

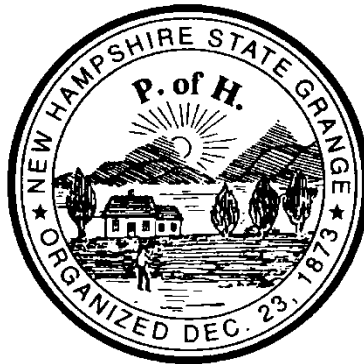
PROCEEDINGS

of the

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL SESSION

**NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE GRANGE**

Of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry



Held in

Gorham, NH

October 27, 28 and 29, 2011

Carolyn J. Ross, Secretary

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STATE GRANGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Organized December 23, 1873
Incorporated July 2, 1875

ROLL OF HONOR PAST MASTERS

1873	Dudley T. Chase*	Claremont
1879	George A. Wason*	New Boston
1883	William H. Stinson*	Goffstown
1886	Charles McDaniels*	Springfield
1891	Nahum J. Batchelder*	East Andover
1903	Herbert O. Hadley*	Peterborough
1909	Richard Pattee*	Laconia
1913	Wesley Adams*	Londonderry
1917	Fred A. Rogers*	Meriden
1921	Herbert N. Sawyer*	Atkinson
1925	James C. Farmer*	Keene
1929	John A. Hammons*	Gilford
1933	Arthur W. McDaniel*	East Barrington
1937	William J. Neal*	Meredith
1943	Charles A. Rollins*	West Alton
1947	Charles R. Eastman*	Kensington
1953	J. Thornton Tripp*	Rochester
1955	George F. Clement*	Landaff
1959	Asa H. Morgan*	Bow
1963	Carl S. Adams	Lebanon
1967	John L. Saturley	Chichester
1971	E. Norris Hall*	Nashua
1975	Alton F. Carpenter*	Canaan, VT
1977	B. Franklin Hayes	East Rochester
1980	Philip A. Shattuck*	Brookline
1984	Everett H. Poore*	Littleton
1988	Philip J. Estes*	Rochester
1990	Paul W. Davis, Sr. †	Loudon
1994	Richard W. Patten †	Concord
1998	Daniel P. Bascom †	Rochester
2002	John H. West*	Chichester
2006	Beth Merrill †	Antrim

* Deceased

† Present during Session

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE OF THE ORDER OF THE PATRONS OF
HUSBANDRY
TOWN & COUNTRY MOTEL, GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Thursday, October 27, 2011

The New Hampshire State Grange Officers marched in to officially open the 138th Annual Session at 7:05 p.m.

State Master Jim Tetreault called the session to order with the Grange opening in the Sixth Degree.

Roll call of officers found Wilber Heath, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Richard Patten, State Historian absent. Wilber Heath arrived during a later recess.

The Grange was then lowered to the Fourth Degree.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

State Master Jim Tetreault introduced Bruce Croucher, Priest Annalist, Assembly of Demeter and his wife, Sharon who is Lecturer of the NY State Grange. The Crouchers' were escorted to the Master's Station and each spoke briefly.

State Master Jim Tetreault called a brief recess to prepare for the Memorial Service.

The Grange was called back to order with the gates closed.

State Chaplain Matt Clark conducted the Memorial Service.

Memorial Service 2011

Poem:

Honor Our Military

Let's honor our military,
the men and women who serve,
whose dedication to our country
does not falter, halt or swerve.
Let's respect them for their courage;
they're ready to do what's right
to keep America safe,
so we can sleep better at night.
Let's support and defend our soldiers,
whose hardships are brutal and cruel,
whose discipline we can't imagine,
who follow each order and rule.
Here's to those who choose to be warriors
And their helpers good and true;
They're fighting for American values;
They're fighting for me and you.

By Joanna Fuchs

Brothers and sisters as we gather here tonight to remember our fellow laborers who have gone on to the Great Grange above let us first stop to honor and remember those who have served and are currently serving in our military. The men and women of the army, navy,

air force, coast guard, and marines, who are fighting for our freedom on foreign soil. Let us also remember those who are fighting for our freedom on our home soil. The men and women of our local, county, and state police forces, DEA, ATF, FBI and homeland security agents, as well as our local firefighters and EMS personnel as they are the first to respond here at home and put their lives on the line every day. Let us remember that "All gave some and some gave all." Let us pause for a moment of silence for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Prayer for our country.

Song – "America the Beautiful"

Compassionate, dedicated, loyal, kind, honest, friend, these are just a few words I use to describe a man who loved the Grange, and his family. A man who served the Grange for 50 years, Thomas F. Severance elected in 2007 to the office of High Priest of Demeter lost his battle with cancer on May 15, 2011. Tom was a dear friend to many of us in this Grange family. You could see Tom serving lobster rolls at the Massachusetts State Grange booth in the Massachusetts building at the Big E, attending New England Go to Church Sunday, and at most every Grange event in the northeast.

Poem -

Letting Go

God saw you getting tired. When a cure was not to be,
He closed his arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me".
In tears we saw you sinking. We watched you fade away.
Our hearts were almost broken you fought so hard to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping so peacefully free from pain,
we could not wish you back to suffer so again.
So keep your arms around him Lord, and give him special care.
Make up for all he suffered and all that seemed unfair.

Let us pause for a moment to reflect on our memories of Tom.

Play "Amazing Grace" – Bruce Croucher and Dan Bascom place yellow rose on altar.

Now brothers and sisters let us reflect and remember those who have finished their labors, laid down their implements here on earth, entered that paradise not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and received their welcomed plaudit "Well done, good and faithful servant." Have you ever wondered what your loved ones would say if they could write a letter to you? Maybe it would go something like this:

Poem -

Letter from Heaven

To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say
but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.
I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.
Here, are not more tears of sadness; Here is just eternal love.

Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight.
Remember that I am with you every morning, noon, and night.
That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through.
God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you.

It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.
As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.
I need you here badly you're part of my plan.
There's so much that I have to do, to help our mortal man"

God gave me a list of things that he wished for me to do.
And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.
And when you lie in bed at night the day's chores put to flight.
God and I are closest to you . . . in the middle of the night.

When you think of my life on earth and all those loving years,
because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.
But do not be afraid to cry: it does relieve the pain.
Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.

I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.
If I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.
But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is over,
I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before.

There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;
but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.
It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too,
that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.

If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,
Then you can say to God at night . . . "My day was not in vain."
And now I am contented . . . that my life was worthwhile.
Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile.

So, if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low,
just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go.
When you're walking down the street and you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.

And when it's time for you to go . . . from that body to be free,
Remember you're not going . . . you're coming here to me.

When we lose a loved one many emotions overcome us; such as sadness, regret, loneliness, frustration, maybe happiness because they are no longer suffering, and many others. There is one more emotion you may have thought of, I know I have, and that is jealousy. Why? Our loved ones are in a better place, where there is no more pain, suffering, tears, no fighting or warring, no illnesses, no trials this life here on earth sends our way. They

are living in peace, walking on streets of gold, living in their own mansion. Even though we cannot go with them, let the words of Psalm 23 be our comfort.

Read – Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Song – “Mansion over the Hilltop”

Poem - Light a Candle

Light a candle for those we mourn.
Into a new life they will be born.
Do not look for them at the gravesite.
They are somewhere else radiating their beautiful light.
They have gone to a new world where there is no darkness, no pain.
Their light and essence will always remain.
Light a candle for those who have left this mortal place.
They are free to travel through time and space.
When we think of them, they are near.
When we sit in a beautiful garden, their voices we hear.
When we listen to a divine symphony,
We close our eyes, their faces we see.
Light a candle for they have not really gone.
With each flickering flame, in your hearts they will always belong.
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Worthy Secretary please read the roll of those who have finished their labors here on earth and are now at work in the Great Grange Above.

Roll Call

Pembroke #111	Doris Saturley	Spouse of Past State Master John Saturley, Assembly of Demeter and Past State Ceres
Hooksett #148	Rita Morgan	Spouse of Past Master Asa Morgan, Assembly of Demeter and Past State Ceres
Squam Lake #258	Noreen Crawford	Past State Pianist, Past Education Director, Past Resolutions Comm., Past Master Squam Lake #258

		And Past Master Pemigewasset Valley Pomona #18
Warren Pond #47	Winfred Campbell	Past General Deputy, Past Master Warren Pond #47 And Past Master Cold River Valley Pomona #24
Ocean Side #260	Laura G. Eld	Past HEC, Past Contact Comm., Master Ocean Side #260
Stratford #238	Edna Fuller	Past HEC, Spouse of Past Master Darwin Fuller Stratford #238 and Upper Coos Pomona #14
Wattannick #327	Abbott Rice Sr.	Past State Legislative Comm., and Past Master Wattannick #327
Brookline/Wilton #211	Donald Barnaby	Past Master Brookline #211
Cocheco #81	Murray Jenness	Past Master Cocheco #81
Daniel Webster #100	Helena Egounis	Spouse of Past Master Constantine Egounis Ezekiel Webster #94
Dorchester #280	Henry Melanson	Past Master Dorchester #280
Gilman #1	Myrtle Kreger	Past Master Gilman #1 and East Rockingham Pomona #11
Halloween #317	Barbara Blackmer	Spouse of Past Master Lawrence Blackmer Halloween #317
Hampton Falls #171	Dorothy Boyd	Past Master Goodwill #275
Hampton Falls #171	Ruth Cartier	Spouse of Past Master James Cartier Hampton Falls #171
Hampton Falls #171	Blanche Pevear	Past Master Hampton Falls #171
Jeremiah Smith #161	Marion Smart	Past Master Scammell #122
Joe English #53	Phyllis Byam	Spouse of Past Master Donald Byam Greenfield Grange
Pineconia #322	Carl Greeley	Spouse of Past Master Beverly Greeley Pineconia #322
Pineconia #322	Wilfred Ives	Past Master Loudon Surprise Grange and Bow Grange
Reunion #303	Helen Abbott	Past Master Reunion #303

Sunapee Lake #112	Blanche Royce	Past Master Sutton Grange and Warner Grange
Wattannick #327	Mildred Plynkosky	Past Master Wattannick #327
Wingold #308	Doris Currier	Spouse of Past Master Jewell Currier Fidelity #300 And East Rockingham Pomona #11
Wingold #308	David McLean	Past Master Wingold #308
Winthrop #315	Florence Peabody	Past Master Winthrop #315

The State Flora then added a carnation in memory of all Patrons of Husbandry who passed away this year.

Song – “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

After the conclusion of the Memorial Service, State Treasurer Gail Turcotte was called upon to give her report.

Treasurer’s Annual Report

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Associate State Officers, Members of the Pink Sash Family, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters:

I am pleased to bring you my fourth report as State Treasurer. I will not give you complete details of our finances, as those will be printed in the Journal. These are some highlights of our past year that I would like to share with you now.

Sherrill Bokousky and the members of her fundraising team have been very busy throughout the year and I would like to thank them for all their efforts. Fundraising remains an important goal for this administration but unfortunately we were not able to meet our income and expense guidelines as set forth in the budget approved last year. Legal counsel for ongoing matters plus advice from our accountants significantly increased both of those line items and we had to withdraw principal twice during the year to cover our operating expenses.

Anne and Marty Boisvert continue to manage our building in Hooksett and they perform as much maintenance work themselves as possible to help control costs. Thank you Anne and Marty for your efforts.

Our invested funds remain with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and after our annual review with our financial advisor John Habig, Don Ross and I recommended to the Executive Committee that we continue with our present investment and spending policy. Our investment plan currently allocates 60 % to equities, 38% to fixed income and 2% to cash and equivalents with combined goals of growth and income.

We continue to carry the value of the State Grange Building at the purchase price of \$87,500.00. Our Account Receivable is at \$1,180.00 with one loan payment of \$100 received during the year. Thank you to Wicwas Lake for that loan payment.

A quick review of the special funds shows that the Treasurer of the Education Loan Fund for the second year in a row has paid the scholarships from their checking account by using the donations, interest paid, repayment of loans and memorial gifts received. This allowed us to reinvest the income earned on the investment account into principal.

The Randall Richardson Memorial Youth Fund has not received as many donations as in past years and travel and meal costs to attend National Session continue to rise. A special appeal is currently being made for assistance with this year's expenses. Additional donations are still being accepted from both individual members and from Granges. The NH State Grange Executive Committee also voted to authorize the withdrawal of principal to assist the youth to attend National Session in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

We opened a new Defunct Grange account when the former Starr King Grange hall in Jefferson was sold in late spring. The NH State Grange Executive Committee also agreed to hold and invest the Northeast Connection funds until National Session is held here in NH in 2013. These funds are now invested in an account with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney until needed.

Fiscal year 2010 is the third year that all Subordinate and Pomona Granges are required to file the 990-N report with the Internal Revenue Service. Filing this report is an annual requirement with each year's report due to the IRS by February 15. I do have some of the 2010 paper version 990-EZ forms available for those few Granges that are unable to file electronically. One change to the 990-N report this year is the amount of money earned. It has been raised from \$25,000 to \$50,000. So if your Grange has less than \$50,000 income you may file the 990-N report. The receipt you print upon completion of filing has also changed slightly.

I would like to thank Don Ross and Beth Merrill, finance committee members for assisting me during this past year. Don continues to attend meetings with our financial advisor and both Beth and Don offer advice whenever called upon.

A large thank you also to Carolyn Ross, State Secretary for continuing to handle her part of our shared financial duties in a timely and efficient manner. We have not paid any late fees or service charges in the past three years thanks to her efficiency. Carolyn continues to use discount coupons from Staples that result in significant savings to the NH State Grange.

Fraternally submitted,
Gail M. Turcotte, Treasurer
New Hampshire State Grange

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2010	TD Banknorth Checking Account	5,254.94
	Income- Exhibit B	90,750.00
	Expense- Exhibit C	-91,420.87
September 30, 2011	Balance	4,584.07

Accounts Receivable

October 1, 2010	Balance	1,280.00
	Payment on loans	-100.00
September 30, 2011	Balance	1,180.00

State Grange Building Hooksett

October 1, 2010	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2011	Purchase Price	87,500.00

Former Contoocook Grange Hall

March 3, 2011		233,100.00
September 30, 2011		233,100.00

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
SUPPLY DEPARTMENT CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2010	TD Bank Checking Account	105.25
	Income	1,255.33
	Expenses	-840.24
September 30, 2011	Balance	520.34

**EXHIBIT B
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
Income**

Investments

Operating Account Income	5,157.59
Withdrawals from Principal	*15,000.00
Defunct Granges Income	1,113.20

Other Income

Accounts Receivable	100.00
Bonding Fees Subordinate & Pomona	2,296.00
Donations	20.00
Dues & Fees	43,897.10
Eastern States/Blueberry Pie	1,100.00
National Grange Session Assessment	2,267.00
NE Connection Assessment	769.00
Operations	
Fund Raising	3,480.76
<i>Granite State Granger</i> Donations	735.00
State Grange Building Use	2,950.00
State Session	4,419.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	56.00
Sixth Degree Fees	160.00
Spring Fling	320.00
State Grange Building Fund Donations	160.00
Supply Department	747.58
Education Loan Fund	100.00
Contoocook Grange Treasury	126.82
Legal Fees reimbursed	366.20
Starr King Grange Hall	14,576.00
State Grange Other Building Insurance	733.00
Uncashed deputy check/voided	100.00

Total Income ***90,750.00**

*\$10,000 withdrawal of principal was direct transfer from operating fund to new Defunct account.

