website at
www.nhgrange.org**

**Henry Wilson Grange #205
Annual Grange Fair
October 3, 2015
Grange Hall, Mechanic Street,
Farmington, NH**

Everyone is welcome.

Penny Sale, Auction of fresh vegetables and other items, Door Prizes, Entertainment and Light Refreshments

Doors open at 6 p.m. for purchase of Penny Sale Tickets.

Door Prize tickets can be purchased from Henry Wilson Grange members or at the door. First prize is \$50 cash with a second prize of \$25 cash. There will also be a number of prizes from local merchants. Come join us for a night of fun.



Marion Stone of Park Grange in Cornish recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She had a birthday party on July 19, 2015 at the Cornish Town Hall. Family and friends attended from near and far. She totally enjoyed all her cards received that day and thanks all who sent them with their wishes.

Calendar of Events

(a work in progress)

- Sept. 2-7 - Lancaster Fair
- Sept. 4-7 - Hopkinton State Fair
- Sept. 11-20 - Rochester Fair
- Sept. 11-14 - Hillsborough County Agricultural Fair
- Sept. 12 - Danbury Grange Fair Activities Dawn to Dark
- Sept. 18-Oct. 4- Eastern States Expo. West Springfield, MA
- Sept. 19 - Wingold Grange Supper East Kingston Town Hall
- Sept. 25 - NH Day at the Big E
- Sept. 27 - Grange Day at the Big E
- Oct. 1-4 Deerfield Fair
- Oct. 2 - State Grange Session Reservations due to Town & Country
- Oct. 3 - Henry Wilson Grange Fair Farmington, NH
- Oct. 9 - State Grange Banquet reservations due
- Oct. 10-12 - Sandwich Fair
- Oct. 17 - Youth Officer Rehearsal State Grange Building
- Oct. 22-23 - 142nd Annual Session of NH State Grange in Gorham
- Nov. 7 - Danbury Winter Market 9 a.m. -1 p.m.
- Nov. 3-7 - National Grange Session in Lincoln, Nebraska
- Nov. 21 - Concord Christmas Parade 9:30 a.m. Loudon Rd. Concord
- Nov. 27 - Christmas Tree Lighting State House, Concord 4-6 p.m.
- Dec. 5 - Danbury Winter Market 2016
- Feb. 13 - Winter Youth Rally State Grange Building

Danbury Fair Baby Show

The 101st annual Danbury Grange and Community Fair will be held on September 12th. A long standing tradition that is sure to please fairgoers is the baby show where parents and grandparents display their pride and joy on stage in the Grange Hall. For the little ones, newborn to 3 years old, this tradition has gone on at this event for most of 100 previous years. Once it was a judged contest amongst rivaling neighbors. Take a moment to ask Louise about when she was a contestant. You can find her registering babies for the show or serving up pie during the baked bean and ham supper.



I hope you have had a great summer. I have been busy doing research and delivering or mailing out Secretary Minute Books to Historical Societies. I am trying to clean out the State Grange cellar because the Secretary Minute Books are getting full of mold and getting in terrible shape. I have found Candia, Glen of Bartlett, and Crystal Lake of Gilmanton Iron Works recently. I received very nice acknowledgement letters from the historical societies of each town for them. I am looking for East Candia, Franklin, Ezekiel Webster, Bartlett of Salisbury, and Loudon Center Granges. If you know where they went or possibly have them, please let me know.

I was very pleased to have been invited to speak on the history of Bartlett Juvenile/Junior Grange of Salisbury to the Salisbury Historical Society. Dorothy Bartlett, who served as Matron for close to 30 years asked me if I would assist. I was more than happy to go with Debbie, Rodney & Shelley Huntoon. They have a great attendance of 25 former members of the Junior/Juvenile Grange present including the first Juvenile Master of Bartlett Juvenile Grange. Edward Sawyer of Salisbury or you might remember him as the owner of Sawyer's Apple Orchards in that town was present. He spoke of memories of the Juvenile Grange and the town of Salisbury. When I was introduced to speak, I had several people in the audience who asked why Bartlett Subordinate and Bartlett Junior Grange closed. They wondered if there was a chance for the Grange to start again. They wanted to know what the Grange does today in the community. There were two people present from East Andover and asked about Highland Lake Grange. The Historical Society in Salisbury has an excellent display of Junior Grange memorabilia in a glass case. They would like their records as well. I have checked the State Grange Building and can't find them. I would like some

