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Stratford Grange # 238

We are working towards a more populated Grange. We are down to bare minimums and have to gather new members. Most of our former members have passed on or are unable to continue with the work of the Grange. The Grange is very important to us and we want to be able to continue with this.

Grange was started by farmers looking to make their life more enriched through community. Here in the North Country, we helped bring rural delivery to the people and there is a 50 year member in our Grange that remembers working with other Grangers to get electric lights to Coos County.

We are very active in community service. Even though small, we do our best. The past years and this one also, we have taken the dictionary project to 3rd graders in schools that our Grange covers. We donate to two food pantries, because that is where Stratford and Stark and Colebrook folks go when they need help. We also give to Toys for Tots. The past 22 years we have given mittens, gloves, hats to the local school via the mitten tree and plan to donate them to the State Mountains of Mittens this year. We collect pennies throughout the year and send them to the Kelley Farm.

If you have relatives or friends in the Stratford area, please encourage them to look into Stratford Grange. We need their help, and, in turn, we can help them do good things for the citizens in our section of the North Country.

Memory Tree

Stratford Grange #238 is having their 2nd Annual Memory or Honor Tree. It will cost \$2.00 per name. A name is considered to be first and last name, Mr. & Mrs. Last Name, or The Last Name Family. The name will be written on a tag and laminated. The shape of the tag will be a circle, stocking, bell, or square of about 2 inches. You can choose the shape or we will. If a name is sent in by more than one person, there will be as many tags as have been requested. The tree will be on the Stratford Village Common and seen by many people. You can send names and checks to Stratford Grange, c/o PO Box A, North Stratford, NH 03590.



State Grange Bowling Day

Sunday, March 18, 2018
12 noon

Lakeside Lanes
2171 Candia Road
Manchester, NH 03109

Cost = \$14.00

\$10.00 for Juniors
(3 strings & shoes)

Make checks to:

NH State Grange Lecturer
Registrations due by March 10th.
Send to Jane Trombi
794-H Court Street
Keene, NH 03431

Calendar of Events 2018

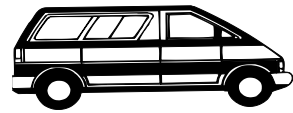
- Feb. 2-3 - Farm & Forest Expo - Radisson Hotel in Manchester
 - Feb. 10 - Youth & Junior Winter Fun Day, State Grange Building
 - March 18 - State Grange Bowling Lakeside Lanes 12 noon
 - Oct. 1 - Card, Photo, and Creative Writing Contest entries due to State Lecturer, Jane Trombi
- [This calendar is a work in progress. There will be many more dates in the March issue.]



This photo (courtesy of The News and Sentinel, Colebrook) arrived just too late for the September GSG. Stratford Grange's excellent exhibit at the Lancaster Fair earned them a blue ribbon and some prize money, as well as giving the Grange a splendid chance for publicity.

A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members

Paul Mercier	Concord
Emily Perry	Londonderry
Ruth Farland	Park
Genevieve Twiss	Watatic



**Family & Community
Department
Deb Patten**

State Grange 2017

We had a very successful State session. We sold fudge, trail mix and other goodies to try to make a little extra money for our projects. We displayed the beautiful needlework and the ribbons with each entry. I was so impressed with all the beautiful handiwork this year. The first place winner in each category went on to Eastern States for judging, and we had some winners there as well. All entries, prize money etc. have been returned to their rightful owner. If you did not get your entry back, please let me know as these were signed for by whoever took them on your behalf.

Project Nighty Night Hugs

We had reports of a few Granges preparing these sacks and distributing them to the Family Services committee person in your area for further delivery to the shelter in that area. My best guesstimate is about 75 sacks were prepared and delivered this year. This is down slightly from last year, so I ask that you all keep this in mind and please work on these all year. You can please get them to the Family Services Committee person or let me know and I will be happy to ensure they get to the shelter in your area.

This year we are asking Granges to please continue to make the fleece no-sew blankets which typically take about 1 1/2 yards of fleece for a child-size blanket or make crocheted afghans to fit a child (not baby) or purchase the fleece blankets. We ask that a NEW stuffed toy be put in the sack together with a children's book (no religious books please). Please make the sack out of a pillow case or sew a sack to put these in with a drawstring running through it. I also found tote bags for \$1 each online at Oriental Traders. These worked quite well.

Very Important: Please keep track of how many are turned in to the committee so we will have an accurate count of how many children's hearts we are warming

by these sacks which is typically all they have to call their own when they arrive at the shelter.

Mountain of Mittens

We are continuing this project. This is a very well received project. So many children going to our public schools need mittens, hats, and gloves. They go to school with none. The school nurses/principal's offices are very happy to get these to distribute to children in need throughout our State. We divide them up so the entire State gets a few pair for each general area throughout the State. Please keep knitting hats and mittens and either hold them and bring them to State Grange in October 2018 or you can call me at 603-228-1803 and we can arrange for me to get them and hold them for you. I also learned that the homeless shelters need these for children and the school buses.

Needlework Contests

The contest categories are the same for 2018 so please keep doing this beautiful work. Please be sure to ask friends or family to also participate. This contest is open to non-members as well. This might be a good opportunity to introduce someone to Grange and ask them to join. The contest rules are the same as last year, but the pamphlet will be mailed with the February letter I will be sending out.

Baking Contest

The baking contest for 2017-2018 is Banana Bread! Please participate at your subordinate level. The winner bakes for the Pomona level contest and the Pomona level winner bakes again to bring it to State Grange in Keene in October 2018. Nuts are optional but should be indicated as such so someone doesn't end up with an allergic reaction if nuts are included.

Report Forms and Booklets

These were placed in the single

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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Postmaster or anyone else:

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

packet at State Grange. Likely, whoever was your delegate at State Grange picked up the packets. Please, ask them for the Family & Community information as well as the report forms!

Holiday Project for Glenclyff

Glenclyff Home is a state-run facility in Glenclyff NH. Every year Family Services prepares 120 goody bags so that each resident has a Christmas treat bag. We will again be doing this project when we meet on December 9.

Family Services Committee

Please see list below for the committee representative in your area. Always feel free to reach out to me directly as well:

Debra Patten, Director – (603) 228-1803 email: dickdebatten@comcast.net
Virginia Clark – (603) 352-4887 – Cheshire County Pomona

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Cam Twiss – (603) 673-5359 – email: grammytwiss@gmail.com – Hillsborough County Pomona

Mary West – (603) 568-3287 – email: marymwest612@gmail.com – Suncook Valley Pomona

Linda Phelps – (603) 455-9896 –email: LKphelps56@yahoo.com – Pemigewasset Valley Pomona

Patricia Izzo – (603) 778-0429 –email: pa93055@gmail.com – East Rockingham Pomona

Deb Patten for now – Eastern NH Pomona



This year Junior Grangers decorated Socks for Seniors with puffer paint as a craft at State Grange events.