Exhibit C
NH State Grange
Expenses 2010-2011

Date	Paid to	Account Charged	Chec k #	Amount
10/9/10	James Tetreault	Membership Training	1540	399.99
10/13/10	Hooksett Sewer Comm	State Grange Building	1541	53.00
10/13/10	Statewide Fire Extinguisher	State Grange Building	1542	25.00
10/17/10	NH State Grange Supply Dept	Supply Department	1543	6.00
10/17/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1544	32.12
10/21/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1545	108.88
10/25/10	NH State Grange Supply Dept	Supply Department	1546	13.00
10/30/10	Echo Farm	State Session	1547	135.00
10/30/10	Kim Bascom	State Session	1548	114.30
10/30/10	Kathy Yardley	State Session	1549	21.88
10/30/10	Best Western Sovereign Hotel	State Session	1550	3,129.54
10/30/10	Best Western Sovereign Hotel	State Session	1551	1,438.68
10/31/10	Vicki Huff	State Session	1552	50.00
11/05/10	Business Card	Session/Print/Post/Sup	1553	552.58
11/03/10	Beth Merrill	Master's Expenses	1554	333.50
11/05/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1555	120.00
11/05/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1556	24.11
11/05/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1557	13.29
11/05/10	Hooksett Vlg Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1558	30.60
11/05/10	Orkin	State Grange Building	1559	125.00
11/06/10	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1560	642.44
11/11/10	Leone, McDonnell & Roberts	Income Tax Preparation	1561	480.00
11/17/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1562	32.06
11/19/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1563	89.76
11/19/10	NH St Grange Membership Com	Department Expenses	1564	342.89
11/20/10	National Grange	Sixth Degree Fees	1565	40.00
11/28/10	National Grange	Dues- National Grange	1566	4,332.00
11/30/10	The Post and Courier	Legal Expenses	1567	1,060.33
12/02/10	Family & Community Dept	Department Expenses	1568	315.00
12/02/10	Grange Services Dept	Department Expenses	1569	70.00
12/02/10	Lecturer's Dept	Department Expenses	1570	385.00
12/02/10	Legislative Dept	Department Expenses	1571	315.00
12/02/10	Trust Funds	Department Expenses	1572	70.00
12/02/10	Youth Department	Department Expenses	1573	450.00
12/02/10	Publicist	Publicist	1574	50.00
12/02/10	James Tetreault	Master's Expenses	1575	666.50
12/02/10	Carolyn J Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1576	650.00
12/02/10	Gail M Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	1577	500.00
12/04/10	Business Card	P/P/S,St Sess,Sup Dept.	1578	1,112.03
12/04/10	Carolyn J Ross	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1579	64.97
12/04/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1580	13.29
12/04/10	Gail M Turcotte	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1581	109.87
12/04/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1582	120.00
12/15/10	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1583	536.26
12/20/10	Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1584	256.32
12/20/10	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1585	32.09
12/20/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1586	106.04

12/20/10	Leone, McDonnell & Roberts	Income Tax Preparation	1587	1,270.00
12/30/10	Shaker Regional School District	Spring Fling	1588	100.00
12/30/10	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1589	13.29
12/30/10	Business Card	Printing/Supplies/Supply Dept.	1590	941.63
12/30/10	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1591	50.00
12/31/10	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1592	120.00
01/10/11	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1593	825.61
01/14/11	Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1594	311.22
01/14/11	Leone, McDonnell & Roberts	Income Tax Preparation	1595	1,639.00
01/21/11	Hooksett Sewer Comm	State Grange Building	1596	64.20
01/21/11	Education Loan Fund	Education Loan Fund	1597	100.00
01/25/11	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1598	50.00
01/25/11	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1599	116.15
01/25/11	Hooksett Vlg Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1600	53.00
01/25/11	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1601	32.14
01/25/11	NH State Grange Supply Dept	Supply Department	1602	4.50
01/27/11	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1603	100.00
02/02/11	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1604	100.00
02/02/11	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1605	13.29
02/02/11	NH State Grange Supply Dept	Supply Department	1606	17.50
02/02/11	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1607	409.89
02/02/11	NH Fire Academy	Leader's School- December	1608	100.00
02/03/11	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1609	100.00
02/03/11	M.S.A. Group	State Grange Insurance	1610	2,243.00
02/03/11	Carolyn J Ross	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1611	39.52
02/08/11	Orkin	State Grange Building	1612	125.00
02/09/11	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1613	120.00
02/11/11	Leone, McDonnell & Roberts	Income Tax Preparation	1614	350.00
02/11/11	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1615	690.34
02/11/11	National Grange	Bonding State,Sub,Pom	1616	2,443.00
02/15/11	Marie Hall	Legal Expenses	1617	27.00
02/15/11	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1618	100.00
02/15/11	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1619	50.00
02/20/11	National Grange	Dues- National Grange	1620	4,248.00
02/23/11	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1621	87.35
02/23/11	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1622	32.26
02/23/11	Barton Insurance Agency Inc.	State Grange Other Building	1623	678.00
02/25/11	Harlan Clarke	Printing/Postage/Supplies	ACH	28.48
03/02/11	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1624	13.29
03/05/11	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1625	258.66
03/05/11	Jean Abbott	Legal Expenses	1626	27.00
03/08/11	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1627	100.00
03/08/11	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1628	60.00
03/08/11	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1629	4.23
03/11/11	Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1630	311.22
03/11/11	Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1631	308.04
03/11/11	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1632	1,345.04
03/15/11	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1633	32.26
03/17/11	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1634	96.13
03/17/11	James Tetreault	Master's Expenses	1635	1,000.00
03/17/11	Carolyn J Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1636	650.00
03/17/11	Gail M Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	1637	500.00

03/17/11	Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building	1638	102.37
03/26/11	Business Card	P/P/S, Sup Dept.	1639	865.33
03/28/11	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1640	13.29
03/28/11	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1641	120.00
04/05/11	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1642	733.32
04/17/11	Hooksett Sewer Comm	State Grange Building	1643	81.00
04/17/11	Shaker Regional School District	Spring Fling	1644	225.00
04/17/11	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1645	32.25
04/21/11	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1646	109.51
04/21/11	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1647	60.39
04/22/11	Hooksett Vlg Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1648	25.00
04/25/11	Coos Cty Reg of Deeds	Legal Expenses	1649	12.00
04/25/11	Grafton Cty Reg of Deeds	Legal Expenses	1650	12.00
04/25/11	Carroll Cty Reg of Deeds	Legal Expenses	1651	12.44
04/25/11	Belknap Cty Reg of Deeds	Legal Expenses	1652	12.00
04/25/11		Void	1653	0.00
04/25/11		Void	1654	0.00
04/25/11	Strafford Cty Reg of Deeds	Legal Expenses	1655	12.00
04/25/11	Cheshire Cty Reg of Deeds	Legal Expenses	1656	12.00
04/25/11		Void	1657	0.00
04/25/11		Void	1658	0.00
04/25/11	H.R. Clough	State Grange Other Building	1659	2,000.00
04/28/11	M.S.A. Group	State Grange Other Building	1660	810.00
04/29/11	Business Card	P/P/S, Sup Dept.	1661	405.35
04/29/11	Orkin	State Grange Building	1662	125.00
04/29/11	Hillsborough Cty Reg of Deeds	Legal Expenses	1663	12.00
04/29/11	Merrimack Cty Reg of Deeds	Legal Expenses	1664	12.00
04/29/11	Rockingham Cty Reg of Deeds	Legal Expenses	1665	12.44
04/29/11	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1666	13.47
04/30/11	Sullivan Cty Reg of Deeds	Legal Expenses	1667	12.00
04/30/11	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1668	120.00
04/30/11	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1669	45.18
5/4/2011	Postmaster Epsom	Bulk Mail Permit	1670	190.00
5/9/2011	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1671	466.62
5/9/2011	H.R. Clough	State Grange Other Building	1672	2,000.00
5/17/2011	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1673	32.22
5/17/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1674	109.62
5/17/2011	Donald R Ross	State Grange Other Building	1675	299.00
5/17/2011	Peter H Estabrooks	State Grange Other Building	1676	100.00
5/23/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1677	14.55
5/27/2011	National Grange	Dues- National Grange	1678	4,194.00
6/6/2011	Business Card	P/P/S, Sup Dept.	1679	146.65
6/3/2011	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1680	120.00
6/5/2011	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1681	656.23
6/5/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1682	13.47
6/6/2011	State of NH-Criminal Records	Legal Expenses	1683	25.00
6/6/2011	National Grange	Operations	1684	258.60
6/6/2011	Youth Department	Operations	1685	20.00
6/6/2011	Legislative Dept	Operations	1686	20.00
6/6/2011	Dictionary Project	Operations	1687	72.50
6/6/2011	NH St Grange Membership Com	Operations	1688	78.33
6/6/2011	Trust Funds	Operations	1689	46.00

6/6/2011	Lecturer's Dept	Operations	1690	35.00
6/6/2011	Youth Department	Operations	1691	12.50
6/6/2011	National Grange	Operations	1692	2.50
6/7/2011	James Tetreault	Master's Expenses	1693	1,000.00
6/7/2011	Carolyn J Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1694	650.00
6/7/2011	Gail M Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	1695	500.00
6/7/2011	Family & Community Dept	Department Expenses	1696	315.00
6/7/2011	Lecturer's Dept	Department Expenses	1697	385.00
6/7/2011	Legislative Dept	Department Expenses	1698	315.00
6/7/2011	NH St Grange Membership Com	Department Expenses	1699	300.00
6/7/2011	Publicist	Department Expenses	1700	50.00
6/7/2011	Youth Department	Department Expenses	1701	450.00
6/7/2011	State of NH-Criminal Records	Legal Expenses	1702	25.00
6/8/2011	State of NH-Criminal Records	Legal Expenses	1703	25.00
6/13/2011	National Grange	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1704	150.00
6/16/2011	Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1705	251.85
6/19/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1706	50.39
6/20/2011	State of NH-Criminal Records	Legal Expenses	1707	25.00
6/20/2011	Dorothy Haskins	Deputies Expenses	1708	70.50
6/20/2011	Christopher Heath	Deputies Expenses	1709	116.70
6/20/2011	Ida Hutchins	Deputies Expenses	1710	284.10
6/20/2011	Arthur Merrill	Gen'l Deputy/Deputies Exp	1711	214.20
6/20/2011	Donald R Ross	Deputies Expenses	1712	147.30
6/20/2011	Kathy Yardley	Deputies Expenses	1713	65.70
6/21/2011	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1714	32.21
6/21/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1715	23.22
6/20/2011	National Grange	National Session Assessment	1716	2,107.00
6/20/2011	Northeast Connection	NE Connection Assessment	1717	1,053.50
6/24/2011	Beth Merrill	Spring Fling	1718	26.40
6/24/2011	Joann Brandt	Deputies Expenses	1719	76.80
6/24/2011	Hugh Clark	Deputies Expenses	1720	169.20
6/29/2011	Business Card	P/P/S, Sup Dept.	1721	410.24
6/29/2011	NH State Grange	Defunct-Starr King Grange	1722	1,658.49
7/5/2011	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1723	656.39
7/6/2011	Claire Gagne	State Grange Building	1724	120.00
7/6/2011	Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1725	311.22
7/12/2011	Arthur Merrill	General Deputy	1726	120.00
7/12/2011	Jean Abbott	Deputies Expenses	1727	229.80
7/12/2011	Arlene Fall	Deputies Expenses	1728	49.50
7/12/2011	Jane Trombi	Deputies Expenses	1729	87.00
7/12/2011	NH State Grange Supply Dept	Supply Department	1730	10.50
7/14/2011	Hooksett Sewer Comm	State Grange Building	1731	81.00
7/15/2011	Gail M Turcotte	P/P/S, Session	1732	85.64
7/19/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1733	45.12
7/19/2011	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1734	32.19
7/23/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1735	22.72
7/23/2011	Hooksett Vlg Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1736	36.20
7/25/2011	Marie Hall	Deputies Expenses	1737	96.90
7/25/2011	Neil MacDonald	Deputies Expenses	1738	104.70
7/25/2011	Town of Hooksett	State Grange Building	1739	60.00
7/25/2011	Staples	Printing/Postage/Supplies	DC-4	41.93
7/30/2011	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1740	194.75

8/5/2011	Anne Boisvert	State Grange Building	1741	773.68
8/8/2011	LaVallee Oil Inc.	State Grange Building	1742	68.36
8/9/2011	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1743	313.38
8/9/2011	Orkin	State Grange Building	1744	125.00
8/9/2011	State of NH-Criminal Records	Legal Expenses	1745	25.00
8/9/2011	Leone, McDonnell & Roberts	Income Tax Preparation	1746	650.00
8/13/2011	State of NH-Criminal Records	Legal Expenses	1747	25.00
8/13/2011	Matthew Clark	Miscellaneous	1748	27.18
8/13/2011	LaVallee Oil Inc.	State Grange Building	1749	2,589.30
8/13/2011	Orkin	State Grange Building	1750	480.00
8/13/2011	Foremost Insurance Group	State Grange Other Bldg. Ins	1751	1,814.00
8/13/2011	Hillsborough Cty Reg of Deeds	Legal Expenses	1752	12.00
8/15/2011	H.R. Clough	State Grange Other Building	1753	1,686.62
8/15/2011	Christopher Heath	Miscellaneous	1754	75.00
8/15/2011	Ashworth-By-The-Sea	State Session Deposit	1755	500.00
8/16/2011	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1756	32.15
8/16/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1757	96.24
8/20/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1758	29.52
8/22/2011	National Grange	Dues- National Grange	1759	4,107.00
8/30/2011	L.L.Hansen Legal Prof Assoc	Legal Expenses	1760	2,526.04
9/1/2011	Business Card	P/P/S, Sup Dept.	1761	97.59
9/1/2011	Stephen Tracy	Deputies Expenses	1762	139.80
9/1/2011	Treasurer NH Farm & Forest Expo	Farm & Forest Expo	1763	295.00
9/2/2011	Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1764	247.63
9/3/2011	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1765	1,085.92
9/3/2011	Wensley & Jones, PLLC	Legal Expenses	1766	325.00
9/3/2011	Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1767	308.54
9/3/2011	Leone, McDonnell & Roberts	Income Tax Preparation	1768	130.00
9/19/2011	James Tetreault	Master's Expenses	1769	1,000.00
9/22/2011	Gail M Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	1770	500.00
9/22/2011	Carolyn J Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1771	650.00
9/22/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1772	74.93
9/22/2011	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1773	32.15
9/25/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1774	13.53
9/28/2011	Business Card	P/P/S, State Session	1775	150.10
9/30/2011	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1776	94.16

Total Expenses

91,420.87

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY
Operating Account**

October 1, 2010	Balance	149,536.11
	Earnings	5,014.29
	Realized Gain/Loss	1,563.07
	Quarterly Income Paid	-5,157.59
	Withdrawals	-15,000.00
	Fees paid	-1,957.68
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-8,406.70
September 30, 2011	Ending Market Value	125,591.50

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**

Defunct Granges

October 1, 2010	Balance	33,283.42
	Deposits	11,658.49
	Earnings	1,108.70
	Realized Gain/Loss	288.08
	Annual Income paid	-1,113.01
	Fees paid	-436.44
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-3,130.48
September 30, 2011	Ending Market Value	41,658.76

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK**

Defunct Grange

May 9, 2011	Deposit	75.26
	Interest	9.32
September 30, 2011	Ending Balance	84.58

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**

Escrow Accounts

October 1, 2010	Balance	498,354.94
	Earnings	16,448.10
	Realized Gain/Loss	6,889.27
	Paid Granges	-17,225.74
	Withdrawal	-1,500.00
	Fees Paid	-6,285.24
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-33,471.54
September 30, 2011	Ending Market Value	463,209.79

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY
Randall Richardson Memorial Youth Fund**

October 1, 2010	Balance	20,872.14
	Earnings	691.32
	Contributions	0.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	176.94
	Aid to Youth	-200.00
	Fees Paid	-278.79
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-1,351.31
September 30, 2011	Ending Market Value	19,910.30

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**

Education Loan Fund

October 1, 2010	Balance	120,899.13
	Earnings	4,040.82

	Realized Gain/Loss	980.38
	Fees Paid	-1,626.32
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-7,879.38
September 30, 2011	Ending Market Value	116,414.63

Note- aid to members was paid from checking account this year

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY
Northeast Connection**

January 31, 2011	Balance Transferred	10,000.00
	Deposits	10,305.00
	Earnings	108.65
	Realized Gain/Loss	5.15
	Fees Paid	-84.56
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-1,157.60
September 30, 2011	Ending Market Value	19,176.64

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY
NH Grange Trust**

October 1, 2010	Balance	43,104.36
	Earnings	1,345.23
	Deposits	390.35
	Donations	46.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	166.91
	Aid to members	-1,697.31
	Fees Paid	-525.92
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-3,428.53
September 30, 2011	Ending Market Value	39,401.09

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY
NH Grange Trust- Blaisdell Fund**

October 1, 2010	Balance	10,395.14
	Earnings	326.85
	Realized Gain/Loss	42.72
	Fees Paid	-93.16
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-864.64
September 30, 2011	Ending Market Value	9,806.91

**NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANGE TRUST
CHECKBOOK SUMMARY**

October 1, 2010	TD Banknorth Checking Account	294.14
Income	Donations	23.00
	Budget from State Grange	70.00
	Transfer from trust/aid to members	<u>1,697.31</u>
Total Income		1,790.31

Less	Aid paid to members	1,697.31
Expenses	State of NH- charitable filing fee	<u>75.00</u>
Total		-1,772.31
September 30, 2011	Ending balance	312.14

Note- closed account at TD 11/15/10 and opened account with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Secretary Carolyn Ross was called upon to give her report.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Worthy State Master, National Representatives, Bruce & Sharon Croucher, Associate State Officers, Committee Members, Delegates and Patrons:

I am happy to bring you my fourth annual report as State Secretary.

This past year we have had to close Jaffrey Grange #135 on November 1, 2010 and Contoocook Grange #216 on January 3, 2011. There are still more Granges out there that still need to consider on closing or consolidating with another Grange.

As of June 30, 2011 there are 11 Pomona Granges in the state with a total membership of 763, of which 251 are Golden Sheaf members. The largest Pomona is Merrimack County Pomona with 137 members.

As of June 30, 2011 there were 63 Subordinate Granges with a total membership of 1858, of which 482 are Golden Sheaf members. The largest Subordinate Grange is Wingold Grange with 78 members.

By authority of the National Grange, I have issued the following membership awards:

Silver Star certificates – 11	55 -year seals - 32
Golden Sheaf – 16	60 -year seals - 21
30-year seals – 4	65 -year seals - 22
35 -year seals – 14	70 -year seals - 17
40 -year seals – 16	75 -year certificate - 9
45 -year seals - 7	80 -year letters - 3

A good Secretary just doesn't happen without a wild and crazy bunch of characters. With this said, I would like to say a Special thank you to the following people: (and by the way my list is in no particular order of importance to me)

Pat Izzo and Lucia Savage – my undying gratitude for handling Credentials for the past four years.

You both make such a good team, to the point where I just say do whatever needs to be done to register delegates for our Annual Session.

Marie Hall – thanks so much for printing the name badges for me. Also thanks for all the times you let me vent my frustrations.

Ken Berry - thank you for helping me put together all of the mailings I did and also for trucking all of the material to the US Post Office.