help in getting the records in the cellar brought upstairs to see what is there. I was pleased to find out that NH Public Television has been taping segments in Colebrook about the town, Colebrook Grange and Mohawk Grange in East Colebrook. Colebrook had two Granges at one time. Colebrook Historical Society is looking for the Secretary Minute books and any Grange items that could be put on display. I am happy to know that NH Public TV has taken an interest in the Grange. Please let me know that they are in your community as a courtesy. I am more than happy as State Historian to assist any Grange with whatever you need. I would like to thank several Granges who sent a copy of their history. It has been extremely interesting reading how they began.

I am in the process of updating the book I wrote that was never printed or published due to lack of funds. I am adding a section about People I Met in the Grange and how they influenced me. I will be rewriting that title. As I am nearing my 50th membership year in 2016, I would like to pay homage to people in the Grange who have made a difference in my Grange life. I am hoping to have this book completed for this year's session. I will have a small display at the state session for Historian. I would like to see every Grange appoint a Historian. I am always ready to help someone or do research to find information you need.



Lois Enman, Director

Our summer has gone by too fast for me. In July at our annual committee meeting we had three applications to review and awarded scholarships to the members listed below. We wish them well with their future education.

- Karl McDerby** (Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY)
- Elizabeth Nelson** (Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA)
- Andrew Perry** (Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, VT)

The invested funds of the Educational Loan Fund (ELF), helps our members to receive these scholarships. Please continue to make your donations that should be sent to:

Patrice Lawlor
P.O. Box 386
Pelham, NH 03076

Please note this change of name and address!

Let me tell you about one of the benefits offered by National Grange. The CVS Caremark program offers the RxSavings Plus Card, a NO FEE exclusive benefit to all Grange members that is not offered to the public. The RxSavings Card allows members to go to most any pharmacy. Simply show the card to the pharmacist and they call it in like any other plan. Members do not have to provide eligibility or other administration, and members can use the card if they already have insurance. Members may print additional cards on line, as needed. The lowest prices are guaranteed. A unique advantage for our members is the mail order program, with savings of up to 50%. Unlike other savings plans the CVS Caremark program applies to 99% of prescription drugs. Save on Lipitor, Plavix, high blood pressure medications and thousands more- even pet medications. For the RxCard Program, go to: <http://nationalgrange.rxsavingsplus.com>.

Please go to the National Grange website at www.nationalgrange.org to check out the many other benefits. You may also contact me or any committee member if you have a question or a concern. Your secretary has a list of the committee members.

I hope you plan to attend State Grange which will be held October 22-24, 2015 in Gorham, NH.

Back to School Jokes

- Q: What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?
- A: Stop going in circles and get to the point!
- Q: What's the difference between a teacher and a train?
- A: The teacher says "Get that gum out of your mouth", but the train says "Chew, Chew, Chew."



Wow, what a great summer! Where did it go? I hope you were able to have the Juniors take some photos and get them to the State Lecturer to enter the photo contest. I saw at least two rainbows this summer with not a camera near to get a photo.

I have many entries in the Duck Tape Craft contest this year and will be sending down the top one in each age category to Springfield Eastern States Expo that starts in the middle of September. Hope you get a chance to travel and check out the Northeast Grange Building at the Big E and let me know who wins there among the 6 new England States and New York. They make many colors in Duck Tape now, and I even found some scented tape (Bubble Gum smell).

We received a blue ribbon on the display at the Stratham Fair for the Junior Department to remind everyone that Junior Grange is growing.