**Lecturer's Lines
State Lecturer
Jane Trombi**



I hope everyone is ready for winter! It's on its way. Has your Grange had its planning meeting? Don't forget to look over your Lecturer's Program for 2018 for some suggestions on programs.

Our theme this year is "Back to our Roots". Think about your Grange's role in your community. Look up some of your history and tell about it at each meeting or invite other groups in to hear about what your Grange has done over the years. Maybe take a meeting to make cards or write an entry for the writing contest. Here are the categories for this years contests:

Create a Card Contest

(note changes in this category)

This contest gives members the opportunity to create their own all-occasion cards.

Size of the cards will be no bigger than 5 1/2 X 8 1/2 inches.

Categories:

I. Recycled (use only recycled materials, such as old cards, ribbons, buttons, magazines, etc.)

II. Computer Generated (Any card using a computer in any way.)

III. Hand Stamped and/or Decorated (with materials available from craft stores, such as rubber stamps, stickers, decorative paper, etc.)

Classes are as follows:

Class A: Congratulations

Class B: Friendship

Class C: Valentine's Day

Division:

Subordinate member

Junior member age 5-9

Junior member age 10-14

Non-member sponsored by a

Grange, which must appear on the label
1. One entry per person/per class/per category.

2. Labeling: Each entry should be properly labeled with the maker's Name, Grange Category, and Class. You can use the labels provided with the program.

3. Judging: Entries due to the State Lec-

turer by October 1, 2018.

Entries will be judged on: 1. Creativity
2. Composition 3. Eye Appeal
A small cash prize will be awarded in each category.

Creative Writing Contest

This contest has three different types of writing that you can enter.
Categories:

1. Poetry – Haiku (An unrhymed Japanese verse) It has 17 syllables in all. 5 on the first line, 7 on the second line and 5 on the third line. They are not rhyming.

(Title) **Maple**

(Line 1 - 5 syllables)

Beautiful fall leaves

(Line 2 - 7 syllables)

Crunching as I walk around

(Line 3 - 5 syllables)

Love Maple Syrup

There is only one subject category: **Trees**
II. Tell the Story – "**Why I joined the Grange**". (500 word limit)

III. **Read the Book** and answer the following question, "**Why Did I Enjoy This Book?**" You must read a book; any book, and then answer the question. In 500 words or less, tell why you were impressed or entertained by this book. Try not to give the entire story away.

General Rules:

1. Only one division - Subordinate Members. One entry per person/per category.
2. Length: 500 words. All words in the writings will be counted except as noted in rule three. (Except Haiku)
3. The title(s), even when they are part of the opening sentences of the entry, and author's identification information are NOT counted.

4. Author's identification to be placed on the back of the writing(s), including name, address, Grange name and number, and category entered (I, II, III). You may use the entry forms provided in the program.

5. All writings are to be sent to the State Lecturer for judging on or before October 1, 2018.

6. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, on 8 1/2" x 11" unlined paper, no designs on the paper, and no backing. Haikus may be typed on a half sheet of paper. May be placed in a plastic sleeve for protection (optional).

Awards: Small cash prizes will be given

for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category.

Photography Contest

Categories:

A. Reflections

B. Snowy Day

C. Architecture

D. "Four Seasons" (take a picture in the same spot during each of the four seasons. If you don't get them all taken this Grange year, you can hold them over for next year. (This category will be the exception to rule 5 below.)

Rules:

1. Only prints are accepted for judging. No slides in any category.

2. Photographer must select the category and class for his/her entry.

3. Participants may enter all categories, using different photographs.

4. Participants may submit only one entry per category.

5. Entries must have been taken between October 1, 2017 and October 1, 2018.

6. Print may be made by a commercial process but photo must have been taken by the entrant personally.

7. Rigid backing (foam board preferred) is requested for all photographs. No frames, please.

8. Entry must not be larger than 16 x 20.

9. Print should be on photo paper.

10. There are three divisions within each category:

Division I - Subordinate Members
Division II - Junior Members age 5-9

Division III – Junior Members age 10-14

11. Small cash prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category and division.

12. Labeling: Each entry should be properly labeled with the photographer's: Name, Grange, Category and Division. (You may use the label provided in the program)

13. Judging: Entries due to the State Lecturer by October 1, 2018.

Criteria for judging photographs:

A. Composition and arrangement

B. Interest

C. Presentation

D. Technique

Save the date for the Bowling Tournament, which will be Sunday, March 18th at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester starting at 12 noon.



There have been a few Granges that have taken in new members this year and I applaud you for your hard work. I know it is not easy to go out of your comfort zone and ask someone to join the Grange.

Congratulations to Blow-Me-Down Grange #234, Concord Grange #322, Mount Hope Grange #77, Rochester Grange #86, Rockingham Grange #183, and Wicwas Lake Grange #292. These Granges achieved a net gain in membership for the Grange year ending June 30, 2017. Wicwas Lake is the largest Grange in the state. Mount Hope is a very small Grange in a remote rural area. The others are somewhere in between. If these Granges can do it, your Grange can, too. We need more Granges to follow this example and start growing. New members are our future and without them, we will go no where.

Soon it will be January and time for New Year's Resolutions. Make it your Grange resolution to add your Grange to the Net Gain List this year. Look at the number of members in your Grange on June 30, 2017. Plan to increase that number by at least one by June 30, 2018. One new member, that's all it takes. Of course, if you should lose one or more members by death, demit, or suspension, you will have to replace those members as well, but you can do it.

During the winter months that are quiet for most Granges, make a list of prospective members. Are there family members who haven't joined yet? How about your neighbors? Is there someone you know from church or a town committee that you would like to know better? Then send out a letter, make some phone calls, or do some visiting. Explain how the Grange works. Tell why you need more members. Appeal to their sense of history. Mention a project your Grange could tackle if there were more hands to do the work. Ask them to play your piano for an event.

Are there incentives you could offer to make joining the Grange more desirable to the prospective member? Could they hold their birthday parties in your hall? Do they have high school age children who would benefit from a Grange scholarship? Could they enter their crafts, needlework, or baked goods in Grange contests? Do they have musical or public speaking talents to show off?