Jim Tetreault – thanks for letting me say whatever I needed to say, no matter how many letters are in a word! I am not sure whether Jim would say this or not but some of our year has been trying so that the both of us could be on the same page.

Wayne Turcotte - as I've told Wayne many times this year – **“You Rock!”** You have done a tremendous, amazing, extraordinary job getting information on the State Grange Website. I swear that frequently I will send Wayne an e-mail asking him to up-date something on-line and within 5 minutes or less I get a message back saying **“DONE”**.

Donald Ross – thanks for doing all of the lifting and lugging of boxes. Whenever I get orders from Secretaries Donald has to fill the orders for me as all of the bulky material is stored in our cellar. Thanks also for proofreading as no matter how hard I try you always find something that Spell Check does not catch.

Gail Turcotte – you continue to graciously and cheerfully work with me to keep the Grange on the straight and narrow. Kudos to Gail for all of her hard work in helping the State Grange comply with new Federal and IRS regulations.

My wish to all, is for a healthy and prosperous 2011.

Fraternally,
Carolyn J. Ross
NH State Grange Secretary

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Executive Committee Chairman Wilber Heath gave his report as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Report of the Executive Committee

October 27, 2011

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Fellow State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters:

The State Executive Committee has been very busy this year. Our first meeting took place right after the installation where Wilber Heath was voted as Chairman and Beth Merrill as Secretary. We met again at Deputy School to clarify some important matters.

Our next meeting on January 29th was held at the NH State Grange building. We discussed two Granges whose halls we were attempting to sell. We also discussed two other Granges that were in court cases. We had two Granges that had been contacted concerning reports we had received and were unable to communicate with either one of these. We had one Grange that requested funds from their escrow account and after receiving additional information on the needs, we granted the funds. We also adopted the new accounting procedures for officers,

departments and contractors. Northeast Connection fund has been started and will be handled by NH. The reports of Master, Treasurer and Secretary were accepted.

Our next meeting took place on June 23rd again at the NH State Grange Building. Topics at this meeting included discussions on nine Granges. Some were consolidations with Hudson and Wattannick consolidating plus Ocean Side and Hampton Falls consolidating. We received notice that the Rebekahs, who have used our hall for many years had disbanded. When they vacate the premises, this will free up some additional storage space in the hall. We also discussed a new custodial agreement with Claire Gagne. She has been doing a great job and we hope she stays on. An agreement was signed with American Income Life where they will supply all of our members with one year accidental death policy. The executive committee created two new forms, one for use to request a loan and one to request Escrow funds from the principle. These are both available on the NH Grange web site. Background check forms were made available for those that work with the youth and distributed to the new members of the department. An offer from Amazon to put a link to their site on our homepage was presented and held over for additional research. Contract signed for the annual session at Town & Country in Gorham. A painted curtain that was removed from Starr King was presented to Wicwas Lake Grange.

Our next meeting was held August 12 at the NH State Grange building. Nine Granges were discussed with different issues that had come to our attention. We still have one Grange Hall that is on the market as we finally closed on Starr King Grange and deposited the income from that sale into a Defunct Grange account. Don Whittum, our attorney, had provided some changes be made to our guidelines for selling halls and these were put into a resolution to be presented at State Session. We had a lengthy discussion on an offer from Amazon and it was decided due to the fact that the income generated would be taxable, we declined the offer. A motion was made that the State Master appoint someone to write a policy on fundraising and that this be incorporated in a Policy Book for the Executive Committee. A contract for the 2012 annual session to be held at Ashworth-by-the Sea in Hampton was signed. Arthur Merrill was appointed as the second delegate for National Grange.

The next meeting was held October 7th, 2011 at the State Grange building. Money owed from White Mt Grange was received and this was deposited into a Defunct Grange account. Rhoda Davis and Vicki Hussman were elected as Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Our last meeting before State Session was held October 23rd following the 6th Degree rehearsal. We wrapped up a few items that had to be cleared before State Session. One important item was the winterizing of Contoocook Grange hall before cold weather sets in. We audited the books of the State Secretary, State Treasurer and the Education Loan, Northeast Connection and Trust Funds. Books of the departments will be audited at Deputies School in December.

Subordinate Granges continue to either close or consolidate.

This year's project – "Kiss the Pig" was able to draw in some money though not as much as the Plunge.

The State Grange Building in Hooksett continues to receive upgrades per orders from the Hooksett Fire Marshall. We have continued our contract with Orkin Pest Control to continue to eradicate the pests.

The State Grange currently has charge of selling one Grange Hall (Contoocook). Hannah West continues to do an excellent job as the Editor of the *Granite State Granger*. Hannah passes on numerous e-mails of importance to some members which enable those of us with electronic capabilities to know what's happening in the state. Linda Nielson has been sending notices to all our Grangers with Facebook access.

To our Worthy Master, Jim Tetreault, we thank you for leading us through this year. Jim is always on the go, visiting Granges throughout the state as well as travelling to the other Northeast States. It was exciting working next to Jim at the first of our Blueberry Pie days at the Big "E", with his cow hat. And I have enjoyed my monthly phone calls to Jim as we support each other in our tasks.

My biggest supporter has been my son Chris, who is there to get me back home after the late meetings we have had where I turn into a pumpkin after 9PM. I also bounce ideas and thoughts off of him as I prepare for each meeting and the challenges that come before us. To the rest of the committee, I thank you for the help you have each given me as we all struggle to get through each meeting and come to a final decision on each subject. Positive or negative, we make the decisions we have to make and try our best to represent the Good of the Order.

In closing, it has been a joy to serve this past year as the Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee. As my predecessor has said in the past, The Executive Committee is comprised of members from all walks of life and is much diversified. However, we all work together as a team for the best interests of the Grange.

Respectfully submitted, Wilber E. Heath, Chairman NH State Grange Executive Committee

M i n u t e s
Executive Committee
November 18, 2010

State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

Meeting called to order at 7:43 p.m. and commenced with auditing books for the Publicist, Legislative, Youth, Lecturer, Family and Community accounts. Grange Services books unavailable for auditing at this meeting.

Meeting officially called to order at 8:31 p.m. Members present were Chairman, Wilber Heath; Members: Mark Collins, Donald Ross, Bob Haefner, Beth Merrill; Master, Jim Tetreault; Overseer, Chris Heath; Treasurer, Gail Turcotte; and Secretary, Carolyn Ross.

Minutes of October 24th meeting recorded by secretary, Hannah West were approved. It was noted that the original meeting date of November 26th was changed at the mini meeting on October 31st, hence this meeting on the 18th.

Minutes of October 31st meeting recorded by secretary, Beth Merrill were approved.

Don Ross reported that Starr King Grange hall is now listed at \$39,900. We're waiting to hear from an antique dealer if she is willing to make an offer of \$35,000.

Jaffrey Grange will be closed as of November 1, 2010. Jim will send letters to the members informing them that the Charter has been revoked and include their demit cards with the letter. We will have Mr. Whittum send a letter to the town of Jaffrey informing them of the Grange's trademark issue on the use of the name Jaffrey Grange Scholarship. If the town ignores or refuses to comply with our request to not use the name "Grange", then their case will be referred to the National Grange for further action.

Halloween is down to thirteen members and is in violation of Master/Secretary/Treasurer separation by-law requirement. The State Master will send a letter informing them of the new by-law change and our concern that their membership is at a critical level.

Pleasant Valley is in violation of M/S/T by-law requirement as well. The State Master will send a letter informing them of the new by-law change and address their current circumstance of not holding meetings.

Meriden Grange is in violation of M/S/T by-law requirement. The State Master will send a letter informing them of the new by-law change and our concern that their membership is at a critical level.

Brookline/Wilton owes dues for more than 12 quarters. Bob Haefner, as their Pomona Master will try to contact them in that capacity. Carolyn will send them a delinquent Grange letter. We will try to gather whatever information we can as to the status of their Grange prior to our next committee meeting, at which time further action will be decided upon.

The process of the White Mountain Grange closure had no update at this point. The State Secretary will be responsible for compiling a current list of members; once the six month time limit of White Mountain Grange demits have expired. The Northern NH Pomona Secretary will need to be informed as to which members have used their demits and should be kept on the Pomona roll book.

Contoocook – Jim and Arthur will be going to a meeting there on November 22nd to inform them of the policy to not close a Grange until they entertain a Growth Team and go through that process. He has also asked to have copies of financial records available at that time.

Wicwas Lake's new officers have been installed and their November fundraiser, a barn dance, was successful. Ida Hutchins and Dave Boynton have been assigned to monitor and guide them through the process of "becoming a Grange".

2013 National Grange Convention – Logo concept has been presented to the National Grange Communications Director for her design input.

Kiss the Pig – Mark made the motion and Carolyn seconded to not distribute any of the charity monies collected thus far until the pig is actually kissed. Motion carried unanimously, however it is noted that the Worthy Treasurer and Worthy Overseer, both non-voting members of the Executive Committee, expressed dissenting opinions during the discussion.

National and Regional Assessment fees – State Secretary and State Master will combine efforts in sending out individual bills to each Subordinate Grange for \$1.50 per member to cover both assessments. It will be the responsibility of each Grange to check with their Pomona Grange to see if/how the Pomona is handling the National Grange \$1 per member assessment.

State Grange Building fund is now depleted due to the recent payments made for the recent extermination of the carpenter ant infestation.

Investment opportunities for individual Granges – Don checked with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney to see if this would be possible and found that they accepted our many accounts only because they were accompanied by the "meat and potatoes" general fund. Then he went to Edward Jones and found that they would take on individual Granges under the umbrella of the State Grange. He was quoted an estimated 5-8% income potential. This still raises the

possibility of the State Treasurer being in charge of managing multiple accounts, something that this board was trying to avoid when we decided to invest with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Resolution # 12 adopted at 2010 NH State Grange Session— Anytime the State Secretary receives a quarterly report which reduces the number of members reported, after the state has submitted its report and payment to National Grange, the State Secretary will send a letter and a bill to the Grange for the difference already paid to National Grange.

Master's Address Items of Concern —

Grange Services Committee will be asked to develop a member benefits brochure incorporating all the National and State Grange benefits.

Big "E" Banner –The membership committee will be assigned the task of creating a banner to be used in the Grange Day parade at Big "E".

Accounting Procedures -

As a result of the discussion at State Session regarding the budget we find that the State Grange has not been in compliance with record keeping requirements by IRS rules in regard to monies paid to Committees, Deputies and State Officers, namely Master, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Mark moved and Bob seconded to implement the accounting procedures as presented by Master Jim Tetreault. It was suggested that the committees and deputies sections be implemented immediately as the Deputy School meeting is quickly approaching. Motion carried unanimously.

State Session financial report — final credit card bills have not yet been received.

Area Meetings — Official representation will not be required of the Executive Committee, but if questions arise, whatever committee member that is present may be asked to answer.

Dates will be January 15th at Riverside Grange in Dalton, January 22nd in Rochester (tentative), and January 29th in Hooksett.

Resolutions at National Grange — E-membership passed its final vote this year and has already been implemented via the National Grange website.

NH resolutions to National Grange

Resolution #6 — a housekeeping by-law change regarding National Grange Executive Committee sashes was adopted.

Resolution #7 — asking to exempt office of Master from six year term limits was changed by the Grange Law Committee and instead asked to eliminate all term limits. The resolution was adopted, but is subject to a second vote at the 2011 Session before it will go into effect.

Resolutions #8 [Executive Committee 4.10.1(c) (1)], #10 (Sale of Grange Halls), and #16 (Labeling of Household Cleaners) were all withdrawn and resolution #9 (Master, Secretary, Treasurer) was declared a state issue and returned to the state.

Ruth Gray, past Master of Florida State Grange and past Pomona of the NH State Grange fell during the session and broke her arm.

Wayne Turcotte, newly retired, will achieve a life-long dream by residing in south Florida December through March/April. Gail has already done a trial run to make sure that the Treasurer's duties can be handled long distance, so no major problems are expected with this new seasonal living situation.

The next meeting will be January 29th in Hooksett following the Area Meeting, approximately 3:00 p.m.

Meeting moved into Executive Session at this time. Executive Session adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Merrill, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

Executive Committee Meeting
December 4, 2010

Special Meeting held at Fire Academy, Concord, NH
All members present.
Entire meeting was held in Executive Session.

Executive Committee Meeting
January 29, 2011

Executive Committee Meeting
January 29, 2011

State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

Meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. with all members of the Executive Committee present except Treasurer, Gail Turcotte.

Bob moved and Jim seconded to approve minutes of November 18, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Carolyn moved and Bob seconded to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2010 special Executive Session meeting. Motion carried.

Conflict of interest forms were signed and submitted by all that were present. The originals will be filed in the safe at the State Grange Building, with copies to go on file with the State Master, State Secretary and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Contoocook Grange Hall Sale discussion – Contoocook Grange was closed on January 3, 2011 and the State Grange is now in control of the building. A contract was received from the realtor to the State Grange for her continued services. There was discussion of whether or not we should make a minimal investment to maximize the sale price. Jim will contact the realtor to see if someone can look at the hall and give estimates for repair of the furnace and how those repairs might reflect in the sale price.

Mark moved and Bob seconded that we sign the agreement with Cowan and Zellers Real Estate, LLC. Motion carried.

The two committee members who will be working on this sale are Bob Haefner and Jim Tetreault. Don moved and Mark seconded that Jim be authorized to have the electricity turned back on. Motion carried.

Starr King Grange Hall sale – No new activity. Mark suggested that the realtor be asked to send a letter to a prospective buyer rather than relying strictly on email communication.

Granite State Grange – A November 21st letter was sent to James Doggett by the State Master, but no reply has been received to date. Carolyn reported that they are caught up on their quarterlies.

Brookline/Wilton Grange – Bob Haefner's attempts to contact Barbara Collins had no results. Beth learned that a key member is dealing with a serious family health issue. Bob will follow some new leads in trying to make contact with this Grange.

Croydon Grange – Master needs to follow up with the National Grange and have them re-issue a third Charter, as the latest one had another error. As of January 16th, they have completed their incorporation with the Secretary of State's office and are working on obtaining their Employer Identifier/Tax Identifier number from the Department of the Treasury.

Pineconia Grange – An email poll of the Executive Committee was taken in December, the result of which granted Pineconia Grange's request to receive \$1500 from the principal of their escrow account. The final result of the email vote on December 21, 2010 was 6 in favor and 1 not voting.

As a result of discussion regarding this issue, it was decided that a form shall be designed for Granges to use when requesting funds, escrow or otherwise, from the State Grange. It's felt that our policy/bylaws stand for themselves, but that a supporting document will reinforce this Executive Committee's goal to preserve each Grange's escrow account, and whenever possible, to avoid the necessity of using the principal of any accounts of the State Grange. Mark Collins will work on designing the new form.

Treasurer's Report – Update on status of 990 IRS report- our accountants have completed the long form 990 and Gail will file as soon as she receives the copies. Gail has also filed the 990-N for our Department EIN/TID number. Note- our income tax preparation budget line is over the estimated amount due to our accountants having to use reports from three investment advisors to complete the form and by the additional time spent consulting and researching accounting procedures for the Deputies, Departments and State Officers and Custodian.

Carolyn moved and Jim seconded to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

Bonding – Mark moved and Jim seconded that we reinstate Wicwas Lake Grange's bonding. Motion carried.

Revised Accounting procedures – Mark moved and Don seconded that the independent contractor agreement, state officers accounting procedures, department directors accounting procedures, and Deputy State Masters accounting procedures as presented at this meeting be adopted. Motion carried.

Northeast Connection (NC) Funds – Once the check from CT State Grange is received, it will be deposited with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney per the Northeast Connection's instructions. The account will be under the NH State Grange's EIN/TID and will be governed by our investment policy as previously discussed at our EC meeting. Discussion of what the proper voucher procedure should be. Nothing conclusive was decided at this time.

National Session Assessment Collections – The State Master and State Secretary will continue working on this.

Trustee of Trust Funds – Omer Ahern, Jr. has resigned as a Trustee of the State Grange Trust. Jim moved and Bob seconded to elect Rhoda Davis as a Trustee. Motion carried. Jim will notify Sister Davis of her election.

Rebekahs – Jim moved, and Mark seconded that the State Secretary send a bill to the Rebekahs for storage June 2010 through December 31, 2011 payable by March 31, 2011. Motion carried. They will be asked to vacate the storage space if they do not settle their account.

Riverhill – Jim and Arthur are scheduling a meeting with them, possibly for next month. Jim moved and Mark seconded that Riverhill Grange and Wicwas Lake Grange be billed to pay the sum total of back dues that the New Hampshire State Grange has paid to National Grange on their behalf. Motion carried.

Obligation Ceremony Report Form – Creating this new form was discussed. The State Master will work with the State Secretary and General Deputy to see if a resolution can be made to the problem of Grange secretaries not properly reporting new members that were obligated into membership.

Halloween Grange – Chris will meet with Dianne Hoitt to work with them and help them get back on their feet. Master, Secretary, and Treasurer are the same person and they are down to 13 members.

Reports:

Members of the EC felt that the Master's Quarterly Report was worthwhile and should be continued for future meetings.

Beth moved and Mark seconded to accept Secretary's and Master's report. Motion carried. The reports are filed in the Executive Committee Secretary's file.

Hannah West questions whether or not we need to keep a phone line at the State Grange.

After some discussion it was agreed that having a phone is a nominal expense and should be kept for safety reasons, especially in regard to rental situations.