Traveling to the Family Camp Weekend on Saturday, I had three of my grandchildren meet me to work on crafts. We ended up at Tricia Taylor's camper and worked on making pillows. We started with a square of white material and using permanent markers, drew designs and sprayed with rubbing alcohol to give it a tie dye look. While the pillows were drying, we colored in coloring books or drew pictures. I find the dollar store so helpful with craft items.

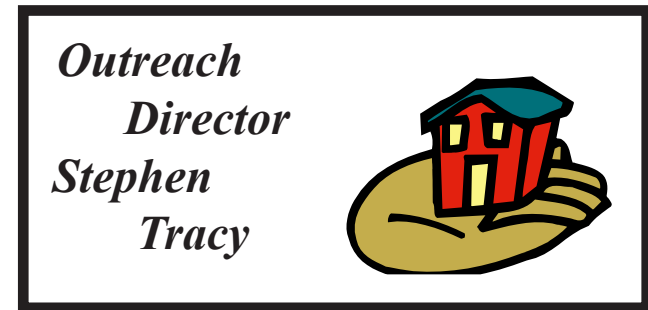
Junior Fun Day on August 8, at Danbury, we had 8 children from Blazing Star attend along with Lily, age three. We also made the pillows and some even tried using the sewing machine to sew their squares together. A second square was made and left for the Blazing Star quilters to add to their quilts. I brought gimp to try some braiding to make necklaces and bracelets. While waiting for their drawings to dry, we made the famous ice cream in a bag and kept the bags in the freezer for dessert. Knowing our State Master Chris Heath was go-

ing to be coming, we even made him ice cream. Thanks to Tricia Taylor and Sharon Klapik for preparing lunch and working with the children with me.

With the Grange Hall set up, we all filled an office and went through the opening and closing. We had two children able to be obligated, and they are now Juniors making nine children in Danbury as members of the New Hampshire State Junior Grange. Now I am hoping they can grow some more and start their own Junior Grange at Blazing Star.

There are still crafts that can be made and brought to State Grange. Send them with someone attending if children have made items, and they can bring them back to you after State Session.

I am happy to assist any Grange wishing to work with Junior Grangers. It only takes a call or email to ask.



Since my last report I have not been able to get 'out and about' as much as hoped this summer due to losing my truck. Like many others in the area I lost my truck due the very poor road conditions up here causing broken windshields, broken tie rods and frames.

That does not mean that I have not been working for you. I have been busy working with other Grangers and Granges online and over the phone helping and encouraging. Also a new Mohawk Granger who lives near me has seen to it that I do get out locally. I have been to farmer's markets and other venues promoting the Grange. The new member has been actively promoting Grange also.

NHPTV is working on a series called 'Our Hometown' and are working on Colebrook at this time. Several Grangers, myself included, were taped, and we spoke about the Grange. The final show will be on TV and online in November, and I will let you know when. With our motto of 'American Values, Hometown Roots' I am working on getting Grange sponsorship so that we will be advertised

on all the shows of all the towns throughout the next few years. Consider stepping up when the show comes to your town and talk about all the great things the Grange does in your community.

The meetings for a new Stewartstown Grange have been put on hold while we work in the public this summer trying to get more people interested. We will resume meetings when we get more interested parties. Those who are presently interested have joined Stratford Grange and two are youth.

As we hear so many times from people 'I didn't think the Grange existed anymore' we need to get the Grange and Grange activities in the public eye more. Maine State Grange is encouraging members to write something POSITIVE about the Grange and send it into newspapers then clipping those articles and sending them in to be judged. Maybe we can encourage the same here but just put them on display at State Session to encourage others.

Such great news that we have a new Grange in NH and so quickly getting active in the community! Welcome to Barnstead Community Grange and its new members. Kudos to State Master Chris Heath for his work on this.

Some Granges say they are too small and aged to do Grange promoting activity. Stratford Grange is very small and the membership is aging, but they took on hosting public meetings on important community subjects and invited outside speakers like UNH and Fish and Game. This is getting the community to notice and talk about the Grange. These were very easy to pull off. One of the biggest complaints in the North Country is that Concord acts like the northern state border ends at the Notches. They either ignore the needs of the North Country or when they do come up they don't stop and listen to the residents. Stratford Grange is trying to change that.