When the weather warms up, hold an Open House, or have a public program. Give some community awards. Plan a work day and ask for help from non-members. Have some membership applications available. Wear your Grange t-shirt or hat as a possible conversation starter. Follow up if anyone seems interested in any aspect of the Grange.

Once you have those new members, you need to keep them engaged in what the Grange is doing. Give prospective members opportunities to learn how the Grange operates and show them how we work. Listen to their ideas and let their enthusiasm to try new things go forward. Just because it didn't work in the past doesn't mean that it won't work now. You need to give them the chance to fill in an office and mentor them on how to perform the duties of that office. You need to make sure that you listen to what they have to say and be willing to give their ideas a try.

As always, the State Grange Membership Committee is ready to help. Ask for membership literature. Ask for ideas. Ask for a couple of extra people to help spread the word at a public event. There is no magic formula for gaining new members. It takes everyone working together to make it happen. Let's make 2018 a happening year!



Sherrill Bokousky works with Junior Grangers to make cards for Liberty House.



I hope you were able to attend State Session in Laconia this year. Please look for information about programs for the coming year from all Committees. And please share with your members.

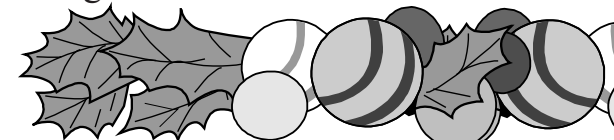
The Grange Services Committee wants to thank all Granges and their members for the past donations to the Educational Loan Fund (ELF). The interest from our invested funds allows the committee to award scholarships to **any member** wanting to advance their education. Our committee also offers loans with low interest rates to members. These loans need to be repaid.

I hope we will see new benefits from National Grange as a new Grange year begins. There are many offers on the National web-site and all Granges should check them out and share this information in the order of business under "Grange Services." Check the web-site www.nationalgrange.org.

If our committee can assist your Grange please contact me or any of the committee:

- Patrice Lawlor – Hudson Grange
- Linda Phelps – Baker's River Grange
- Rodney Huntoon – Concord Grange
- Norma Neary – Pembroke Grange
- Lester Gibbs- Blow-Me-Down Grange

I hope see you in my travels this year. Please be safe and let's Grow Our Granges!



"Good character is that quality which makes one dependable whether being watched or not, which makes one truthful when it is to one's advantage to be a little less than truthful, which makes one courageous when faced with great obstacles and which endows one with the firmness of wise self-discipline."

Arthur S. Adams, 1896-1980



Congratulations to all Granges who had a great year with their Community Service projects in their town. It was wonderful reading. The booklets that were submitted were excellent. I am just proud of the projects and volunteer hours that members did. I know personally all the years I have been active in my community, and I don't regret it for one minute.

I know Granges in the state are being asked to support this state project "Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas". I was disappointed that only three gift cards were brought to the State Session. I am asking Granges to please send me gift cards for teens. I heard recently on WMUR Channel 9 that Operation Santa Claus was very short on donations for teens. They are all set for babies or infants, but when a child reaches 12 and older, no one seems to want to help them. I have said this in the past and will again say that All Gift Cards that are given to Operation Santa Claus go back to the towns where they came from. In other words, if a Grange from Winchester donates cards, they are given to Operation Santa Claus and marked for Winchester. The same goes for Dorchester or Meredith or Colebrook. Teenagers love gift cards whether it is something to go to Best Buy, Wal-Mart or Dick's Sporting Goods, or go to eat at Pizza Hut, Cracker Barrel, or Dairy Queen. In the past, we have donated up to \$800.00 dollars and in three years since I started this project, we have given close \$2600 hundred dollars. Please send me cards and State Officers, Directors, Committee Members, and Deputies, please bring me a gift card at Deputy School. Thank you for helping.

The Community Service program is about the same as last year. I did not add any new programs. I realize Granges have a lot to do and can only do so much. You can partner with another organization in town if you need more volunteers or someone to share the expenses. There

is nothing to be embarrassed about to ask another group to help.

We are in the festive holiday season and there are many community service ideas for your Grange to do. Winter is on the horizon as well. If you have an elderly neighbor(s) living next to you, you might offer to get their mail and newspaper to save them from going outdoors if it very cold or snowy. You might ask them if you are going to the store whether they need any groceries or medicines. Your Grange might send Christmas or Hannukah cards to shut-ins in the town. They would be happy to receive a card and maybe your Grange would like to bring a plate of cookies or a banana bread. They would be happy, and, who knows, they might join the Grange.

Don't forget, if you have a nursing home or a hospital nearby, to make a visit drop off some cards, homemade cookies, or a poinsetta plant. You might get a group together and go caroling. Caroling is not done much anymore. I can remember there would be many groups of several members of an organization that would go to neighborhoods, hospitals or retirement homes, and sing several carols and then go to a central place and enjoy hot chocolate or coffee. I can remember when Pineconia Grange went caroling and people would open their doors to listen to the music. It was fun, and to see their smiles made it all worth it.

You might organize a toy drive to help Operation Santa Claus or Friends of Forgotten Children, or Toys for Tots. You could get permission from the selectmen's office or city council to stand on a street corner or in the downtown section with signs and plenty of early publicity that your Grange is going to do it. Or you might have a giant Santa stocking and ask people to fill the stocking with loose change to benefit the less fortunate or homeless kids at Christmas. Don't forget the Salvation Army can always use volunteers to ring the bells at their red kettles looking for donations.

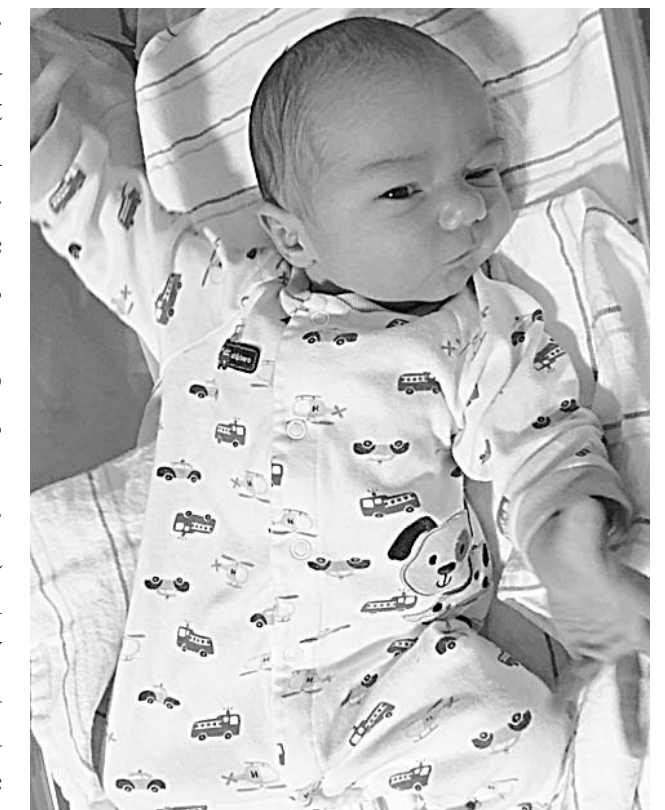
Once Christmas has passed and the decorations have been taken down, New Year's has been celebrated, winter sets in. Many people get the winter blues, so try to think of some activity or organize a call-