A member's request earlier in the day during the Area Meeting called for the Executive Committee to look into making it possible for Granges to pay their quarterly dues online. The discussion on this subject was a general feeling that the cost for the State Grange to provide this service would be too excessive for the few secretaries who might utilize it.

Moved into Executive Session.

Returned to regular session.

Next meeting will be April 21st at 7:15 p.m.

Don moved and Bob seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Merrill, Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee

Executive Committee Meeting April 21, 2011

State Grange Building, Hooksett

Meeting opened at 7:24 p.m. with all members present.

Jim moved and Bob seconded to approve minutes of the January 29th meeting. Motion carried.

Starr King Grange Hall sale – Don Ross reported there are some construction issues with the building. Sterling Sykes has made an offer of \$16,500 and the sale will close in two weeks.

Don moved and Mark seconded to sell Starr King Grange Hall for \$16,500. Motion carried.

Contoocook Grange Hall sale – Bob reported that an estimate from HR Clough for the oil furnace replacement will cost \$5700-5900 plus permit fees. These funds will most likely have to come out of our invested principal if we replace the furnace.

Mark moved and Bob seconded to go ahead with the replacement of the furnace per the estimate.

Motion carried with one abstention.

Gail has the deed, which names the NH State Grange as owner, and will keep it on file.

Use of Principal - Bob moved and Mark seconded to direct the Treasurer to withdraw from invested funds up to \$10,000 to cover the expense of this repair and other quarterly expenses. Motion carried.

Granite State Grange – State Master sent a letter to Granite State Grange outlining procedure for selling a Grange Hall. No response has been received.

Brookline/Wilton Grange – Bob has not been able to directly contact this Grange, but Sherrill Bokousky has learned that they are planning their first meeting in a long time in the next couple months. Chris will follow up with Barbara Collins.

Croydon Grange Charter – A corrected copy has been received from National Grange. Jim will get Beth and Carolyn to sign it and get it delivered to Croydon Grange's secretary.

Riverhill Grange meeting – Jim and Arthur have not yet had a meeting at Riverhill. They are 12 quarters behind in dues. A recent payment of dues from Riverhill was accompanied by an

excess payment. Gail has asked how the excess funds should be applied to their overdue account. Bob moved and Mark seconded that those dues be applied to the oldest amount due. Motion did not carry.

Halloween Grange – Chris has met with them. There is no treasury and their building needs a lot of repair. They will have a flea market at the hall on May 7th. Chris suggested that they have a Grange information table there. An informational meeting will be held at the community center (up the street) on June 20th. They did participate in the recent Grange Growth Summit. He will continue to work with them on revitalization. Jim has asked Steve Tracy to set a date to come and talk to members of that community about Grange membership.

Request for Escrow Funds form – Suggested formats submitted by Mark Collins and Chris Heath. Jim moved and Bob seconded to adopt Chris' format, but include the opening paragraph from Mark's form. Motion carried. See attached form for finalized document.

Request for Loan Form – Mark moved and Bob seconded that we accept the form as discussed. Motion carried. See attached form for finalized document. These two forms will be uploaded to the cabinet page of the State Grange website.

Northeast Connection Record Keeping System – Don moved and Mark seconded that the NH State Master be temporary receiver of funds, record them, and disperse them to the Treasurer and the second signature on vouchers will be the Director, until the Northeast Connection has their next meeting. Motion carried.

The Rebekahs who meet at the State Grange Building have resolved their delinquent account.

REPORTS:

Master – Wattannick and Hudson are meeting May 2nd to discuss consolidation. The State Master will be on hand to supervise the vote. Don moved that the EC approve the consolidation between Ocean Side and Hampton Falls and also between Hudson and Wattannick Grange. Beth moved for division of the question.

Ocean Side/ Hampton Falls - Motion carried.

Wattannick/Hudson Grange – Motion carried.

Secretary –

Granges delinquent in dues to State Grange - Riverhill (12), Pleasant Valley (2), Friendship (2), Brookline/Wilton (10)

Saturday minutes for State Session were presented.

Mark moved and Bob seconded that the Masters and Secretary's reports be approved. Motion carried. See attached copies.

Treasurer –

Bob moved and Mark seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Contract with Claire Gagne – Don Ross will ask her to sign the contract.

Minutes – Mark moved and Carolyn seconded that the EC follow the recommendation of Attorney Whittum on how to utilize Executive Session to handle sensitive issues. The EC will review these and previous minutes and approve them at the next meeting.

AILIC – Request from American Income Life Insurance Company to renew their complimentary accidental death benefit. Jim moved and Bob seconded that mailing labels be given to AILIC to send informational letters to all NH Grangers to offer them their complimentary accidental death benefit. Motion carried.

Clark Insurance in Keene, NH is interested in approaching NH Granges to offer them liability insurance. Jim moved and Mark seconded to release the mailing list of Masters of Subordinate and Pomona Granges to Clark Mortenson Insurance. Motion carried.

Auditing of Books – Beth moved and Don seconded that State Grange books continue to be audited once a year. Motion carried. State Treasurer, Gail Turcotte expressed a dissenting opinion.

By-Laws Addendum – has been printed and mailed to all Granges per order of State Master.

By-laws Resolution – tabled until next meeting

Chris led an overview of the Project Worksheet. See attached.

Jim moved and Mark seconded that we go into **Executive Session**.

Bob moved and Mark seconded to close Executive Session.

Next meeting will be June 23rd at 7:15 p.m. at the State Grange Building.

Bob moved and Don seconded that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

Beth Merrill, Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee

Executive Committee Meeting

June 23, 2011

State Grange Building, Hooksett

Meeting opened at 7:25 p.m.

Members present were Chairman, Wilber Heath; Members: Mark Collins, Donald Ross, and Beth Merrill; Master, Jim Tetreault; Overseer, Chris Heath; Treasurer, Gail Turcotte; and Secretary, Carolyn Ross. Bob Haefner arrived later in the meeting.

Don Ross moved and Mark Collins seconded to approve minutes of the April 21st meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Contoocook Grange Hall – The new furnace has been installed. A second insurance bill has been received and is due the next quarter.

Granite Grange – Received a communication saying that the “check is in the mail” for their past due quarterly report. There have been some difficulties in communicating with the various officers, including a visit by their Deputy to which no members attended. State Master will send a certified letter to try to establish a line of communication.

Granite State Grange - Two dues notices have been sent with no response. State Master will send a letter to try to establish a line of communication.

Halloween – Monday night there was an informational meeting with three members of the community in attendance, two of which took applications with them. Chris Heath reported that there was good interest paid by those who met. There will be a cookout at the Grange Hall this summer to try to raise awareness of the plight of the building.

Riverhill – Jim reported that he and the General Deputy are still trying to make contact with someone there. There has been a change of Master, but no mailing address for this person is on file.

Starr King – This Grange Hall has officially been sold. A check in the amount of \$14,576.00 has been received. That amount does not take into effect the expenses incurred by the State Grange during the sale. Don Ross, who has been handling the sale on behalf of the EC, sent a thank you to Peter Estabrook thanking him for all his work in maintaining the hall and the grounds. Don Whittum has written a letter to the **new owner** giving permission to keep the Grange sign that was mounted on the building, but they are not allowed to display it outside or use it for commercial purposes.

Hudson/Wattannick – A consolidation of these two Granges will be effective as of June 30th. Hudson Grange will now assume ownership of the Wattannick Grange Hall. There will be a meeting on Tuesday at Wattannick Hall.

Ocean Side/Hampton Falls – A consolidation of these two Granges will be effective July 1st. Don will meet with Dennis Blain of Ocean Side Grange next week to pick up the Charter and some miscellaneous regalia.

Brookline/Wilton – Sherrill Bokousky has been appointed a Special Deputy to work with them to try to obtain a quarterly report and offer assistance in revitalizing.

State Grange Building:

Occupancy Permit – Jim will check with Anne and Marty to determine the status of the permit, and the follow-up of service from the Orkin Company.

According to a local newspaper report, the **Rebekah Lodge** that meets at the State Grange Building has disbanded. Some or all of their stuff was removed when the Foundation was meeting at the hall.

Fees from NH Arms Collectors – Have received no payment, which was due May 1st. Jim will ask Hannah to get in contact with them. There was also a question that since the Rebekah Lodge that provided them with refreshments at their meeting has closed, if they are in need of a new group to provide that service.

Agreement with Claire Gagne – Waiting for her sister to advise what is the best option for her financial situation before she signs the new Custodian Agreement form the Executive Committee has designed. It was noted that the Grange Building always looks great and is in good order since Claire took on the cleaning duties.

Obligation Ceremony Report Form – A form to help keep track of new members has been designed and will be turned over to the General Deputy for his comment.

Insurance Agreements

American Income Life– Wilber has signed the agreement for the company to offer a complimentary, one year accidental death policy for all our members.

Clark Insurance – Labels have been sent to their firm so that they can do a mailing to offer liability and regalia insurance to NH Granges.

Review of Grange Loan Request and Request for Escrow Funds from Principle forms. See attached documents for revisions made and approved.

Wilber moved and Jim seconded that if anyone requests a loan or escrow principle, the Executive Committee will send them a form before a decision is made. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Master – Report is on file.

Background checks for youth and junior adult volunteers – These are good for the duration of the State Master's term. Therefore, some people need to be re-screened for this administration.

Secretary – Report is on file.

Treasurer – Report is on file.

Jaffrey Grange escrow account was opened on May 9, 2011 in the amount of \$75.26.

Beth moved and Don seconded that Sherrill Bokousky's request to have two of the **Grange commemorative coins** for the Silent Auction at State Session. Motion carried.

Mark moved and Jim seconded to accept the officer reports. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amazon Link on the State Grange web page. A fundraising opportunity has been suggested that would involve adding an amazon.com link to the State Grange website. If visitors to the site click on the link and make a purchase, a designated fee would be paid to the State Grange. This topic will be on hold until further research can be done. Webmaster Wayne Turcotte is authorized to contact Kathe Wolf of Watatic Grange to let her know that we are still investigating.

ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW

A meeting on May 10th with John Habig of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney was held to review our investment accounts. John's assessment of the economy is that we are through the initial recovery and now into an expansion recovery. An 8-10% rate of earnings was discussed at the beginning of the period. The first four months have received 11.4%, 12%, and 12.2% earnings on three of our major accounts. Don and Gail do not recommend any changes to our investment policy at this point in time. Wilber moved and Carolyn seconded that the **spending policy** has been reviewed and no changes are recommended at this time. Motion carried.

NH Grange Foundation – Jim moved and Mark seconded that the paperwork filed by the NH Grange Foundation be submitted to legal counsel to be evaluated and ensure that the intent of the delegates will be met. Motion carried. State Secretary abstained due to conflict of interest. Bob Haefner disclosed that he voted although he is a board member of the Foundation.

Grange Closure Checklist -

General Deputy has not yet seen the proposed form, which is an attempt to itemize the proper steps to close a Grange, so this will be discussed more at a future meeting.

State Grange Session Contract – Mark moved and Beth seconded that the Executive Committee review all State Session contracts before deciding who shall be the signatory. Motion carried.

Banquet tickets for the 2011 State Session will go for \$30 for adults and \$16 for children 12 and under. Wilber signed the contract.

Starr King Grange Painted Curtain – Jim moved and Mark seconded that the State Grange give the painted curtain obtained from the Starr King Grange Hall to Wicwas Lake Grange if they decide that it will fit their needs and is the appropriate size. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Friday, August 12, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.

Mark moved and Bob seconded that we go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Meeting opened at 10:17 p.m.

Bob moved, Mark seconded. To adjourn from Executive Session. Motion carried.

Bob moved Mark seconded to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

Fraternal submitted,

Beth Merrill, Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee

Executive Committee Meeting August 12, 2011

State Grange Building, Hooksett

Meeting opened at 7:26 p.m.

Members present were Mark Collins, Donald Ross, Bob Haefner, and Beth Merrill; Master, Jim Tetreault; Secretary, Carolyn Ross; Overseer, Chris Heath; and Treasurer, Gail Turcotte. As Chairman, Wilber Heath was absent, State Master, Jim Tetreault conducted the meeting.

Don Ross moved and Mark Collins seconded to approve minutes of the June 23rd meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Bob moved Don seconded that we go into Executive Session.

Moved into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

Bob moved Don seconded to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried.

Returned to regular session meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Contoocook – Jim visited the hall tonight, but could not find a light switch in order to check the status of the repaired oil burner. The realtor has suggested that we drop the asking price from \$149,000 to \$99,000. Don moved, and Bob seconded that the price be dropped to \$124,000. Motion carried.

Insurance – the policy is due for renewal on September 2nd. Gail reported on the current status of the policy and provided figures for two new policies. Report is on file. Mark moved Bob seconded that we use option #2 with a \$1000 deductible. Motion carried.

Granite Grange – Jim and Arthur are attending their meeting tomorrow night and will check into their delinquent quarterly report status.

Granite State – Jim talked to Jim Doggett yesterday. Their reports are ready and will be sent in with checks. They have requested a membership printout.

Halloween – Chris has nothing new to report. Carolyn received their quarterly report last week, but it did not include payment.

Starr King – Defunct account has been set up with a starting balance of \$11,658.49.

Wattannick/Hudson consolidation – A copied letter received from Don Whittum to Jerry Leclerc stating that the original Quitclaim Deed and Affidavit has been recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds and the documents are now in the hands of Hudson Grange.

White Mt. – Still have not received final report and check.

Prentice Hill – A letter from the Grange Hall neighbor was received and forwarded to the Executive Committee by Matthew Clark making an offer to demolish the Grange Hall in exchange for the transfer of the property to him. It was determined that Prentice Hill Grange has not yet abided by the specific steps outlined in the National Grange Digest, so no action will be taken at this time by the Executive Committee. Jim Tetreault disclosed that he is an affiliate member of Prentice Hill Grange.

Resolution as suggested by Don Whittum – Document on file.

Bob moved Mark seconded to adopt the resolution. Motion carried. Committee Secretary will forward the resolution to the State Secretary for consideration at the State Grange Session.

Amazon Link – Based on the report of Gail Turcotte, it was agreed that participating in this fundraiser would generate income that would then be taxable.

Bob moved Mark seconded that the State Master appoint someone to write a policy on unrelated business income fundraising, which will then become the first policy to go into a NH State Grange Executive Committee Policy Book. Jim will appoint Wilber to be in charge of the above. Gail suggested that a letter be sent to Kathe Wolf thanking her for thinking out of the box and suggesting this fundraising opportunity.

Foundation – Still waiting for a report from the attorney. Beth expressed her concern that the Executive Committee is interfering with the work of the Foundation.

Master's Report – Report on file.

Secretary's Report – Take off Centennial and Blazing Star from the non-report list.

Carolyn expressed concern about Northern NH Pomona being behind in reporting, since we are holding State Session in their district this October. The report is on file.

Treasurer's Report – Report on file.

Mark moved Bob seconded that the reports of officers be accepted. Motion carried.

We did receive renewal of "prebuy" contract for State Grange Building heating oil.

NEW BUSINESS

Rebekahs – According to Hannah West's contact, all belongings of the disbanded Rebekah Lodge have been removed from the locked storage closet in the State Grange Building.

Beth moved Don seconded that the NH State Grange set policy to not rent storage space to individuals. Motion carried.

Mark moved Bob seconded that a letter be sent to Cindy Sullivan the individual storing property in the former Rebekah's closet stating our policy and asking her to return her keys within 30 days of receipt of letter. Motion carried.

The State Secretary will send the letter and ask that the key be turned in to Hannah West. Carbon copies will be sent to Hannah as well as Anne and Marty Boisvert.

Grange Services Committee - request to be exempt from 3.5% spending policy for Education Loan Fund.

Jim moved, Bob seconded that we grant a waiver for the duration of this administration to the Educational Loan Fund on current State Grange spending policy. Motion carried.

Northeast Connection Money Procedure – Jim moved, Bob seconded that we accept the recommendation of the Northeast Connection for income and expenditures i.e. Coordinator to the NEC Secretary to the NEC Treasurer. Motion carried with two abstentions and one opposed. Citing possible violation of State Grange by-laws and National Grange Digest, Beth voted in opposition.

Custodial Position – Agreement: \$12/hour, 8 hours/month, with a cap of 25 hours per quarter. Custodian will sign our individual contractor agreement. Mark moved Bob seconded that these terms be adopted. Motion carried.

Orkin Contract Renewal – \$500/year for four visits (one per quarter) to continue treatment of ant infestation.

Mark moved Beth seconded that the contract be renewed. Motion carried.

Second delegate to National Grange – Mark moved, and Don seconded that Arthur Merrill be appointed to serve as the second delegate to National Grange in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Motion carried.

2012 State Session Contract – Mark moved, Bob seconded that the contract with Ashworth-by the-Sea be approved. Motion carried. Gail Turcotte was appointed to be the signatory.

Preliminary Report for State Session

Thursday, Ritual Day –

Friday, Programming and Fun – Workshop by Bruce and Sharon Croucher, National Reps – Saturday, Guest Speaker for Banquet - working on Senator Jeanne Shaheen.

Former Scammell Grange Building news article brings up the issue of licensing entities/towns to use/keep Grange signs on their buildings. Bow Lake Grange Association is another issue to be dealt with in the area of protecting the Grange trademark. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has extended to the National Grange general trademark protection for Grange cookbooks, farmer's markets, fairs and exhibition facilities, food service/catering services, banquet hall facilities, and social/community hall meeting facilities.