Upper Coos Pomona has taken in several new members who want to get active and are taking office. Hopefully this keeps the Pomona growing and getting more active again.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at State Session in the beautiful North Country.



What's Been Happening

The State Youth Committee has been out and about since the last issue of the Granite State Granger. We had a slight increase in participation at the June Youth Rally, which you can read all about in the article written by committee member, Adam Paquin Varnum on page 12.

A week after the rally, I was under the weather for quite a spell, but the youth members met without me and constructed the fair exhibit that was discussed at Youth Rally. They did a fabulous job, and as of press time, it has been shown at Stratham and Cheshire Fairs and received a red and blue ribbon, respectively. Look for it also at Hopkinton, Hillsborough County, and Deerfield fairs this fall. The premiums raised will go towards further youth programming via the State Youth Fund.

Speaking of funds, as the Grange year is winding down, may I remind your Grange to consider making a donation to one or more of the four youth funds that need your support: State Youth Fund, Randall Richardson Memorial Fund, Jodi Bailey Youth Fund, and the National Youth Fund. Thanks go to Pembroke, Hooksett, Joe English, Suncook Valley Pomona, and Merrimack County Pomona Granges for already having done so.

Youth Committee member Emilie Leclerc accompanied me to the Northeast Youth Conference in Rhode Island in July. We participated in get-acquainted games, and observed the Grange Jeopardy competition that selected the team that will represent our region in that contest at the national session. Workshop topics included rescued birds by the Audubon Society, working police dogs of the Warwick PD, and an introduction to the new PI2 program by the National Youth Director, Charlene Espenshade and National Ambassadors Derek Snyder and Cassidy Cheddar.

In a last-minute emergency, I was

asked to help judge the Sign-A-Song contest, which ultimately was won by our own Kathy Yardley, whose performance of "Blessings" was just about the best I've ever see her do. She was also selected as the Best of Show, so she is now eligible to perform her sing-a-song and her talent entry at the National Grange session in Lincoln, NE, this fall. There were many fine public speaking entries as well but, sadly, none from New Hampshire. Hopefully, we can do better next year! Following the dance on Saturday evening, we enjoyed a campfire and the return of the Grand Ooga, who accepted a number of new initiates into the Ooga Booga Society, Emilie included!

Sunday morning wrapped up the weekend conference with a fine church service provided by the New York delegation in a lovely outdoor chapel followed by the traditional Drill Team competition with the Rhode Island team emerging as victors. Thanks to Arthur Merrill and State Master, Chris Heath, for attending part of the weekend, too. All in all, it was a great conference and we look forward to the 2016 conference, which will be held in the Albany, NY, area.



Seven youth members joined forces with ten members of Antrim Grange in a fund raising effort at the NH Motor Speedway in Loudon on race weekend picking up trash at the end of the day. The Speedway pays nonprofit groups to perform this service and this was the first time for most of our group to try it out. The Speedway pays nonprofit groups to perform this service and this was the first time for most of our group to try it out. If we do this again, we will definitely remember to bring hearing protection!

The State Youth Committee met in August to review the youth program booklet and start plans for 2016. Look for some major and minor changes next year,

starting with the return to Pomona Youth Assistance meetings. Pomona Youth Chairmen will be greatly encouraged to set up a meeting with their Subordinate youth and a member of the State Committee so that we can get everyone on board in knowing what opportunities are available for the growth and development of our young members!

Coming Up

Due dates: Report forms will be due soon! Please remember to send a copy of your report form to your Pomona Youth Chairman by September 20th! Pomona and Subordinate report forms and booklets (if you choose to do that option) are to be postmarked no later than September 25th. If you could, it would be greatly appreciated if you would include the name, age, address, and email of all youth members of your Grange when you send in your report. Thanks so much for your assistance in establishing a data base of the NH Grange youth members! September 25th is also the day that entries for the Photo Scavenger Hunt, Recycled Art, and Christmas Ornament contests are due! Please get them to a committee member or mail them to: Beth Merrill, Youth Director, 107 West Street, Antrim, NH 03440.