in program to say hello, how are you, talk about the winters past, or possibly play a game of cards. Have your Grange organize a magazine drive and donate them to a local retirement center or nursing home facility. Always take photographs and clip newspaper write-ups for your booklet, if you are going to do one. These are just some ideas for your Grange to think about.

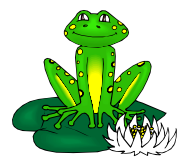
Don't forget to have a loose change jar to collect change for the teenage project Santa Doesn't Forget Teens at Christmas, so you can buy gift cards next year.

Don't forget to start planning your Recognition Awards Night. I have said for many years, if you don't know who to recognize, contact your Police Chief, Fire Chief, School Principal or Administrator, and look around for a First Responder such as your doctor, nurse, fire fighter, police officer, or your next door neighbor. This is awarded to someone who has gone beyond the duty and given so much of themselves.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



Alexander Kevin Belval was born to Mary West and Kevin Belval on November 12, 2017. He weighed 10 pounds and was 21 inches long. Chichester Grange and Suncook Valley Pomona proudly welcome their newest future member.



*From my pad
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master**

Master's Address 2017

National Representative, State Officers, Pink Sash family members, delegates and patrons all,

As I stand here and present to you my third Master's address, I reflect on the many things that have happened over this past year, and I struggled with what to say to you all. This year has had a lot of ups and downs for the Granges across New Hampshire. Personally, the past three months have been very difficult for me as the Master of the State Grange.

At the beginning of June, I was notified that a Grange was considering closing their doors for good, and they approached me about the process for closing their Grange. I went to meet with them on multiple occasions to explain to them the process, answer their questions about Grange property and what would happen if they decided to close. The members did put forth a valiant effort to get new members into their hall but, unfortunately, they were unable to rejuvenate interest in their community. On July 10th, they voted to close their Grange. This was a very sad day for me. I do not want to have any more Granges close.

Recently, another Grange decided they, too, were going to close. They did notify me of their intentions but without adequate notice of when they would be voting to close. Questions about the procedure for closing a Grange were never asked, and the Master decided that they knew what to do so no State Grange representation was present. This is not the correct way to perform this procedure and it is not acceptable. Unfortunately they closed their doors without the authorization of the State Master or the State Grange. If it were not for my compassion, sympathy and leniency they would not be closed.

We have had two Granges consolidate this past year. The first Grange did notify me and followed the process

laid out in the by-laws for consolidating. The second Grange was consolidated by authority of myself and the State Grange Executive committee. The Grange was struggling to meet the requirements and the action was the best thing for them.

Last month, I had to revoke the charters of three Granges for multiple reasons. One of those reasons was that they had made no attempt to communicate with the State Grange and continued to operate under their own rules. Another reason why these charters were revoked was because they were not holding regular meetings with a quorum present.

The by-laws of the National and State Granges are in place for a reason. For the past 150 years, these are the rules that we have been operating by. The rules are there for a reason and Granges need to follow them. I am happy to report that one of these Granges has had the revocation lifted and is currently working to become a Grange in good standing. I agreed to give them 12 months to work with the State Grange and come into compliance with the requirements of the by-laws. On a positive note, at their last meeting, I had the pleasure of obligating eight new members into this Grange. I am very hopeful that they will become successful in their community.

A second Grange, that had had its charter revoked, has filed for an appeal with the National Master and has been granted a stay in their revocation. The State Grange will be working with this Grange to come into compliance with the by-laws which caused the revocation in the first place. I have assigned a deputy and a state officer to work with them closely to ensure that they adhere to the by-laws and become a productive Grange in their community.

The third Grange had not met for over two years and had basically abandoned their hall. This Grange has now been officially closed, and I am in the process of collecting the Grange property and selling their hall. All of these actions are not what I wanted to do this year, and if I could have done anything to avoid them I would have.

Unfortunately, this is not the end of the consolidating, closing and revoking that has to happen in our State. There

are other Granges that are not following or adhering to the by-laws of the National and State Granges. I will do my best to work with these Granges to get them into compliance, but this takes the effort of the members of these Granges to get themselves back into compliance with the rules. The State Grange will make every effort to help and support all Granges.

Time and time again I hear members say that the problem is at the State Grange level. In fact the problem is not on a State level, it is on the community level. Granges need to realize that if there is a problem, they need to communicate it to the State Grange so that we can provide help and assistance.

You might ask yourselves, why did I start my address with all of this bad news? The reason is because we all need to know the truth about what is happening with the Granges across our state. Not all Granges are in this deteriorated condition and many are thriving. I have been saying, since I was elected to this position, every Grange needs to work on membership. My articles in the GSG have tried to reinforce this message. The membership column in the GSG also has affirmed the issue and offered help. Disappointingly, the membership committee has not had one single request for assistance this entire year.

This is very disturbing, especially when we review the membership totals for the year. Our membership numbers are headed in the wrong direction. Instead of staying steady or increasing, we are losing members. This is a trend that we need to reverse. We need to find new members to come and be a part of the Grange. We need to acquire new faces that will become familiar faces. We need to teach and mentor these new people in the workings of the Grange and give them the tools they need to keep the organization going.

The Grange in New Hampshire has lost its identity. We need to find it again and make it viable in this day and age. We need to be able to attract new members, young and old, and get them involved. The New Hampshire State Grange needs to establish this identity and provide the Granges with the tools and resources to make it relevant in the community. It is

time for the members of the State Grange to consider working with an outside source in hopes that once we have a plan of action, we can be successful. I recommend that the delegates task the State Executive Committee to find and work with a person whose job is to help companies establish a plan for Growth and Development.