National Grange Leadership/Membership Director Rusty Hunt has resigned and applications are being received for a new director.

Claremont Grange - Beth moved, Bob seconded that the turnover of its defunct account to the operating fund be delayed for one year providing this does not conflict with National Grange by-laws. Motion carried with two abstentions. After further discussion Mark moved, Jim seconded that we extend the terms of Claremont Grange defunct account for one year. Motion carried with one opposed.

Review of Project Worksheet by Chris Heath.

Next meeting: Friday, October 7th 7:15 p.m. at the State Grange Building.

Mark moved Bob seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Fraternaly submitted,

Beth Merrill, Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee

Executive Committee Meeting October 7, 2011

State Grange Building, Hooksett

Meeting opened at 7:20 p.m.

Members present were Donald Ross, Bob Haefner, and Beth Merrill; Master, Jim Tetreault; Secretary, Carolyn Ross; Overseer, Chris Heath; and Treasurer, Gail Turcotte. As Chairman, Wilber Heath was absent, State Master, Jim Tetreault conducted the meeting. Mark Collins arrived soon after the meeting opened.

Bob moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of the August 12th meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Bob moved and Don seconded that we move into Executive Session.

Moved into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

Beth moved, and Bob seconded to close Executive Session.

Returned to Regular Business Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Beth, Mark and Jim stopped at the **Contoocook Grange Hall** after the last EC meeting and thanks to Mark's mechanical expertise, were able to confirm that the **furnace** does work.

\$5,686.62 was the bill for furnace repair.

Granite State Grange now owes only one quarter of dues.

Granite Grange – submitted an application for a loan from the State Grange. A copy of the request form is on file. This will be brought up at the next meeting when more details have been provided to the EC.

Halloween and Granite will receive letters from the State Secretary informing them that they are not eligible to send delegates to State Session, due to their lapse in quarterly reporting.

Halloween – Chris helped put a new tarp on their Grange Hall. They have a rummage sale planned for next weekend.

Prentice Hill Grange – Has sent out a proper notice and is voting at their meeting on October 14th in regard to selling their hall and property to the neighbor. Don moved, and Mark seconded that Beth and Chris be assigned to represent the Executive Committee at the October 14th meeting.

Northern NH Pomona is now current with their quarterly reports.

Riverhill – General Deputy, Arthur Merrill went to inspect them. Their membership list still needs some clarification.

White Mt. – \$2233.91 received from their closed accounts. \$127.00 expenses taken from that to reimburse the State Grange for the 2011 national and regional convention assessment fees. \$2,106.91 was the final amount that was deposited in a defunct account in the form of an I Series bond with the US Treasury Dept.

Some questions raised were: Who has the Charter and the Roll Book? Quarterly Report books would also be useful for future research and record-keeping purposes.

Pineconia - #322 is finishing the process of changing their name to Concord Grange #322. The application process for a new charter has been started and filed at the National Grange headquarters.

NH Grange Foundation – A letter has been received from Wensley and Jones indicating some concern of the ability of the foundation to award funds to Granges for hall maintenance and restoration. A copy of the letter is on file. Bob will convey concerns of the EC at the annual meeting finale on Tuesday.

Trademark Protection – Leroy Watson recommended that the SG not interfere with Durham's former Scammell Grange Hall restoration project and that National Grange is in negotiations

with them for their continued use of the Grange name. The Executive Committee has asked to be kept informed on that procedure. Motion was made by Mark and seconded by Don that the State Master be given authority to sign the paperwork to clear the former **Scammell Grange Hall** deed to the town of Durham. Discussion was held as to whether their use of the term "Grange" is a separate issue and reiterated that National Grange is handling this matter. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Mark moved, Don seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried. Report is on file.

Report was disclosed on an **email vote** to authorize the Treasurer to **withdraw funds from our principle**. Votes were received August 30th through September 12th and the result was unanimously in favor.

BUDGET:

Assign last year's figures to Departments.

Assign last year's figures to Officers – M, Sec, and T

Assign last year's figures to Deputies

Storage Closet at State Grange Building – Chris Heath, as the building custodian would like to have access to this closet.

Per our vote at the August meeting, it was reported that Hannah is uncomfortable with giving a key to the NH Arms Collectors due to their contact person changing every year.

Mark moved, Don seconded that Cynthia Sullivan will remain a key holder of the SGB.

Member Benefit Brochures – A preliminary version was shared and suggestions of the Executive Committee members via email have been forwarded to its creators Anne Boisvert and Lois Enman.

NEW BUSINESS:

American Income Life Insurance will have a representative at State Session.

Bow Lake Grange Hall Association- Question of whether the SG would take possession of the former Grange Hall should the Association ever dissolve. Beth moved, Don seconded that Bow Lake Grange Hall Association building in the town of Strafford be added to our Notice of Interest filed at the Strafford County Registry of Deeds. State Master Jim Tetreault will take action on this. Motion carried.

Election of Trustees to the Trust Funds –

Beth moved, Don seconded that Rhoda Davis be elected to a three year term as a Trustee of the Trust Funds. Motion carried. Beth moved, Bob seconded that Vicki Hussman be elected to a three year term as a Trustee of the Trust Funds. Motion carried. Jim will notify them that their term will begin on November 1, 2011.

Mark questioned if we could have a **report from the Pomonas** as to the progress/activities of the Growth Teams.

Claremont Grange reorganizing effort – They had four prospective members at their latest organizational meeting. Steve Tracy is continuing work on this endeavor.

Next meeting will be held October 23rd in conjunction with the State Officer's Rehearsal.

Secretary, Treasurer, and State Grange Trust books will be audited.

Mark moved Bob seconded that we adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Merrill, Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee

Executive Committee Minutes October 23, 2011

State Grange Building

Meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by Chairman, Wilber Heath. All members were present.

Minutes of the October 7th meeting were approved as corrected.

Our next meeting will be held at State Session and is usually brief. Committee members will need to sign a new conflict of interest form.

Jim moved, and Don seconded that we go into Executive Session. Motion carried.

Moved into Executive Session at 3:24 p.m.

Beth moved Don seconded to exit Executive Session. Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 3:45 p.m.

Mark moved and Bob seconded that the **2012 budget** as presented to us by the Treasurer be presented to the delegates at State Session. Motion carried.

Copies of three resolutions were handed out to the members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Secretary's supply account, Treasurer, NH Grange Trust, Northeast Connection, and Education Loan Fund books were audited earlier in the day.

Prentice Hill Grange – State Master, Jim Tetreault presented a copy of minutes from the meeting when the members voted to accept the neighbor's offer to assume ownership of the property in exchange for tearing the building down. Chris and Beth attended that meeting as representatives of the Executive Committee. Beth commented that the minutes were not read and approved at the close of the meeting, therefore questioning the validity of the minutes submitted. The Executive Committee feels that the appropriate documentation for this request has not been submitted so no action was taken by the committee. Jim will work with Prentice Hill's Master to compose a letter which presents all the information required.

Wicwas Lake – This Grange has asked to be transferred from the jurisdiction of Merrimack County Pomona to Pemigewasset Valley Pomona. The State Master has agreed to redistrict them.

Results of Email Vote regarding the Randy Fund – five were in favor, one opposed and one abstention in granting permission to withdraw from principle in order to aid the four NH youth members attending National Grange as part of the Youth Officer Corps.

White Mountain – A defunct Grange account, in the form of an "I" bond has been purchased in the amount of \$2106.91.

New Hampshire Grange Foundation – New directors have been elected, but election of officers has been postponed. Their next meeting will be November 1st. New directors are: Linda Lauer, Henry Parkhurst, and Sandy Salo. Bob has reviewed the findings of the lawyer regarding the foundation's ability to award grants to Granges which are not 501(c) 3. He does not agree with the report, so has turned over a copy of the filing papers to a lawyer friend of his who is willing to review them at no cost to us. Bob expects a report back by State Session.

Contocook – Concern was expressed about the winterization of the Grange Building. Jim will ask the realtor to look into this.

Sugar River – A New York Grange member who is related to the gentleman who bought the former Sugar River Grange Hall mentioned to Beth that there are still a lot of Grange items, possibly including the Charter, in the building.

Next meeting will be November 17th at 7:15 p.m. at the State Grange Building.

Bob moved and Don seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Merrill, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

**Executive Committee Minutes
October 29, 2011
Town & Country Motor Inn**

Meeting was called to order at 8:59 p.m. by Chairman, Wilber Heath. All members were present.

Pineconia Grange has requested \$1,500 from principal of their **escrow account**. The request was in the form of a letter and not the newly designed request form. After some discussion, Carolyn moved and Jim seconded the request be granted. Motion carried with 4 yes votes, one opposed and one abstention.

A letter has been received from **Prentice Hill Grange** stating the details of the transfer of their property to their abutter for \$1 in exchange for demolition of the building. The proposal was accepted by a vote of the members present at their last Grange meeting. The minutes of said meeting were included with the letter as well as a copy of the Town of Alstead assessment for the property. This document lists the building at \$51,300 and the land at \$38,400.

Bob moved and Beth seconded that the Executive Committee request that Prentice Hill Grange ask their abutter to pay \$10,000 in recognition of the land value within the transaction. The motion carried with one vote in opposition. Beth and Chris will continue to represent the Executive Committee's interest in the transaction.

Chris Heath was elected to serve as **chairman** of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Mark Collins was elected **secretary** of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Don moved and Jim seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Beth Merrill, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master Jim Tetreault announced the Master's Address Committee: Linda Lauer, Chairman, Kim Bascom, Frances Towne and Priscilla (Tillie) Myers. The members of the Credentials Committee are: Pat Izzo, Chairman and Lucia Savage. Wilber Heath will handle the duties of Parliamentarian.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Dan Bascom to accept the Convention Rules as printed in the delegates packets. So voted.

**Standing Rules of the 138th Annual Convention
New Hampshire State Grange
Order of the Patrons of Husbandry**

**Town & County Motor Inn
U.S. Route 2
Gorham, NH**

October 27 – 29, 2011

1. All persons, except special guests, shall be registered. Nametags and programs shall be issued.
2. Admission to the meetings shall be by nametag and password only. Upon giving proper password, the meeting Deputy will provide a colored sticker for the name badge to eliminate the need for giving the password again at this Session. If you are not wearing your nametag, you will be refused admittance.
3. As a common courtesy to all members, cell phones are to be turned off, or set on vibrate.
4. At least fifteen delegates shall constitute a quorum of the State Grange.
5. Every Subordinate and Pomona Grange in good standing shall be represented by the Master or his/her alternate and one other delegate from said Grange.
6. The voting body of the State Grange shall be all registered delegates.
7. Members attending as non-delegates may take part in discussion, with permission from the chair, but shall not make motions and shall not vote.
8. A member wishing to speak shall wait for recognition by the Master, and upon provision of a working microphone shall announce his/her name and Grange he/she is representing.
9. When two members rise to speak at the same time, the chair will first recognize the member seated the furthest distance from the Master's station.
10. No delegate shall speak more than two minutes on any question under discussion nor may speak a second time until all others who wish to speak have had the opportunity to do so.
11. The published schedule will be adhered to. No order of business will be moved to an earlier time than listed in the official schedule.
12. All reports and other material for the permanent record, immediately on presentation, shall be given to the State Secretary, via a Scandisk which the State Secretary will provide and a paper copy of any report.
13. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the meeting in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and these Standing Rules.
14. These Standing Rules shall be presented to the members for adoption; a 2/3 vote shall be required for adoption.

Dan Bascom, Priest Archon presented a Workshop on Secret Work. Dan read the Patron's General Sign from the Sacred Record Book. Bruce Croucher and Chris Heath exemplified the Patron's General Sign for the audience. Dan finished his Workshop by explaining what Convocation means. There are three (3) Convocations at every National Session.

State Master Jim Tetreault then introduced Walter and Norma Elwell as guests from the Rhode Island State Grange,

The first day of the 138th Annual Session of the New Hampshire Grange closed at 9:10 p.m.

At the close of Thursday night's meeting the State Officers formed a reception line.

Friday, October 28, 2011

The second day of the 138th Annual Session of the New Hampshire State Grange was called to order at 8:34 AM.

Roll Call of officers found State Historian, Richard Patten absent.

The Roll Call of Granges found a quorum present.

The minutes of Thursday evening's session were read and approved by the delegates.

State Steward Bob Trombi introduced Bruce Croucher, Priest Annalist, Assembly of Demeter and his wife Sharon, NY State Grange Lecturer and then the Crouchers' were escorted to the Master's Station. Bruce Croucher read the letter that was received from National Master, Ed Luttrell. Sharon gave remarks on "Attitude Is Everything".

The National Grange
Of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry
Building Communities

October, 2011

Delegates, Officers and Members,

Congratulations to the members of the New Hampshire State Grange for holding your 138th Annual Session! Your State Grange Session should be devoted to celebrating the achievements of the past year, creating the policies and plans for the upcoming year and serving as the time to recharge your enthusiasm and build energy to propel your Granges forward into the future.

Last November, each State Master was given the opportunity to make a pledge for 2011. Brother Tetreault pledged to create Pomona Grange growth teams; create one new Junior Grange; host a Grange Growth team training; and make Grangers proud to ask people to join. These are great goals!

This past year the National Grange has brought you a number of tools to build our Order. Grange Growth Summits, Pomona Grange Revitalization, and a new class of membership with E-Members which has potential to help your State Grange and create a pool of potential new regular members for each Community Grange.

As you work to develop policy, I urge each delegate to study the National Grange legislative policy to find ways to simplify and strengthen your State and our National Grange policies. As a grassroots organization, your input in removing, clarifying, or changing policy is essential in ensuring that our policy remains relevant to today's society.

I hope that each Grange will consider supporting the Kelley Farm through the Grange Foundation. If you wish to learn more about our support of the Kelley Farm, please contact Samantha Johnson at the headquarters. I am pleased to inform you that three out-of-print National Grange cookbooks have been put on a CD and are on sale. All proceeds are dedicated to our trademark protection efforts. I also want to offer my congratulations to those Granges that have taken the time to fill out the Distinguished Grange application.

“Connecting Communities through Service” was our Grange month theme. I believe that this is also what creates growth in our organization. However we choose to serve our communities, we connect people and bring them together. I urge you to continue connecting the individuals in your communities through the educational, legislative, and service projects of your Community Grange and then to connect your communities through the Pomona and State Granges.

Your National Grange officers wish you all a successful State Grange Session and a year of greatness for each Community Grange.

Fraternal best wishes,
Edward L. Luttrell, Master
The National Grange

State Master Jim Tetreault announced the Master’s Address Committee: Linda Lauer, Chairman, Kim Bascom, Frances Towne and Priscilla (Tillie) Meyers. The members of the Credentials Committee were: Pat Izzo, Chairman and Lucia Savage. Wilber Heath will handle the duties of Parliamentarian.

State Secretary Carolyn Ross read the four resolutions that were received after the original ones were mailed out to all Grange Secretary’s.

Resolutions

Resolution #1 Submitted by Rochester Grange #86 Subject: Sale, Encumbrance or Transfer of Grange Halls

WHEREAS, the instructions and procedures for the sale of Grange Halls and Real Property are currently listed in Article XIV, Section 9, Divisions 1 through 4 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws and Chapter 4, Article XI, Sections 4.11.1 through 4.11.5 of the National Grange Digest which are excerpted in the New Hampshire Grange By-Law Appendix; and

WHEREAS, the instructions and procedures of both documents are to be followed when selling, encumbering, or transferring a Grange Hall or Real Property, and can be confusing and need to be consistent with each other; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no provisions for sale, encumbrance or transfer of Grange Halls or Real Property under Article XIII Pomona Granges in the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws, yet the same rules apply per the National Grange Digest; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Article XIV, Section 9 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws be re-named “Sale, Encumbrance or Transfer of Real Property”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Article XIV, Section 9, Division 2 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws be deleted; and be it further

RESOLVED, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 1 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws be re-numbered to Article XIV, Section 9, Division 2, and insert “the Master and” after “petition”

in the first line and change “real estate” to “Real Property” at the end of the first sentence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws Article XIV, Section 9, be amended by adding a new Division 1:

Division 1. For the instructions/procedures for the sale, encumbrance or transfer of a Grange Hall or Real Property, go to Appendix F of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws which includes Chapter 4, Article XI, Sections 4.11.1 through 4.11.5 of the National Grange Digest and Article XIV, Section 9, Divisions 2 through 4 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws inserted where appropriate”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws Article XIII Pomona Granges, Section 1 General Provisions, be amended by adding:

Division 4. For instructions and procedures concerning the sale, encumbrance or transfer of Grange Halls or Real Property, go to Appendix F of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws which includes Chapter 4, Article XI, Sections 4.11.1 through 4.11.5 of the National Grange Digest and Article XIV, Section 9, Divisions 2 through 4 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws inserted where appropriate.

Resolution #2 - Submitted by Gilman Grange #1
Subject: NH State Grange Annual Meetings

WHEREAS, each year it becomes more difficult to find a suitable location for our Annual State Session on the weekend described in the NH State Grange By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, some hotels will not accept reservations for more than one year in advance of our Annual Session, due to this being a busy weekend for them, thus limiting our NH State Grange Convention coordinator in making reservations for our annual conventions; and

WHEREAS, the NH State Grange By-Laws Article V, Section 1 reads: The Grange shall hold its regular annual meeting, between October 20 and the first Thursday of November....; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-Laws be amended by changing Article V, Section 1, “between October 20” to “between October 15”.