Youth Officers: A rehearsal for youth officers will take place on Saturday, October 17th. Plans are in the works for a corresponding activity to make it a bigger event, so stay tuned for more details and times.

State Session: We would like to ask any Grange that can locate one, to please bring along a youth booklet report from previous years. Doesn't matter what year, we just want to take a look at how things were done in the past. And look for the Youth Officers to open State Session on Saturday, October 24th!



**New Hampshire State Grange
142nd Annual State Session**

October 22 - 24, 2015

**Town & Country Motor Inn
Gorham, NH**

Special & Invited Guests

Judy Sherrod, National Grange Secretary
Maggie Hassan, Governor of NH

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.
\$10.00 Delegate Registration Fee
\$5.00 Non-Delegate Registration Fee

Opening Session ~ 7:00 p.m.

Procession of State Officers
Opening in the Sixth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Grange lowered to the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Granges
Introduction of Special Guests
Closing the Grange

Friday, October 23, 2015

Morning Session ~ 8:00 a.m.

Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Minutes from Thurs. Session
Announcement of Session Committees
Reading of **New Resolutions & 2015**
Convention Rules

Reports:

Session Coordinator.....Ken Berry
Fundraising.....Kimber Bascom
Family Weekend/Visioning Deputy.....
Robert Trombi
Trustees of Trust Funds...Diane Collins
Eastern States Trustees...Matt Clark
Webmaster..... James Tetreault

Grange Memorial Service ~ 11:00 a.m.

Chaplain, Matthew Clark

(Gates and Registration will be closed.)

Afternoon Session ~ 1:30 p.m.

State Master's Address

Christopher E. Heath

Reports:

Treasurer.....Daniel P. Bascom
Secretary.....Gerald J. Leclerc
Executive Committee...Robert Trombi
General Deputy.....Andrew Savage
Lectuer.....Jane Trombi
Historian.....Richard Patten

**The New Hampshire Grange
Foundation ~ 3:00 p.m.**

Annual Meeting by Foundation
Directors and Officers

Note: all Delegates please be present.

Fifth Degree Obligation ~ 7:10 p.m.

Evening Session ~ 7:30 p.m.

Conferral of the Sixth Degree
Introduction of Guests
Introduction of Assembly of Demeter
Members

Parade of Deputies
Closing in the Fourth Degree

State Officers receiving line
following the closing

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Morning Session ~ 8:00 a.m.

Procession of Youth Officers
(State Officers to be at their Stations)
Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of State Officers
Calling the Roll of Youth Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Minutes from Fri. Session
Informational reading of
Convention Rules

Reports:

Youth Director.....Beth Merrill
Junior Director.....Joann Brandt
Granite State Granger.....Hannah West
State Grange Building.....Anne &
Marty Boisvert
Grange Services.....Lois Enman

**9:30 a.m. Election of Executive
Committee Member**

Membership.....Norman Brandt
Family Committee.....Debra Patten
Community Service.....Richard Patten
Outreach Deputy.....Stephen Tracy
Publicity.....James Tetreault

Afternoon Session ~ 1:30 p.m.

Budget 1:30 p.m.

Reports:

Resolutions Committee.....Tara Sad
Master's Address
Credentials Committees
Unfinished Business
4:30 p.m. Closing the Grange

Evening Session ~ 6:00 p.m.

**60th Annual NH State Grange
Banquet**

Program:

Introduction of Dignitaries
Recognition Awards
50/50 Raffle Winner/Conclusion of
Silent Auction
Start of new 1/20 Club

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October 22 - 24, 2015

**Town & Country Motor Inn
Gorham, NH**

603-466-3315

October 2015 Convention Room Rates:
Single and double \$92.00

Triple \$102.00

Quad \$112.00

No charge for children under the age of 12 in a room after double occupancy is met. Room rates do not include the 9% NH State Room tax.