We need to work with other agricultural based and civic oriented organizations to support the rural living that our state is famous for. More and more people are supporting local businesses and trying to live within the resources available locally. This is the exact movement that the Grange needs to be involved in. The Grange is the perfect place to get grass roots actions started, and we offer the perfect platform to bring these actions to the people.

I recommend that the State Grange consider spend some funds on advertising the Grange. This can be through television, magazines and newspapers. We need to dismiss the stigmas associated with our name. We need to show the public that we are not a secretive organization. We need to inform them that we are not just for farmers. We need to reestablish our power in grass roots activism. We need to become the force that we once were so many years ago.

I recommend that we offer incentives to our members for recruiting new members. These need to be real, tangible items that members want to strive for. They do not need to be exorbitant or lavish in nature but must be something that members will feel is worthy of their work and time spent recruiting new members. Money is always a good motivator, and I can think of no one who wouldn't mind having some extra cash in their pocket for a minimal amount of labor.

Granges should be aware that the National Master has ruled that members can attend meetings electronically. This is a good incentive for new members, who can not physically be at every meeting, to attend. Skype anyone? Conference call? This does not mean that you can have a meeting without a quorum of seven people physical present in the hall, but it does mean that everyone can have the opportunity to be included in the decision making

process on projects the Grange is working on and provide their input to the meeting..

Granges need to be reminded that the National Grange has instituted the Junior One Plus program. This is an opportunity to have young members join your Grange. It is a perfect opportunity to mentor and raise youngsters in the Grange. We have the opportunity to secure our future through this program. Once we have the Juniors involved, we have the opportunity to get the parents involved. It is very important that the Secretaries accurately report these Junior Members on the quarterly reports.

Granges, please remember to communicate with the State Grange. I have had quite a few members bring to my attention that they have not been receiving information from the State Grange. I ask them if they have changed their addresses or their officers to which they reply, "Yes." I then inform them that unless they tell the State Grange that this has happened, how then will we know where to send the information? The State Grange does send a reporting form for a reason. We use these lists to create the roster that is then given to every Grange. It is very important that this information is kept up to date.

I have been made aware of an issue of Granges struggling to find insurance. It appears that the policy that used to be available for Granges has been discontinued. This is partially because of the lack of Granges in the state and not enough revenue to keep this type of insurance available. This is not just a New Hampshire issue. Granges all over New England are experiencing this same dilemma. I am working on finding a more affordable liability insurance for Granges, but this is not an easy or speedy task. I recommend that the State Executive Committee work with an insurance agent to find out the feasibility of having an umbrella policy for all the Granges. This will relieve some of the pressure on our Granges.

In conclusion, the members of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry need to start doing something now to control the fate of our organization. Each and every one of us needs to put aside our petty differences and work together to grow our Grange, mentor each other and new members, promote the organization to every

and all people we come into contact with, and uplift each other in every aspect of our dealings. It is no longer about who did what or who is doing this or that. It is all about our love and dedication to the Grange that we all have. We all must make it our responsibility to ensure that our beloved Grange survives into the next century. All of us need to do our part. It is the responsibility of every member. Let's all reaffirm our title of Do'ers in the Grange. Let's help each other and show that brotherly and sisterly love that we are supposed to have towards each other. We must act now because if we go another year in the direction we're headed we may just cease to exist.

2018 Grange Family Weekend July 27 – 29

Bring your family, bring your friends and join us at the Gunstock Mountain Resort for a weekend of camping, fellowship and fun. Bring something to share for our potluck supper (followed by a campfire) on Saturday evening. Enjoy Bingo, Cribbage, Campground activities, and relaxation with your Grange friends.

Our group has a block of campsites reserved in the "Boardwalk" area. To make your reservation contact Bob Trombi (603-762-2971) or robert.trombi@gmail.com.

Campground Amenities

Gunstock is a full-service campground with an outdoor in-ground pool. The pool is open during the summer months and is handicap accessible. The campground has two bath houses with free hot showers and coin-operated laundry facilities. Campers can play in two play grounds, hike through the wetlands boardwalk, and fish in the pond. Kayaks, paddle boats, and mountain bikes are available for Gunstock guests to rent. In addition, there is a skateboard park, and a mini golf course located near the lodge. Miles of hiking and biking trails start right at your doorstep. Athletic equipment such as horseshoes and volleyballs are available for use.

Complete resort information is available online at: <http://www.gunstock.com/recreation/camping/>.

Sites are filling up fast!

Hope to see you there.



I think back to the year I was a Junior Deputy. I didn't realize that a new State Master had his staff pretty much appointed before he was elected and installed. I was shocked when Past State Master Alton Carpenter called me on the telephone one evening and asked me if I would accept a position as a Junior Deputy. I was so thrilled and ready for a challenge. Betty Cournoyer, who had been a Junior Deputy in the 1950's, was reappointed to serve for Virginia Hayes, who was appointed the new Junior Director. Betty would talk about the old times and how she did instructions and inspections. She also assisted me when I did installation of officers for the Junior Granges. I was pretty happy that I was able to memorize the Junior Grange Installation.

I will never forget the first time we marched in at State Grange. It was always the finale at State Session, following the Sixth Degree on Saturday night, to have the Deputies march in: General Deputy, Special Deputies, Pomona Deputies, Subordinate Deputies, and Junior Director followed by the Junior Deputies. Someone who was watching the line march said, "Straighten that line". I was the very last one in the line. I felt like the caboose.

In 1980, a resolution was presented to the delegates to change the election of State Officers from the odd years to the even years. This would give the delegates from New Hampshire to the National Grange a chance to meet the National Officers a year before they had to vote. Otherwise, the delegates would vote for National Officers within two weeks after being installed as State Master in New Hampshire. I was appointed State Junior Director by State Master Phil Shattuck. Being the first male Junior Superintendent/Director was a little scary, but I knew I could do it. I was allowed to ask members to be a Junior Deputy. I asked Betty Cournoyer if she would stay on. She said she would be very happy to. I wanted Jerry LeClerc to be a Junior Deputy. I didn't know Jerry at all, but I had seen him at Grange Family Weekend, and I knew his mother, Pauline Blais, who was serving as State Home Economics Director. Jerry was a contestant for State Prince at the State Session. However, when the new State Prince was announced, it was

not Jerry. I decided then I wanted him to serve.

Jerry became my right hand, and I relied on him for advice and more. Deanna Shattuck, the State Master's daughter, was added to the committee, Irene Chamberlain from Lebanon became a Junior deputy and Marylin Machia was my final Junior deputy. Each had their own district and it was a great team.