Resolution #3 - Submitted by Gilman Grange #1
Subject: Journal of Proceedings

WHEREAS, the Journal of Proceedings is the permanent record of a State Grange Session; and

WHEREAS, this Journal was previously provided in printed form to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges; and

WHEREAS, many members do not have access to a computer or have difficulty downloading the Journal files from our website; and

WHEREAS, the Journal is now only provided to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges on-line; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-Laws Article XII, Section 1, have a new Division created that states: "The NH State Grange Secretary will provide one printed copy of the Journal of Proceedings to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange each year."

**Resolution #4 - Submitted by Gilman Grange #1
Subject: Voting Protocol during State Session**

WHEREAS, NH State Grange By-Laws Article XII, Division 4, state: "All elections in State, Pomona, Subordinate and Junior Granges shall be by ballot, and a majority of all legal votes cast shall be necessary for choice."; and

WHEREAS, the Subordinate and Pomona delegates represent the voting body at State Session; and

WHEREAS, the State Session Committees are made up of the delegates present; and

WHEREAS, State Session Committees currently meet during session (including when voting is taking place) to conduct committee business, preventing the committee members from participating in State Session voting; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-Laws Article X, have a new Section created that states: "No Sessions Committee meetings will be held while voting is taking place at the Annual State Grange Session."

**Resolution #5 Submitted by the New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee
Subject: Clarifying language on Sale of Grange Halls**

WHEREAS, there needs to be strength in the language of our By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, the language in our By-Laws needs to be clear; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 1 and Article XIV, Section 9, Division 3 are not clearly worded; therefore be it

RESOLVED, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 1 First sentence "The Subordinate Grange will petition..." be changed to read "The Subordinate Grange shall petition..."; and be it further

RESOLVED, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 3 is changed from:

Division 3. Upon final approval of the State Executive Committee to sell said property, the New Hampshire State Grange will act as an escrow agent for said Grange. Upon sale of property the sum of \$1,000, if sale price is more than this amount, may at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange be left to the control of the Grange selling the property. This is provided that the Grange does not intent to surrender their charter. The remainder of the sale price will be placed in an escrow fund with the New Hampshire State Grange and controlled by the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange. The

New Hampshire State Grange will pay accrued income on this fund to the Subordinate Grange annually, if requested. Funds from said escrow account may be returned to the Subordinate Grange in such amounts as may be requested in writing by the Subordinate Grange upon a two-thirds vote of the New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee.

To:

Division 3. Upon final approval of the sale by the State Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange will act as an escrow agent for the Subordinate Grange. If the net proceeds from the sale is \$1,000.00 or less the Subordinate Grange may retain the entire amount provided it does not intend to surrender its charter. If the sale proceeds exceed \$1,000.00 the excess amount shall be assigned by the Subordinate Grange to the State Grange. Funds not retained by the Subordinate Grange shall be held in an escrow account controlled by the State Executive Committee. The State Executive Committee shall pay annually, in the month of April, to the Subordinate Grange, upon written request from the Subordinate Grange, accrued income and such portions of the principal as the Executive Committee may by a two thirds vote approve. Requests for portions of the principal shall be in writing, include reason for request, and be submitted at least four weeks in advance.

Resolution #6 Submitted by Antrim Grange #98
Subject: State Granges

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Grange Digest, Chapter 4, Article 4.3.3(A) be changed by adding the words "District or Territory", after the word State, so that the Article will read "Six or more Subordinate Granges working in a State, District, or Territory may apply to the Secretary of the National Grange for authority to organize a State Grange."

Resolution #7 Submitted by Antrim Grange #98
Subject: State Grange Executive Committee

WHEREAS, in 1978 the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws were changed by increasing the number of Executive Committee Members of the State Grange from three to five; and,

WHEREAS, in 1978 there were 150 Granges in New Hampshire and in 2011 there are 65; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws, Article IX, Section 1 be amended by changing the number of members of the State Grange Executive Committee from five to four, so that the section will read, "The Executive Committee of this Grange shall consist of four (4) members, to which shall be added the Master with full privileges. The Overseer, Treasurer and Secretary shall be ex-officio members without voting privileges."; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect with the 2011 election of officers.

Resolution #8 Submitted by Lower Intervale Grange #321
Subject: Northern Pass Project

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange take a stand against the Northern Pass Project as it is presently proposed.

Resolution #9 Submitted by Croydon Grange #357

Subject: Food Protection Rights

WHEREAS All people are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS Food is human sustenance and is the fundamental prerequisite to life; and

WHEREAS The basis of human sustenance rests on the ability of all people to save seed, grow, process, consume and exchange food and farm products; and

WHEREAS We the People of the New Hampshire State Grange, have an obligation to protect these rights as is the Common and Natural Law; and in recognition of the State's proud agricultural heritage; and the necessity of agriculture, ecological and economic diversity and sustainability to a free and healthy Society; therefore be it

RESOLVED That We The People of the New Hampshire State Grange, stand on our rights under the 10th Amendment to the US Constitution and reject such Federal decrees, statutes, regulations or corporate practices that threaten our basic human right to save seed, grow, process, consume and exchange food and farm products within the State of New Hampshire; and be it further

RESOLVED that We the People of the New Hampshire State Grange shall resist any and all infringements upon these rights, from whatever sources that are contrary to the rights of the People of the State of New Hampshire.

Resolution #10 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona

Subject: Elimination of Term Limits for National Grange Executive Committee

WHEREAS, at the 144th Annual Convention of the National Grange, Resolution (GL-102 was adopted at the first reading, eliminating term limits for Officer of the National Grange in Chapter 4, Article X, Section 4.10.2 (E) in the National Digest; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4, Article X, Section 4.10.1 (C) (2) states "Elected Members of the Executive Committee shall serve no more than 3 consecutive terms."; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the last sentence in Chapter 4, Article X, Section 4.10.1 (C) (2) be eliminated so that this section shall read "(2) National Grange - The Executive Committee of the National Grange shall consist of the following members: The Master and Overseer of the National Grange, and the four elected members whose terms of office shall be two years, two to be elected each year at the Annual Session of the National Grange."

Resolution # 11 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: Resort Casino

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire has made significant budget cuts in recent years; and

WHEREAS, these budget cuts have affected necessary services and safety in the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not made any effort to find a source of revenue in over a decade; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire State Legislature is looking for some source of revenue; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's unemployment rate is above 5%; and

WHEREAS, Resort Casinos will both create jobs and bring revenue into the state; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange go on record in support of Resort Casinos.

Resolution # 12 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona #6
Subject: State Income Tax

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire has made significant budget cuts in recent years; and

WHEREAS, these budget cuts have affected necessary services and safety in the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not made any effort to find a source of revenue in over a decade; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire State Legislature is looking for some source of revenue including a State Income Tax; and

WHEREAS, it is time to start using revenue from everyone that comes to this state and not just the residents of this state; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange go on record opposing a State Income Tax.

Resolution # 13 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona #6
Subject: State Sales Tax

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire has made significant budget cuts in recent years; and

WHEREAS, these budget cuts have affected necessary services and safety in the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not made any effort to find a source of revenue in over a decade; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange go on record in support of a State Sales Tax on all non-consumable goods; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Sales Tax be capped at two (2) points lower than the average of the five (5) remaining New England states.

State Lecturer Hannah West was called upon to give her report.

State Lecturer's Report, 2011

Worthy Master, Brother and Sister Patrons, and Guests,

"I started home twixt twelve and one. I cried, 'My God, what have I done?'"

That snatch of song rather sums up my feelings a year ago, when the euphoria of Installation wore off and reality set in. November passed in a blur of trying to find a committee and plan some events while attending National Grange and putting out the Granite State Granger. December brought a successful Deputy School and a little more structure in the Lecturer's Department. Many thanks to Past Lecturer Marie Hall who passed on the computer files of her Lecturer's program and sorted over the boxes of Lecturer's material before handing them on.

January began with a snowy ride to Albany, New York, for the Northeast Leaders Conference. At the Northeast Lecturers' meeting I was informed that I was Vice President of the NE Lecturers' Association, which meant New Hampshire would be hosting the Northeast Lecturers' Conference in 2012! January also brought three Area Meetings and the realization that I wear a few too many Grange hats. My fellow directors grew very tired of hearing my voice, although the local Grangers seemed willing to learn about Lecturer's work, the Granite State Granger, and e-mail bulletins. Thanks to my daughter Anne for driving to Dalton and to Jim, Arthur, and Tricia for letting me ride to Rochester with them.

State Overseer Chris Heath took over the task of running the Grange Bowling Event at Lakeside Lanes in March. It was attended by 67 adults and 4 juniors and was financially self-sufficient. We even have a bit of money left over for next year. This activity draws people who do not attend any other State Grange event, so we will be back at Lakeside Lanes in March of 2012, hoping for an increased attendance. The people who won prizes will be listed at the end of this report.

On May 14 New Hampshire hosted a Maine/New Hampshire Gathering at the Legion Hall in Gorham. At the request of the Maine State Lecturer the event was held in the middle of the day rather than the evening. Fifty people were present for the meal, and another fifteen came for the program only. All enjoyed good food and fellowship and a fine program prepared by Lecturer Sherry Harriman of Maine. This was a break-even event. All the money I collected for the meals was paid out to the American Legion to cover the food and a gratuity. Use of the hall was included in the price of the meal. I truly appreciate the work of Mary Tyler and Tillie Meyers in making arrangements with the American Legion.

On June 4 the Talent Show, renamed Variety Show, took place at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. There were 5 vocal, 1 instrumental, and 5 variety performances. Wilber Heath was Best of Show with his recitation of "Charlie and the MTA." I did not take an official count, but I think there were about 38 people in the hall. The "Kiss the Pig" Fundraiser Finale and Youth Sign-a-Song and Public Speaking contests were held at the close of the Variety Show. Cash prizes were given: \$15 for first place, \$10 for second place, and \$5 for third place in each category. An additional \$10 was given for Best of Show. Winners will be listed at the end of this report. June is a busy month, and next year I hope to schedule the Variety Show earlier in the year in the hope of increasing attendance. Heartfelt thanks to Bob Haefner and Lois Enman who stepped in to judge at the last minute, and a big thank-you to Kevin Belval for serving as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

The Northeast Lecturer's Conference was held in Bridgewater, MA, in early August. There were at least 18 people from New Hampshire present for some part of the conference, and many of them attended the whole session. The NH program "Season It Sweet" was well received. Many thanks to my daughter Mary West and her husband Kevin Belval for managing props and keeping everyone moving. My experiments with technology were not too successful, but I will remember lessons learned and try again. At the final banquet our State Master presented me with two picture frames and a generous cash gift from the Granges of New Hampshire. Thanks to all who made a contribution.

Wilber Heath participated in the Talent Show on "Northeast Night" and surprised and delighted himself and the rest of us by coming away with Best of Show. He will be going on to represent New Hampshire in the Night of Excellence at National Grange. With your donations to the Talent Fund we were able to give him a check for \$360 dollars, which, because he is a frugal man, will cover most of his expenses for transportation. It seems appropriate here to thank Marie Hall, because her participation in the "Kiss the Pig" fundraiser gave the Talent Fund a nice boost.

Next year the Northeast Lecturer's Conference will be in New Hampshire. Arrangements are incomplete at this time, but I hope that many of you will be able to participate in a conference in your home state.

September and October have brought the challenges of collecting contest entries, arranging for judging and prizes, preparing the Lecturer's Booklet for next year, and writing final reports. Winners in the Art, Photo, Creative Writing, and Create-a-Card contests will be listed at the end of this report. I hope many of you are here to collect your prize in person and take your entries home at the close of the session. Please visit the exhibit room downstairs to admire the wonderful talents of your fellow Grangers and find out who the winners are.

This year there will be a Photography Contest at National Grange, and I am asking you all to help select a "People's Choice" to send to Tulsa, OK. Be sure to put your vote in the box for the picture of your choice. Each photograph will be labeled with a letter of the alphabet. Indicate the letter of your choice and initial your "Ballot." One person, one vote, please. Because they have their own contest, photos will not be included in the "Best Three" selection process for items to be sent to National Grange.

Our State Master thought to increase communication by asking for quarterly Lecturer's reports. Each quarter brought a lower response. Next year we will try two reports, one in May and one in October, in the hope of increasing the response rate. I would like to publicly recognize the nine Granges who sent in all four reports this year: Baker's River, Blow-Me-Down, Crown Point, Daniel Webster, Harmony, Pineconia, Rochester, Sunapee Lake, and Winthrop.

Let us now consider the coming year. I have prepared a booklet with suggestions, guidelines, contest rules, and report forms for 2012. I have done what I could to make it user-friendly. It is my hope that Lecturers will take it apart and make copies of contest rules to give to interested members of their Granges. The booklet has a few specific topics for programs, but mainly it gives areas to explore, guidelines to consider when planning a program, and other information, which will, I hope, prove useful. It may be different from what you are used to seeing. It is the same advice for both Pomona and Subordinate Lecturers, because you are all Lecturers. It is built around the State Master's priorities and is intended to help bring them into reality.

As I prepared that booklet, I wondered how many Lecturers would even open it. It will come to your Grange in a large envelope containing information for many departments. If you are the Master or Secretary, please make sure your Lecturer receives it. If you are a Lecturer, please read it soon. It won't do you much good next October, when the Grange year is over.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah West, State Grange Lecturer

Bowling Winners

Men Class A

1. Kevin Belval High Triple 284
2. Christopher Heath High Triple 273
3. David Hewes High Triple 269

Men Class B

1. Arthur Merrill High Triple 284
2. Dana Hall High Triple 264
3. Andrew Savage High Triple 264

Men Class C

1. Wilber Heath High Triple 255
2. John McColley High Triple 250
3. John Doves High Triple 248

Men Class D

1. Forrest Decatur High Triple 245
2. Matt Coulombe High Triple 222
3. Jason Russell High Triple 172

Women Class A

1. Dianne Hoitt High Triple 279
2. Mary Doves High Triple 265

Women Class B

1. Lois Enman High Triple 264
2. Dot Haskins High Triple 243

3. Judy Bailey High Triple 239

Women Class C

1. Kim Bascom High Triple 235
2. Mellissa Coulombe High Triple 221
3. Barbara Wentworth High Triple 219

Women Class D

1. Barbara Brulotte High Triple 234
2. Brittany Estes High Triple 220
3. Kimberley Kent High Triple 201

Juniors

1. Page Beckert Total 167
2. Vicki Decatur Total 154
3. Isabelle Brandt Total 139

Teams Total Score

1. Halloween - 1259
2. Daniel Webster Team #1 - 1159
3. Rochester - 1155
4. Henry Wilson Team #2 - 1142

Creative Writing

Read the Book

- 1st – Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange
- 2nd – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange
- 3rd – Norma Neary, Pembroke Grange

Poetry

- 1st - Janet Sherrod, Hampton Falls Grange
- 2nd – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange
- 3rd – Lucy E. Woodes, Hampton Falls Grange

A Funny Thing Happened to Me

- 1st – June A. Davis, Mt. Hope Grange
- 2nd – Mary West, Chichester Grange
- 3rd – Norma Neary, Pembroke Grange

Art

Class A - Oils & Acrylics

- 1st – Ruth Pelton, Hampton Falls Grange
- 2nd - Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange
- 3rd – Phillip J. Clark, Jr., Gilman Grange

Class B – Watercolors

- 1st – Phillip J. Clark, Jr., Gilman Grange

Class C – Charcoal, Pastels, Pencil

- 1st – Phillip J. Clark, Jr., Gilman Grange
- 2nd – Roberta A. Sliva, Hampton Falls Grange
- 3rd – June A. Davis, Mt. Hope Grange

Create-a-Card

Category I – Hand Stamped or Hand Drawn

Class A – Holiday

- 1st – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange
- 2nd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

Class B – Birthday

- 1st – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange
- 2nd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

Class C- Thinking of You

- 1st – June A. Davis, Mt. Hope Grange
- 2nd – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange
- 3rd - Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

Category II – Computer Generated

Class A – Holiday

- 1st – Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange
- 2nd – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange

Class B – Birthday

- 1st – Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange

Class C – Thinking of You

- 1st – Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange
- 2nd – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange

Category III – Hand Decorated

Class A – Holiday

- 1st- Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange
- 2nd – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange

Class B – Birthday

- 1st – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange
- 2nd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

Class C – Thinking of You

- 1st Lucy Woodes, Hampton Falls Grange
- 2nd – Carol Hill, Rockingham Grange
- 3rd – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange

Photography Contest

My Friend, My Companion (Human)

35 mm Camera

- 1st – Carol Hill, Rockingham Grange
- 2nd – Lucy E. Woodes, Hampton Falls Grange

Digital Camera

- 1st – Jane Trombi, Warren Pond Grange
- 2nd – June A. Davis, Mt. Hope Grange
- 3rd – Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange

My Friend, My Companion (Animal)

35mm Camera

- 1st – James Jacobs, Rochester Grange
2nd – Lucy E. Woodes, Hampton Falls Grange

Digital Camera

- 1st – Marie E. Hall, Gilman Grange
2nd – Donald R. Ross, Gilman Grange
3rd – Sandra Fogarty, Somersworth Grange

Sunrise, Sunset

35mm Camera

- 1st – Carol Hill, Rockingham Grange

Digital Camera

- 1st – Wayne Turcotte, Rochester Grange
2nd – Lois Enman, Rochester Grange
3rd – Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange

This year's State **Community Citizen** was Francis Muzzey of Wentworth. His name was submitted by Baker's River Grange.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Membership Director Anne Boisvert was called upon to give her report.