Special Notes: When making your reservations, please indicate to the hotel Reservation Department that you will be attending the NH State Grange Annual State Session – October 22 - 24, 2015.

When making your reservation this will be the time to request a microwave and/or refrigerator.

Convention room rates will not be offered after October 2, 2015.

Book early, as rooms are limited.



Harmony Grange Meet & Greet

Harmony Grange #99 of Sanborn-ton had a fundraiser on Saturday, August 8. Wicwas Lake Grange #242 of Meredith Center came out and organized the event at Sanborton Town Hall with the Moulton Band. Also sponsoring the event were Krieb Farm and Steele Hill Resort both of Sanborton. Coca Cola provided soda and water. The total funds raised was \$646.75. Vicki Hussman, a Grange member, was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. The Grange also added two new members.

**Change of Meeting Night
Winthrop Grange in Shelburne
has changed its meeting night from
Thursday to Monday. Beginning in
August, the Grange will now meet on
the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30
p.m. in the Shelburne Town Hall,
74 Village Road.**

June Youth Rally

by Adam Paquin Varnum

This was the third year we held June Youth Rally at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia, and this time we enjoyed the use of their brand new dining hall, where we did a lot of our activities. We arrived Friday evening for the orientation by Camp Director, Peter Christnacht. He gave a history of the camp's origin and how he came to be the director. We also became acquainted with the schedule of activities and played games until vespers.

We awoke Saturday morning to a hearty breakfast and started our activities. We participated in "craft time," creating cards and mixed-media art pieces. Many will be entered into the Lecturer's contests! Yes, there was something for everyone (including those of us who aren't very creative). BIG thank you to Beth for providing all the materials for our creative minds!

Later in the afternoon we all gathered for the Public Speaking Contest. Unfortunately we did not have entries, so we all took part in Impromptu Speeches. Some very interesting topics were discussed! We then broke up into groups for our next workshop where we scripted and then filmed our own commercials supporting the youth program for Grange! We also gathered for a Visioning for the Youth Program, and answered some difficult questions. Where do we see the program going? How can we get more

people to participate? All contributed and ideas were sent to the youth director and her committee for future discussion.

After dinner we had our Youth Association meeting and election of officers. Congratulations to Mary West who was elected Master! The remaining officers elected were: Overseer, Zach Trombi; Lecturer, Allissa Estes; Steward, Cody Estes; Assistant Steward, Lynn Clark; Lady Assistant Steward, Davi Penny; Chaplain, Amy Schunemann; Treasurer, Emilie Leclerc; Secretary, Larissa Grant; Gatekeeper, Adam Terrell; Ceres, Rachel Scanzani; Pomona, Nicole Brandt; Flora, Jordan Durand, Executive Comm., Arthur Tedford and Greg Trombi. Immediate past Master, Adam Paquin Varnum automatically becomes a member of the Executive Committee. We ended the night with a game of flashlight tag, which turned out to be more fun than some of us "older youth" had anticipated!

Sunday morning came, and it was time to wrap up our weekend at camp. We joined for a church service provided by Adam Paquin-Varnum. The theme was "Time". Take time to enjoy that conversation before rushing off...turn off electronics and learn about the person across from you.

Our last group activity was to plan our Youth display for the upcoming fair season. A big thank you to all who participated in our weekend! Looking forward to help plan next year's rally!



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3. "In the third cause of action, National Grange seeks a declaration that the property should revert to possession and/or control of the Newly Chartered State Grange under the Bylaws."

Here, Judge Brown relied on precedent from a Masonic Case where the "... the California Court of Appeal held that the assets of a fraternal association are the property of all the members, not of any number less than all of them." This reaffirms the rules of the Grange as it relates to property belonging to the Order. Grange property belongs to the organization, which is governed by rules that apply to all. In addition, Judge Brown summarily rejected separate legal arguments advanced by McFarland uniquely against the National Grange.

While the legal actions may take time to wind down, we are now, to paraphrase the great Winston Churchill, at the beginning of the end of this litigation.

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