We had a Junior Grange Camp Weekend, and added the Junior Prince, Princess, Mini Prince, Mini Princess, Little Mr. Junior Granger, and Little Miss Junior Granger awards. We also had the Junior Master award and added Junior Steward, Junior Assistant Steward, Junior Lady Assistant Steward, and Junior Ceres recognition awards. I tried to offer the Juniors as much as the State Youth Committee was offering the Subordinate Grange Youth. I talked many hours with General Deputy Edward Pratt about the floor work and how I would like to have the Junior Grange do what the Subordinate Grange does. Through the 6 years I served as Junior Director, I asked Carol Fortune, Marjorie Hayes, Patricia Damour, and Elsie Gauthier to serve as Junior Deputies as some had to retire to do other areas of Grange work.

I can remember Kathy Yardley when she was trying for Junior Princess during Carolee's Barrett's term. I remember when Rachel Bailey was born and her parents brought her to Junior Camp in a stroller. Allana Barrett was also there as an infant. Jerry got married and along came Sarah Leclerc and Emile Leclerc. I will always remember Brian Twiss. Oh, how he kept everyone wondering what he was going to do next! Brian chased his poor sister Kathy around the hall with his hands in mud. He remembers that fun time today. I can remember Sandra Bokousky coming to the registration table. She gave her name and spelled her last name, and she was so cute. Anne Louise West became a Junior Grange member. Mary West was too young to join, but she would sit in the Flora's or Pomona's chair if they were absent. My days of serving as Junior Director were real good times in my life. Today, Joanne Brandt is doing a great job trying to build the Junior Program back up.



Our State Junior Grange is still growing and graduating. I was able to obligate two young boys at Rockingham Grange and have heard of others who now belong to different Granges due to the Plus 1 program. No communication is coming to me as to where our young people are now joining Granges. When adding children to your Granges, please drop me a note with their information so I can communicate our activities to you and them. We have currently 32 on the books, and I have six that will be graduating next year so we must keep up the good work of bringing in new Juniors.

My theme for 2018 is "Grow your Grange with the Plus 1 (+1)." These children will be our future Subordinate, Pomona and State officers, if we work with them and teach them more about the Grange. Make it fun for all young adults and children to have a part in our order.

I will be sending to all parents that I have on my list, the new Junior Grange Program. I hope that the delegates brought back to your Granges the packet of all department booklets to hand out to your Grange committees so you will be informed at each meeting of the contests and dates of activities you may take part in.

Our Junior Grangers made us proud at State Grange doing the Rose Drill for Flora, Lois Enman. We had a busy day with crafts, drill rehearsal and pizza party. Thanks to Norman, we had a movie to watch with our own ear phones connected to the movie and there was a silent room as no one could hear anything but the movie. Seventeen children practiced and followed the leader and then divided into two lines and ended up marching during the sixth degree to Lester Gibbs playing the music. Thank you to all the parents and others for the assistance given to me during the afternoon and evening drill.

Put February 2-3, 2018, on your calendars. The Farm and Forest Expo is at the Center of New Hampshire, and there

are many activities for adults and children to see and do. I know my children loved going as children, and now Laura comes from Rhode Island with her children to attend.

February 10 will be the Winter Fun Day with Juniors coming to Hooksett. Parents are welcome to come and join with the Youth or stay with the Juniors.

March 18 will be the Bowling at Lakeside Lanes. Last year we had 22 children bowl while adults bowled. We all had a good time and hope to see you again this year. I liked the Red T-shirts everyone wore, and it is fine to wear red again if you wish.

Remember that in the Junior Grange there is the Plus 1 Program. Your child belongs to Grange and invites another to come which is 1 Plus 1 equals 2 and go on from there. Soon you may have enough to have your own Junior Grange. You are under the New Hampshire State Junior Grange along with your Subordinate Grange. Your \$1.00 dues is to be paid to your Grange Secretary and she is to report it to the State Secretary in the quarterly report, paying 25 cents per quarter. I am willing to come to your Grange and obligate Juniors, if you give me a date and time to come. Feel free to call or email me with any questions about the Junior Grangers,

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**Junior Grange Participants
in the 2017 Rose Drill**
Natalie Brandt, Wingold Grange
Isabell Brandt, Wingold Grange
Madison Brandt, Wingold Grange
Bowen Brandt, Wingold Grange
Lily Ricker, Blazing Star Grange
Blaze MacMullen, Blazing Star Grange
Juliette Adams, Blazing Star Grange
David Klapyk, Blazing Star Grange
Adam Klapyk, Blazing Star Grange
Lisa Brailey, Blazing Star Grange
Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange
Cole Enman, Rochester Grange
Trevor Clark, Prentice Hill Grange
Seth Clark, Prentice Hill Grange
Rebecca Boisvert, Chichester Grange
Jacob Scanzani, Hudson Grange
**Tristan Gotauco, Rhode Island
Junior Granger**

Junior Grange Contest Winners 2017
Drawings
Isabell Brandt, Bird, Wingold Grange 1st
Isabell Brandt, Animals, Wingold Grange 3rd
Isabell Brandt, Rabbits, Wingold Grange 2nd
Isabell Brandt, Halloween, Wingold 1st

Collage Contest
Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange 3rd
Cole Enman, Rochester Grange 3rd
Lily Ricker, Blazing Star Grange 2nd
Madison Brandt, Wingold Grange 2nd
Trevor Clark, Prentice Hill Grange 2nd
Isabell Brandt, Wingold Grange 3rd
Rebecca Boisvert, Chichester Grange 1st
Ezri Kling, Blazing Star Grange 2nd
Blaze MacMullen, Blazing Star Grange 2nd

Something Recycled from Nothing
Cole Enman, Rochester Grange 1st
Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange 1st

Baking Contest – Cupcakes Decorated
Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange 1st
Cole Enman, Rochester Grange 2nd

Hedgehog Craft
Daniel Kling, Blazing Star Grange 2nd
Blaze MacMullen, Blazing Star Grange 2nd
Trevor Clark, Prentice Hill Grange, 1st

Snowman Craft
Rebecca Boisvert, Chichester Grange 1st
Trevor Clark, Prentice Hill Grange 1st
Blaze MacMullen, Blazing Star Grange 1st
Lily Ricker, Blazing Star Grange 1st

Snow Ruler
Juliette Adams, Blazing Star Grange 2nd
Ezri Kling, Blazing Star Grange 3rd
Trevor Clark, Prentice Hill Grange 1st
Lily Ricker, Blazing Star Grange 3rd
Seth Clark, Prentice Hill Grange 2nd

Big E Build a Boat that Floats
I sent the first and second place winners on to be judged at the Big E. I was pleased to hear that we had four of our six entries receive awards.