Membership Report

At Jim's installation last year it was announced to everyone that I would be the new membership director. It was a position I had been interested in since I was a Junior Granger and kept a collection of all the membership paraphernalia I could get (a copy of each pamphlet Roy Birard put out for people to take) and came home from New England Leader's Conference every year pumped up from the National Representatives' presentations and sure that Grange could conquer anything. Unfortunately my optimism, energy, inspiration, enthusiasm, and self-confidence had all dropped off considerably since that time. About two weeks after installation, I found out I was pregnant and there went most of the rest of my energy. At that point there wasn't much to do but hope and persevere, so I went about trying to find myself some committee members. I definitely did not find a wealth of enthusiasm in anyone I contacted, but fortunately Grangers are often cooperative even when they don't particularly want to be, so I managed to twist the arms of a few people and get myself a committee. I'd be the first to tell you that I don't particularly know how to use a committee to anywhere near its full potential, but they were helpful just the same and I hope to get better at that. At this time I would like to thank Norman Brandt, Beth Merrill, Tillie Meyers, Gwen Yardley, and Ida Hutchins for their support.

January was full of area meetings, at which all departments, mine included, presented in several regions of the state. February brought the annual Farm and Forest Expo at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester in February. This year's theme was "Growth through Yankee Ingenuity." The exhibit sign was made of pine boards and duct tape and handouts included lengths of baling twine tied to cards with Grange information. Thank you to all those who donated to the "Made by a Granger" basket we gave for the auction and to those who made items for the "something from nothing" contest judged by visitors to the booth. Newspaper starter seed pots made by Beth Merrill were chosen as the winner. Thanks, too, to the

Grangers who volunteered their time and effort to man the Grange booth, greeting visitors with a friendly face and answering questions. This year's volunteers were: Beth and Arthur Merrill, Norman Brandt, Jim Tetreault, Bob Haefner, Gwen Yardley, Fran Everard, Mark Collins, Dot Haskins, Marion T. Jones, Hannah West, Allissa Estes, Jane Heath, and Gloria Davis. Our booth received second prize for the educational exhibitors. Please keep February 3th and 4th 2012 in mind if you would like to help staff next year's booth. The theme will be "Opening Doors to Our Future." Ideas are welcome.

In March, the State Master announced a program he was asking the membership department to sponsor called Grange Boosters, part of the Grange Growth priority on his list. Forms were mailed out and put on the website whereby Granges could send information on their new members to the membership department. These Granges would then be listed on the website so everyone could share in their success. Meanwhile, the new members would receive a welcome letter from the State Grange. The welcome letters were lost in the shuffle this year, but new welcome packets are in the works and will be mailed to new members listed on the Grange Booster forms I currently have and those I receive subsequently. Special thanks go to Gail Turcotte for giving me some help and suggestions for what to include in the packets. Hopefully the program will catch on better in the New Year as I only received information from four Granges this year: Arlington, Blow-Me-Down, Blazing Star, and Gilman.

In April, the big event was the Grange Growth Summit, a National Grange Program put on by Rusty Hunt, National Grange Membership Director at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. Many members from NH, Massachusetts, and Vermont were trained in membership growth techniques and readied to help Granges in their area who may be struggling or could just use a little help coming up with a new direction or a new project. Chichester, Daniel Webster, Halloween, and Watatic Granges hosted groups for the training. For the NH Grangers, the idea was to get some trained members from each Pomona so help would be available to Granges everywhere with minimal travel time for the teams involved.

In early May, a successful degree day was held at Dorchester Grange. There were three official candidates but several others who had never seen the degrees conferred. Thank you very much to Ida Hutchins for her invaluable help in making the event happen. Thank you also to Dorchester Grange, the deputy force, the youth officers, the State Officers, the members of Walpole Grange, and everyone else who helped out.

My daughter Rebecca was born on June 16. Her somewhat early arrival surprised the heck out of everyone involved and also kind of put a hold on any further membership department work for the season.

Now, after having three candidates at the degree day and receiving four responses all year to the Grange Booster Program, and knowing that my going into labor on a third Wednesday made it so that my own Grange didn't have a quorum that night, I was not feeling too optimistic about the state of things. You can imagine then that it just about knocked my socks off to find that seventeen Subordinate Granges and one Pomona reached a net gain in membership for the Grange year ending June 30, 2011. At this time I would like to congratulate the following Granges on that achievement: Arlington, Aurora, Blow-Me-Down, Centennial, Dorchester, Harmony, Joe English, Lake Shore, Londonderry, Mount Hope, Park, Peterborough, Pine Grove, Riverside, Somersworth, Walpole, Wicwas Lake, and Eastern NH Pomona.

As with anytime that new officers and directors begin their new positions, this year has included a learning curve for all involved. The membership department was certainly no different. Despite the somewhat unexpected circumstances and my lack of confidence in my ability to fulfill the duty of Membership director, the sky did not fall and in fact many Granges in the state did quite well membership-wise. Several membership events went off with reasonable success and people have sent me some suggestions to implement for the future. I hope to work with these and give Granges throughout the state further encouragement and perhaps a few helpful tools to do what they are already doing: Growing the Grange.

The report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

State Assistant Steward and General Deputy Arthur Merrill was called upon to give his reports.

Report of the Assistant Steward

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Brothers and Sisters;

The Duties of this office are limited to packing the truck, setting up the meeting room, taking down, and repacking the truck, putting it all back where it belongs at the State Grange building in Hooksett.

I am never sure when I attend a meeting if I am the Assistant Steward or the General Deputy, therefore most of my report is included as the General Deputy.

Fraternally Submitted;
Arthur Merrill

General Deputy Report

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Brothers and Sisters;

The Deputies have concluded the fall visits, the numbers have been crunched, and some conclusions have been reached. There are Granges that have improved, some have declined, and many that have stayed about the same as last year.

The Pomona Granges have assets of \$53452.51. Dues range from a low of \$4 to a high of \$15 per member. Number of meetings from zero to nine. Membership from 21 to 137. The most members at any Pomona meeting was 26 and only 1 Pomona showed an increase in membership. Pomona Granges should consider having a growth team from a neighboring Pomona come and work with them.

I hope that next year more Pomonas will work the fifth degree, either by themselves or in cooperation with another Pomona. The top scoring Pomona Grange was Cheshire County Pomona #6. Some type of appropriate award will be presented to them in the near future.

The Subordinate Granges have real estate valued at more than 2.7 million dollars. Other assets total nearly 1.1 million dollars. Dues go from a high of \$40 to 10 Granges collecting less than the State Grange By-Laws state must be collected. We will be in contact with those Granges who are in violation of our By-Laws not only on this issue but others as well. One issue is meetings, the By-Laws state that a Subordinate Grange must meet at least once a month. That is 12 months, not 8 or 10 months. Eleven Granges showed an increase in membership.

We went back to scoring Granges this year, the system will be changed slightly for next year but remain pretty much the same. It is hoped that by scoring again it will encourage those Granges that need a little help with officers will ask their Pomona Grange for assistance, thus encouraging and promoting visiting among our Granges.

We asked you to do the Sign of Caution and the Sign of Distress, and next year we will ask you to exemplify the Patrons General Sign.

During the fall visits, the Deputies asked a few questions about state session. The results of this survey are in no way a reflection of the entire membership, but only a small sampling. Many Granges that do not have delegates at State session say it is due to cost, distance or they are just plain lazy. We need to consider some changes to our session in the hopes of getting more Grangers to attend.

The Deputies worked the first degree at the one degree day we had this year. Thank you to those who took the time to travel to Dorchester for this event. Hopefully, we will have the chance to do the same again next year. I conducted a workshop at winter youth rally, and one on code reading at Spring Fling.

Steve Tracy continues to do good work in the field. Steve is able to do things many of us cannot or will not do, talk to strangers. Croydon Grange is doing well and Steve is working hard in Claremont and some other areas as well. Keep up the good work Steve.

Rusty Hunt was here in April to train us on reorganizing and reinvigorating Granges. We now have a good group of members who can and will come to your Grange and help. Please ask your Pomona Grange Master if your Pomona has a team available, or contact Bob Trombi, our Visioning Deputy to schedule a team to visit your Grange. I do not believe any Grange should close or consolidate without a Grange Growth team meeting with them at least once to see if there is hope for them to continue.

Two of our deputies are retiring after this session. Donald Ross and Marie Hall have given many years of faithful service to the Deputy force, and we wish them well in their future Grange journeys.

Your Deputies have traveled over 24,000 miles this year in service to the NH State Grange, with the General Deputy having over 9,000 miles of this total.

The top scoring Grange this year is Wicwas Lake Grange #292 of Meredith Center. One year ago, this Grange was nearly ready to close. However, a few dedicated members kept meeting each month, and since September of 2010, they have had at least 16 at every meeting, and usually over 20. At their October meeting there was 35 members. I would like to congratulate their Master Steve Durant and the members of Wicwas Lake Grange for their hard work to restore this Grange.

In closing, I would like to thank the Deputies for their hard work this year. I would like to say thank you to the State Master for giving me the opportunity to serve the NH State Grange as your General Deputy. I enjoy this position, visiting Granges, answering questions and helping where ever I am able.

Remember, the Deputy Force is here to assist your Grange, please do not hesitate to ask.

Fraternally submitted
Arthur Merrill
General Deputy

The reports were accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master Jim Tetreault called upon Matt Clark to speak on Grange Growth Summit Conferences.

State Lady Assistant Steward Jane Trombi was called upon to give her report.

Lady Assistant Steward Report 2011

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Fellow State Officers, Brother and Sister Patrons,
It is with pleasure that I present to you my report as your Lady Assistant Steward for another year.

This year I was able to attend the area meeting in Hooksett as well as the Grange Growth Training held in April with Membership Development Director, Rusty Hunt. I served as Lady Assistant Steward in three degrees at the Degree Day at Dorchester Grange in May and in July I attended Grange Family Weekend at Gunstock Recreation Area. In addition to these, I attended meetings in my jurisdiction as a deputy.

As State Lady Assistant Steward, my main responsibility is to assist the Steward and Assistant Steward with the loading, setting up and returning of all the State Grange belongings to the State Grange Building in Hooksett. The trailer was packed up last Sunday before rehearsal and then Mark Collins brought it up here on Wednesday, so we were able to set up Thursday morning to be ready for the opening on Thursday night. A lot of work goes in to setting up the hall and many thanks go to those of you who helped.

Fraternally submitted,
Jane Trombi
LAS NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

State Pomona Ida Hutchins was called upon to give her report.

Report of Pomona

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests Brothers and Sisters all

I am pleased and honored to present my first report as your State Pomona. As Pomona it is my duty to assist the Worthy Flora.

Along with my Deputy duties I attended the following functions and activities: two area meetings; Winter Youth Rally, Spring Fling; Growth Summit; Degree Day; Maine- NH Day; Lecturer's conference as well as visiting as many other Granges as possible.

I look forward to next year and hopefully attending more Grange meetings and functions.

Fraternally,
Ida Hutchins
Pomona NH State Pomona

The report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

State Chaplain Matt Clark was called upon to give his report.

Chaplain Report

Worthy Master, national reps, fellow state officers, delegate body, brothers and sisters all. Over the last year I have traveled many miles, both for Grange and for my personal life. My year started by driving to Charlotte, NC for our National Grange Convention, with a stop in Virginia to see my brother-in-law and his family. In NC, my wife, Lynn, and I served as national youth officers for the youth opening. One of the highlights of the trip for me was visiting the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Once we got home, our year in Grange in NH began with deputy school at the fire academy. The first of the year found Lynn, and me in NY for Northeast Leaders Conference accompanied by our State Master for the long drive in a snowstorm. At this event I also conducted the annual meeting of the New England Grange building trustees. Thank God the weather cleared for the ride home. The remainder of the winter found me with little sleep and out on the roads plowing snow until the spring.

In April, my family and I flew to Durango, CO, where we spent a week with Dan Greer and his family; who was my best man at my wedding and longtime Grange friend. After getting back from the trip I put on my special deputy hat and made several visits with my deputy mentor, my grandfather, Brother Hugh Clark. April also brought many of us together for a Grange Growth summit at the State Grange building in Hooksett.

I attended winter youth rally, northeast youth conference in Brunswick, ME, several drill practices, lecturer's talent show and the youth moon stomp.

Once again, the New England Go to Church service was held with a change of location. The service was hosted by Vermont at the Rockingham Meeting House in Rockingham, VT. This year we saw a good attendance over all even with the absence of Massachusetts and those who chose to attend a memorial service for brother Thomas Severance, High Priest of Demeter who passed away earlier in the year.

The fall found me busy with assisting my wife with installations, preparing for the fifth degree, and getting my paperwork together for National youth officer. I have been chosen to serve as Assistant Steward, and Lynn will be serving as Lady Assistant Steward for the youth opening at National Grange in Oklahoma. It has been a pleasure serving as your chaplain and I look forward to serving the members of the NH State Grange for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew G. Clark
Chaplain – NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

State Gatekeeper Kathy Yardley was called upon to give her report.

2011 Gatekeeper's Report

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brother & Sister Patrons,

2011 has been a busy year for me personally, but I have still managed to get out and about to various Grange events. I attended February Youth Rally, and got to play Grange Jeopardy (my sincere apologies to Allissa Estes, who was on the opposing end of my enthusiastic and lightning-fast buzzer-pressing skill). I did a lip-sync to the song "Ten Little Bottles" at the talent contest and a group sign-a-song entry with my sister Beth Merrill. She and I attended Northeast Youth Conference in Maine and won the group category there as well with our song "Movin' Right Along". I attended the New England Go to Church service in Rockingham, VT. This fall I went to the Big E and worked in the store in the New England Grange Building and also in the blueberry pie booth in the NH building. I have also served on Cheshire County Pomona's Growth Team and participated in a joint Pomona conferral of the Fifth Degree in the office of Lady Assistant Steward.

I've been very busy in my own Grange this year as master, and my Grange continues to grow and find new ways to serve our community. The growth and prosperity of the State Grange depends on the strength of our subordinate Granges and I am confident that my Grange is doing its part to support that continued growth and prosperity.

Fraternally Submitted,

Kathy Yardley, Gatekeeper
NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

State Master Jim Tetreault then introduced Walter and Norma Elwell as guests from the Rhode Island State Grange. Walter brought greetings from Steve Logan, Master of the Rhode Island State Grange.

State Flora Ann Leger was called upon to give her report.

Report of Flora

National Representatives, State Officers, Session Delegates and Patrons all:

I stand before you as your newly elected Flora- it has been a year of exploration and discovery. I had forgotten all that serving as Flora entailed!

From attending Spring Fling, the Grange Growth Summit, our area meeting in Dalton, ME/NH luncheon to participating in the Degree Day at Dorchester and helping with the Memorial Service at session.

And- of course- organizing and setting up the court for the degree- choosing a soloist and court members, a drill team to perform the Rose Drill and decorating the hall- If you had been in this room at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, you'd never have believed it would be ready for the degree!

It has been a pleasure and a privilege serving you for another year.

Fraternally,
Ann Leger
NH State Flora

The report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

State Master Jim Tetreault called a recess at 10:09 AM.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:40 AM.

A Workshop on Fun with Finances was presented by Matt Snow.

Wayne Turcotte our Web Master gave a demonstration on the new improved State Grange Web site.

State Master Jim Tetreault was called upon to give his Master's Address.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE STATISTICS REPORT:



AS OF JUNE 30, 2011

Total number of Subordinate Granges: 65

Total number of Pomona Granges: 11

Total number of Subordinate Grange Members: 1,873

Total number of Pomona Grange Members: 767

Granges Who Own Their Hall: 27

Granges Closed this year: 03

- Contoocook
- Ocean Side (consolidated with Hampton Falls #171)
- Wattannick (consolidated with Hudson #11)

Honored Guests, Fellow State Officers and Brother and Sister Patrons:

It is an honor for me to deliver my first *Masters Address* as Master of the New Hampshire State Grange. Let me start off by saying that, "this entire year has been a whirlwind!" After installation of our State Grange officers, on October 31st, at the Winchester Town Hall, I was very excited about Trick or Treat that evening but, because of the length of the day, and after enjoying coffee, with my closest friend David Corliss, I prepared for Trick or Treat by getting the candy into a bowl, turning on the light, and I promptly fell asleep on the couch, not awakening until 8:30PM! I missed the entire event! The following Saturday, Past Master Beth Merrill and State Assistant Steward and 2nd delegate to the National Grange Arthur Merrill, and I left for Charlotte, North Carolina.

I thank the Merrill's for taking me under their wing, and guiding me through the process of going to National Grange as a delegate. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to serve on the Taxation and Transportation Committee. I thank Pete Pomper, the National Grange Lecturer, for his mentoring of me at the National Session, as well as the entire year.

When I became Master of this State Grange, I laid out a set of priorities for our State Grange. This *Masters Address* is framed in terms of those priorities. Please, take some time to review them.

Grange Growth: We wanted to grow the Grange in NH this year. Did we succeed? Here is what we did to accomplish that.