Ages 4 ½ to 7 Rebecca Boisvert received 1st and also 1st at the Big E; Mallory Enman 2nd Place and 2nd at the Big E

Age 8-11 Cole Enman 1st place and Isabell Brandt was 2nd place

Ages 12-14 Ava Twiss received 1st Place and 3rd Place at the Big E and Genevieve Twiss 1st place and 2nd place at the Big E.

Also participating were Blaze Macmullen, Lily Ricker, Ava Twiss, Daniel Kling, Madison Brandt and Bowen Brandt. Congratulations to all the winners!!





GRANGE YOUTH NEWS

Sarah Leclerc

In past years the Youth Committee of each Subordinate Grange held a fund raiser to make donations to support the State Grange and National Grange Youth funds. These fund raisers were often held on the Grange's Youth Night (a supper, a raffle), but they could be held any time (a yard sale, for example). As costs rise Youth Donations are more important than ever. Please consider supporting your Youth Funds this year.

Here is a list of Funds to which donations may be made. The Youth appreciate your support.

State Grange Youth Fund

This fund supports programs, contests, and awards at the State Grange level. Checks should be made to NH State Grange Youth Committee (note- Youth Fund) and sent to the State Youth Director.

Sarah Leclerc

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Randall Richardson Memorial Fund

This fund supports travel by State Youth representatives to Regional and National Grange events. Checks should be made to NH State Grange (note-RRMF) and sent to the State Youth Director.

Jodi Bailey Youth Fund

This fund supports Youth attendance at State and Regional events (helps with attendance fees and housing costs). Checks should be made to NH State Grange Youth Committee (note JBYF) and sent to the State Youth Director.

National Grange Youth Leadership Fund

This fund supports travel and programming for National and Regional Youth events. Checks should be made to National Grange (note: youth leadership) and sent to:

The National Grange
1616 H St. NW,
Washington, DC 20006

State Lecturer's Contest Winners 2017

Create A Card

Class A: Baby

Category I: Hand Made

1st Beth Merrill Antrim
2nd Ida Hutchins Baker's River
3rd Nadine Jordan Baker's River

Category II: Computer Generated

1st Claire Gagnon Hudson
2nd Beth Merrill Antrim
3rd Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

Category III: Hand Stamped

1st Beth Merrill Antrim
2nd Nadine Jordan Baker's River
3rd Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

Class B: Halloween

Category 1: Hand Made

1st Nadine Jordan Baker's River
2nd Beth Merrill Antrim
3rd Linda Phelps Baker's River

Category II: Computer Generated

1st Beth Merrill Antrim
2nd Claire Gagnon Hudson
3rd Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

Category III: Hand Stamped

1st Kathy Yardley Walpole
2nd Mary West Chichester
3rd Emilie Leclerc Hudson

Class C: Anniversary

Category 1: Hand Made

1st Lois Enman Rochester
2nd Sherrill Bokousky Watatic
3rd Ida Hutchins Baker's River

Category II: Computer Generated

1st Claire Gagnon Hudson
2nd Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

Category III: Hand Stamped

1st Beth Merrill Antrim
2nd Doris Mitton Riverside
3rd Nadine Jordan Baker's River

Junior Division - Age 5-9

Class A: Baby

1st Alayna Twiss Watatic

Class B: Halloween

1st Seth Clark Golden Rod
2nd Isabell Brandt Wingold
3rd Trevor Clark Golden Rod
HM Alayna Twiss Watatic

Junior Division - Age 10-14

Class A: Baby

1st Ava Twiss Watatic
2nd Genevieve Twiss Watatic

Class B: Halloween

1st Genevieve Twiss Watatic
2nd Ava Twiss Watatic

Class C: Anniversary

1st Ava Twiss Watatic

"Organizing is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it is not all mixed up." A.A. Milne 1882-1956

Creative Writing

Category 1: Poetry Haiku

Class A: Family

1st Judy Bailey Rochester
2nd Lois Enman Rochester
3rd Beth Merrill Antrim

Category II: Tell the Story

"Memories From My School Days"

1st Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

Category III: Read the Book

1st Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

Photo Contest

Division I: Subordinate Members

Category A: Covered Bridges

1st Carol Hill Rockingham
2nd Laura Gotauco Wingold

Category B: Flowers

1st Beth Merrill Antrim
2nd Carol Hill Rockingham
3rd Laura Gotauco Wingold

Category C: Family

1st Stephanie Rowell Rockingham
2nd Laura Gotauco Wingold
3rd Beth Merrill Antrim

Category D: Four Seasons

1st Lois Enman Rochester
2nd Claire Gagnon Hudson

Art Contest

Category A: Oils & Acrylics

1st Page Beckert Wingold

Category B: Watercolors

1st Elizabeth Congdon Walpole
2nd Cam Twiss Watatic

Category C: Charcoal, Pastels, Pencil

1st Elizabeth Congdon Walpole

Category D: Multi/Mixed Media

1st Beth Merrill Antrim
2nd Elizabeth Congdon Walpole

Category E: Coloring

1st Robert Trombi Walpole
2nd Marion Woodworth Rochester
3rd Joann Brandt Wingold

More Agriculture Thoughts

by Norman Brandt

I sold my last goat right before State session, so now I'm converting the goat barn into a pig barn. The piglets are in their new pen, and now I'm chipping away at finishing pens for the other two. Then I will start picking a bottled boar for breeding the gilt my niece caught at Stratham Fair and showed at Deerfield.

I have dug my dahlia roots and put them in for storage for the winter to get them ready for next year's flowers.

As we enjoy our winter, remember there is always hope as the ground thaws and the specter rises to meet the morning sky.



Agriculture Department

Norman Brandt, Director

Thankfully, I was able to get the Ag awards out this year at State Session. Thank you again for suggesting such deserving people for these awards this year.

Once again I have put together an Agriculture Program that should be passed out to each Grange and then to each Ag rep from your Grange. It lists programs that the NH Ag Department is willing to come and try to put on for your Grange. If you don't see something that you want, please feel free to email me Fishbrandt@yahoo.com with things your Grange may wish to put on, and I will see what I can find. Also, in the booklet you will find the last pages full of Applications for nominating farms/people/organizations for different awards. The sooner I can get a farm suggested the sooner I can start working on recognizing them.

I've been talking to some farmers that may be willing to allow the NH State Grange to put on some Pruning Classes at their farm this late winter or in early spring. Watch for an email when I get dates. The largest problem with trying to set up one of these programs is weather and access, so we will only have 1-2 weeks notice, but I'm thinking a fruit tree one in the Concord area, and possibly a winery in the south eastern part of the state.

I'll give you a little update on things going on with me here. To start off with we had that nice wind storm. Well, for me it flipped one of the metal roof panels I had installed on the garage roof. So one of the Saturdays after State Session my mom and I went up on the roof to flip and finish the roofing project. After getting the last full panel up, that left me about 3" short of finishing the job.

I cut a panel to finish the last bit needed and figured that I needed to put in two screws to temporarily tack it until I could get down, pass up the cap, install the cap, and then finish tacking the last of the metal roofing down. I got the first

screw in just fine but was having trouble getting the second one lined up, so I ventured out on the steel slope, sat down, and started lining up the screw. It was about this time that my Mom started noticing something was going wrong, as I was saying, "Oh no, not good, stop, stop, no stop, oh please stop," and I vanished from the roof-top, taking the 10.5 foot drop.

Then I heard, "Are you all right?"

I assessed my situation and said, "Yep, just need to get my shoe out of the ground." It had sunk in about 4 inches before it ejected my foot as I hit the ground.

I stood up and passed up the ridge cap panels, went back up, got the second screw about 1 foot down from the first, and installed the ridge cap. I will say around 8 o'clock that night I started feeling pains most likely caused by a 10 foot fall, but maybe it's just me getting older. Lesson to this story: There may be a reason you should tie yourself off when working on a roof.

The following Monday, my brother stopped by the house to drop off some bread for his pigs, and he called me at work to ask some questions. During that conversation I mentioned that there was a farmer in Rochester that had some Hampshire piglets that looked good. They might be good for his daughters to show at next year's fairs, and I was thinking of going and taking a look after work that day. The Farmer only wanted \$35 a piglet.

About half an hour later I got another call from Lawrence saying, "Hey, I was wondering can I get that phone number? Would you mind if I go up there and look at them before you do?"

I gave him the number and said, "Let me know what you think of the piglets, because I won't bother going if you don't think it is worth it," and that was the last he called me that day.

But, when I went out to the truck to see if the Farmer was willing to allow me to come up and look at the pigs, I saw I had a text message from my brother, "I bought two can you pick them up when you go look at them?" So, I started driving up to Rochester to at least pick up his two piglets.

I got there right as the sun gave me a good night wave and met up with the farmers. It turned out they used to work

the Rochester Fair and their Farm was started around 1759, if I remember right. I went over and picked up my brother's two pigs and found two that I liked so I picked them up. It came to \$140. Then I remembered that if you got 5 or more they were \$25 each, so I picked out one more, making it \$125 for the five. We loaded them up in the back of my pick-up and I started home.

Getting home around 8 p.m., I found out my brother hadn't prepped a pen for them. That left me in a dark field with a pig pen missing one metal panel. I started putting the panel up so I could unload the truck. As I lifted the panel I found that a sheet of plywood was in the way so I grabbed the plywood and worked on tossing it over my head.

As I tossed the panel I found that the panel had lots and lots of staples in it. (It had come from a shipping container.) One of the staples found the center of my hand and dug right in. It plowed right through my palm and exited nice and close to my wrist. Taking a quick look and seeing lots of things that most people short of a medical degree don't normally get to see, I quickly wrapped it with my jacket and kept lots of pressure to slow down the blood flow. I lifted up the panel with my other hand and got it locked in. Then I went and put the piglets in their new home.

I walked back to the house and unwrapped my hand, went into the bathroom, and grabbed the Iodine. I gave it a good splash right into my hand and started scrubbing the cut nice and clean. I squeezed it shut and dried it off. Reaching into my pocket, I pulled out a roll of electrical tape and pulled a bit off. I pulled out some anti-bacterial cream from the medical cabinet, put a small line down the cut and applied the electrical tape to keep the cut held together. I looked around for some of my vet wrap to get a nice bandage on it and remembered that it was in the camper. Instead of going up to the camper to move all the new bread my brother had delivered earlier that day, I just grabbed some ace bandage and wrapped it for the night. Next morning I went to Tractor Supply and picked up a four-pack of vet wrap. A week later that cut had all healed over.

Grange Bulletin Board

Londonderry Grange #44

We appreciate the generous thank-you donation from The Londonderry High School Track Team of \$50.00 for sharing our electricity for the race clock at Old Home Days.

Our electronics recycling fundraiser was a success. Thank you to all our generous patrons and the scouts from Troop 521 who helped out, as well as our partners Eric, Anthony, Logan and Connor from Recycle USA. Please look for us again in the spring. Part of the proceeds paid for the repairs to the flashing around our chimney. Doran and Rick from Derry Roofing did a super and very timely job on this badly needed work.

Your generous support allows us to offer our hall for use seasonally (between April 1st and October 31st) for a nominal donation. For information about using the Hall for your next family gathering, baby or wedding shower, Eagle Court ceremony, or graduation party, please call Cherylann 603-437-5413. Also check out our Facebook Page (Londonderry Grange #44).

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org



In Memoriam

Nellie Mitchell	Chichester
Patricia Cutter	Concord
Cecil White	Concord
Larry Kontos	Concord
Alice Millard	Crown Point
Jeanette Huckins	Harmony
Anne Shaver	Hudson
Gladys Severance	Londonderry
Alice Dickonson	Londonderry
Richard Dickonson	Londonderry
Kay MacLeary	Meriden
Sylvia Matta	Pembroke
Marshall Putman	Prentice Hill
Charlotte Coffin	Rockingham
Eunice Illsley	Rockingham
Bonnie Brogles	Wingold

[Helen Murray, reported on the September In Memoriam, was a long time member of Riverhill Grange.]

The State Lecturer is planning on holding a Lecturer's workshop in April. If anyone has any suggestions for topics they would like to see covered, please contact Jane Trombi. More details will be available closer to the event.

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in March, 2018. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before February 7, 2018. Report on events of December and January. Look ahead to events of March, April, and May.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who helped to bring Flora's Court together this session. I want to thank Sister Joann Brandt and Gloria Davis for their work with `our' Juniors during the day and for the Rose Drill. Your hard work is appreciated.

Also, a big Thank You to the parents and grandparents for seeing that their Juniors were able to come to session.

Fraternally,
Lois L. Enman, Flora

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