- We asked each Pomona Grange to appoint a Grange Growth Team to help strengthen the Grange in each Pomona jurisdiction.
- We appointed two special Deputies, an organizing Deputy Steve Tracy, and visioning Deputy, Bob Trombi. They will scout potential locations to organize new Granges, and to assist struggling Granges.
- We hosted a New Hampshire Grange Growth summit, during the month of April, in Hooksett. We asked each Pomona Grange Growth Team to spend the weekend with National Grange Leadership -Membership Director Rusty Hunt.

RESULTS:

- **POMONA GRANGE GROWTH TEAMS:** We had eight out of eleven Pomona Masters commit to our Pomona Grange Growth Program, by appointing full teams. Two additional Pomona Masters committed by appointing partial teams.

- **SPECIAL DEPUTY PROGRAM:** Bob Trombi, served as our Visioning Deputy, with the responsibility of helping Granges reshape their destiny and their mission. Bob had no opportunity to work with any Grange. Steve Tracy, our Organizing Deputy, worked this year to re-organize Claremont Grange with several meetings. Steve has also traveled to the North Country and worked with two additional Granges.
- **Pomona Grange Growth Summit:** The summit was held April 15-17 at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. We had forty one members who share an interest in growing the Grange. These member worked to become proficient in team training, to go into our local Granges, and try to” help them help themselves!” We visited four Granges that day practicing our skills. Mistakes were made in the organizing of this event but, these were more process than content. Anne Boisvert, Membership Director of the New Hampshire State Grange, “nervously” presided over the three day summit. Anne did a fine job putting this event together, thank you Anne. At this time zero Granges have been visited by Grange Growth Teams!

FOCUS ON RITUALISM: As I traveled the State, I heard members talk about how they missed the ritualism of the Grange. Thus we made the following changes:

- We re-instated Deputy Instructions and Inspections.
- We asked each Grange to exemplify the “sign of caution and “sign of distress.”
- We advised each Grange we were going to instruct and inspect on the opening and closing ceremonies.

RESULTS:

- The Deputies visited each of the sixty six Granges and collected data. Some of the data collected is:
 - Did the non-profit incorporation with the State of NH get renewed?
 - Was the 990-N post card filing with the IRS completed? As well as other financial data.
- During the spring visit, each Deputy imparted the sign of distress, and the sign of caution, with instruction that each Grange would be asked to exemplify these signs for the Deputy in the fall.
- Granges were inspected, on the opening, and closing in the 4th degree.

FUNDRAISING:

- At last year’s State Grange Session, the Delegate body set a fundraising goal of \$5,000.00
- We appointed a fundraising Chairman, and Committee, and charged them to come up with fundraisers to help support our organization.

RESULTS:

- The State Grange fundraising Committee raised a grand total of \$6,490.00

IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS:

- We tried to improve communication by starting the Grange year having three area meetings.
- January 15th in Dalton,
- January 22 at Rochester
- January 29th at the State Grange Building in Hooksett.

- We asked each Department Director to do a mailing to our local Granges on a quarterly basis.

- We seek to improve Web Content and have created a Face Book page.

RESULTS:

- **AREA MEETINGS:** These meetings, as a whole, were well attended. Thank you to the State officers, Committee Directors and to the Granges who hosted us. I believe by having these area meetings we were able to bring the State Grange closer to our local Granges.

- **QUARTERLY MAILINGS:** We were not as successful as I had hoped. We did not get a mailing out to each Grange from each Department. I thank those Department Heads who did manage to get a mailing out each quarter.

- **IMPROVE WEB CONTENT:** Thanks to Webmaster, Wayne Turcotte and Information Director, Linda Neilson, who took on the task of improving our web presence, by making sure that our State Grange website was timely and had good useful information. Thank you Wayne and Linda for a job well done! Members have commented to me how much information they are able to find on our website. Face Book is a new medium for our State Grange and a learning curve for all of us. Linda has done a terrific job keeping the NH State Grange in front of the Face Book community. She has also assisted me with My State Masters blog, "The Grange Perspective from NH".

We have taken the opportunity to examine what happened during the past year! LET US FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON THE FUTURE!

Our 2011 – 2012 Priorities stay the same for the coming year but, "how are we going to focus on them?"

GRANGE GROWTH:

- I am asking the State Membership Department to run a state wide promotional T- Shirt contest. The winning design to be printed and shirts awarded, to any member who brings in a new member.

- I am asking each Pomona Grange to take in at least three new members during the current Grange year.

- I am asking each member to make an effort to invite one person to join the Grange this year. I would like every member who invites someone to drop me a line telling me who they invited and the result. I will provide pre-addressed post cards at every event that I attend.
- I am asking each Pomona Master to select a Grange, within his or her jurisdiction that is struggling to assist them with revitalization.

FOCUS ON FUNDRAISING AND FINANCES:

- I am asking that we raise \$6,000.00 during the coming year.
- I am asking that we take a retrospective look at the current format of our State Convention.

FOCUS ON RITUALISM:

- We will ask every Grange to exemplify, and demonstrate, two pieces of secret work for the Deputy this year.
- We will ask every Grange to open in the 4th degree at least once per quarter in the coming year.
- We will ask every Pomona to select a Degree to exemplify, and demonstrate, during this coming year.

IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication in our order is of vital importance! The modern world is not going away. We need to continue using communication platforms, such as our State Grange website, Face Book, and Blogs.

- We will ask each State Director to offer quarterly mailings; due to high cost of postage we will encourage the distribution of this information via the grapevine.
- We will ask each member that has e-mail access, to assist us with communication by printing this information, and sharing with our fellow Grange members.
- We will ask each Pomona Grange Secretary to assist us by printing copies of this correspondence and distributing it to each Subordinate Secretary.

Outside of these priorities **our State Grange needs a project!** I propose we go back to our ritual where it talks about “Feeding the hungry helping the fatherless and the widows.” In this day and age of economic struggle the statistics show one in six Americans or fifteen percent are living in poverty! My proposal is that we work in partnership with local food banks to do food collections and collect 2,000 individual food items for distribution to those in need!

Brothers and Sisters these are the things I believe are important to move our order forward. Will you join me in growing our great Fraternity?

To close this Masters address, I have made mistakes this year. No matter how much you think you prepare, no matter what life experiences you have, until you have the opportunity to sit in the "big chair" and make the big decisions you just never know how you are going to handle the important issues and decisions that face our order. I thank my fellow State Grange officers, for your support and encouragement. I express my appreciation to the Group of Directors who have stepped up to the plate and offered their leadership skills. Especially my predecessor, Sister Beth Merrill as being a Past State Master is actually a harder job than being State Master. Sister Beth has always been willing to offer advice and experience during my first year as your State Master. Thank you Beth for caring, about the Grange and for being my friend. I offer heartfelt thanks to my own Grange, Arlington #139 in Winchester, having the State Master be an active member of your Grange is not easy. Sometimes the ball gets dropped. Sometimes you are away at other people's Grange meetings, when you are really needed at your own. Thank you, Arlington #139 for your continuing support.

Our order will only prosper if we are guided by, "relying upon the spirit of fraternity that originated and has prospered our order," since 1867.

Fraternally,
James M. Tetreault.
Master NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Overseer Chris Heath called a recess at 12 Noon.

The Friday Afternoon session was called back to order at 1:30 PM.

State Master Jim Tetreault called upon Past State Master Paul Davis to address the audience.

State Master Jim Tetreault announced that the 1/20 Club tickets are NOW on sale.

Rodney Huntoon, Trustees of the Trust Funds was called upon to give his report.

Trustees of Trust Fund Report

October 28, 2011

The Trustees met at the annual session last October.

The Trustees voted to continue the positions of Chairman and Secretary without the need for an annual election.

Our Secretary, Omer Ahern Jr., submitted his resignation and we have operated without a secretary for a while. Rhoda Davis was elected to the Board of Trustees. Elizabeth Cotsibas has submitted her resignation for the end of this year.

The decision to do away with the Health Care Equipment was finalized. We heard that the Auburn Lions Club was looking for donations of handicapped equipment. I made a phone call to them and they were very excited about the donation. They came with two pickup trucks and loaded both. They felt they could use our spare parts to repair others. There were only five items they did not need and those were taken to the dump. They expressed their willingness to

loan to our members if we have a need. It was a good feeling that someone would get some use from our equipment.

During this past year we had available funds of \$1,922.19 including \$23.00 which was a one-half donation from the Kiss the Pig fundraiser. Many thanks to that Granger. We assisted four Grangers during the year for a total of \$1,697.31.

The Trustees of Trust members are working diligently to fulfill the mission that has been assigned to us.

Rodney M. Huntoon, Chairman

Trustees of Trust Funds

Trustees of Trust Fund Meeting October 28, 2010

Best Western Sovereign Hotel, Keene, NH

Chairman Rodney Huntoon called the meeting to order at 12:20 P.M. Present were Chairman Rodney Huntoon, Treasurer Gail Turcotte, Trustees Elizabeth Cotsibas and Ann Leger. Absent were Secretary Omer Ahern Jr. and Trustee Diane Collins.

After a brief discussion we decided Chairman Rodney Huntoon and Secretary Omer Ahern Jr. would continue with their present positions without the need for annual reelection. The Treasurer's position will continue to be filled by the Treasurer of the NH State Grange.

There was no Secretary's report for the June 21 meeting available. The Treasurer presented each member with a copy of the spending policy adopted last June, the annual financial reports and a copy of the annual charitable report to the AG's office.

Old Business- Ann Leger moved the revised financial application be accepted. Elizabeth Cotsibas seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Rodney will forward the revised financial application form as well as the revised guidelines to Mark Collins for publication on the NH State Grange website.

New Business- Rodney reviewed the recommendation of the NH State Grange Executive Committee regarding disposal of the home health care equipment presently stored at the State Grange building in Hooksett and in our charge. After discussion, Ann Leger moved the Trustees of the Trust Funds cease handling durable home health care equipment due to liability concerns and lack of means for proper oversight. Rodney Huntoon seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Rodney Huntoon and Elizabeth Cotsibas volunteered to sort and inventory the equipment and then dispose of the equipment as needed.

Chairman Huntoon distributed copies of the updated Trustees' Guidelines, Financial Application form and Duties of Trustees and Officers.

Treasurer Turcotte reported that both Trust Fund accounts have been closed with TD Wealth Management and transferred to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Gail Turcotte, Secretary pro tempore

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Bob Trombi was called upon to give his State Steward and Family Weekend reports.

2011 Steward Report

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Members of the Pink Sash Family, Delegates, Brother and Sister Patrons;

This is my first report as Steward. I would like to thank the Delegation for providing me with this opportunity. This year I was able to attend a portion of The Grange Growth Training with Membership Development Director Rusty Hunt. This was a very worthwhile training that I am sure will benefit our State.

I also coordinated and attended the Grange Family Camping weekend (detailed in my other report).

My duties involve the care, maintenance and transportation of State Grange property. This would not be possible without my able assistants, and other volunteer helpers. I would like to thank them all for their support. Special thanks go out to Brother Mark Collins. Without his willingness to offer his assistance, and especially his vehicles, many of the Grange decorations you see here today would have been very difficult to get here (I am positive they wouldn't have fit in my Grand Am). Thank You Mark.

Fraternally Submitted,

Robert Trombi
NH State Grange Steward

GRANGE FAMILY WEEKEND

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Members of the Pink Sash Family, Delegates, Brother and Sister Patrons;

Last year I reported that we had decided to try something different with Family Weekend. Family Weekend 2010 was held at the campground of the Gunstock Ski Resort. Everyone who attended had fun and I recommended that we continue in this format.

Grange Family Camping Weekend: A weekend of fun and fellowship.

In 2009, we had 15 weekend participants, with an additional 15 joining us for Dinner.

In 2010, the first year of the new format, we had a total of 16 participants (campers and visitors), 4 trailers and 1 tent.

This year, on July 29th - 31st, we had 10 Trailers and 2 Tents. 35 People stayed the weekend and we had 8 day or evening visitors on Saturday, for a total of 43 members / family / friends. A cribbage tournament was held on Saturday, with 10 participants, which was dominated by the Russell family (John, Ralph & Sarah). On Saturday evening we had 37 people attend the Potluck supper (19 Grange Members and 18 Family/Friends).

Again this year, Wilber Heath graciously provided a family friendly outdoor movie. With independent activities and access to all of the campground facilities, members and friends had plenty of choices of relaxing activities to enjoy.

The State Grange has no expenses or income involved in this event, and it provides a nice relaxing weekend of fun and fellowship for members and friends.

The use of public campgrounds makes it easier to move this event to different areas of the State. My plan is to move to the North Country for 2012. I hope to see many of you at the 2012 Family Camping Weekend and many more to come. If you have suggestions for 2013, please let me know.

Did I mention that Grange Family Weekend is open to all Grange members, friends and family? So, if you are a Grange member, friend of a Grange member, family of a Grange Member, know a Grange member, have heard of the Grange, can spell Grange (or even if you can't) you are invited to join us for Grange Family Camping Weekend.

Fraternally Submitted,

Robert Trombi
Family Weekend Coordinator

The reports were accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Bob Haefner was called upon for the report of the New Hampshire Grange Foundation.

October 2011

New Hampshire Grange Foundation

Annual Report to the Delegates of the New Hampshire State Grange

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters all, thank you for the opportunity to report on the activities and status of the charitable foundation. I first would like to report that we have lost three of our officers. Ken Berry and Marie Hall our Treasurer and Secretary respectively terms have expired and they have chosen not to renew their tenures as Directors. Our Chair, Jean Abbott, has also decided to resign her position not only as Chair, but as a Director. We accept all three resignations with regret and thank them for their hard work and dedication to getting the Foundation started. We wish them well in the future and hope to see them back someday.

The foundation has of course, completed all of the startup requirements of a charitable foundation. It is a separate corporation from the State Grange and a 501c3 complete with by-laws. We did make some minor changes at this year's annual meeting to the by-laws. We are about to set goals for the next year and assign tasks to board members to complete the organizational phase of the Foundation and then begin the fund raising efforts. We will start with things like putting a policy manual in place.

Last year we grew the number of directors from 5 to 10 and this year we will add one more. On November 1 we have a Directors meeting at which we will add the 11th Director. Our directors now consist of 5 Grangers: Ruth Holmes, Linda Lauer, Henry Parkhurst, David Boynton and I. We also have 5 non-Grange Directors: Lorraine Merrill (Commissioner of Agriculture), Gail Jellie (Director of Agricultural Development at the DAMF), John Porter (UNH Cooperative Extension specialist emeritus), Sandy Salo (immediate past chair of the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau), and Bob Bernstein (Co-Director of Land for Good). We will elect one more Director next week.

We postponed election of Officers until the next meeting, on November 1, so that we could have a full slate of Directors for the election. In the short term, without a Chair or a Treasurer, we elected an interim Chair and chose Ruth Holmes and me to act on any financial matters that come up until the election of new officers.

We received \$99K from the estate of Clarence Sprague. We have not signed off yet on the receipt, since it was supposed to be \$100 K. The money is invested with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. We also voted at the last meeting to name the Scholarship the Clarence Sprague – John West Scholarship.

We look forward to a working relationship with the State Grange.

Respectfully,

Bob Haefner – Interim Chair

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Bob Trombi announced guest Jay Meyer who is the Director of the Londonderry Office, American Income Life Insurance Company.

State Grange Building Co-Director Anne Boisvert was called upon to give her report.

State Grange Building Report:

This was quite a transition year for the State Grange Building. Paul and Rhoda Davis retired from summer lawn maintenance and Claire Gagne retired from cleaning the building. Chris Heath has recently been hired to do both of those jobs. The Pansy Rebekah Lodge surrendered its charter, and the Grange is in the process of reclaiming the storage room the Rebekahs had been renting. The basement is still a bit of an issue, but it didn't have a drop of water in it even after Hurricane Irene, so there's hope. The durable medical equipment formerly stored there has been removed, opening up some storage space. A committee has been formed to get the historical artifacts in the basement properly taken care of and will meet there in mid-November to begin the process. Orkin Pest Control continues to check in on the building after an issue with carpenter ants last year.

The assembly permit was again renewed with the Town of Hooksett. With the replacement of one emergency light and a couple of smoke detectors, we passed the inspection without incident. The Knox Box ordered last year was mounted outside the building to hold keys to allow the Police or Fire Department access to the building in an emergency. The furnace was cleaned this fall and the fire extinguishers inspected. New energy star rated lights were installed in the kitchen since the old lights were working intermittently at best.

Hannah West has continued with taking reservations for the use of the building and arranging for the pick-up and drop-off of keys. Several groups have used the building for baby showers, birthday parties, and other such gatherings. Local Granges, the Gun Club, the NH State Grange Executive Committee, and the 2013 National Grange Hosting Committee have all been meeting at the building. Many other events such as the Grange Growth Summit with Rusty Hunt and the February Youth Rally were held there. The most unusual was of course the culmination of the Kiss the Pig challenge with live pigs penned and kissed behind the building.

The goal for the coming year is to get the basement under control and to spruce up the building and landscaping in preparation for visitors from across the country when the National Grange meets in NH in 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marty Boisvert

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Session Coordinator Ken Berry was called upon to give his report.

State Session Coordinator 2010-2011

Worthy State Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters All:

Here it is the month of October and it is time again to make my 4th annual report.

First I thought I would give you a follow up on last year's State Session at the Best Western Sovereign in Keene. As we all should remember the restaurant was under construction last year. I had known for weeks that the hotel had expected the restaurant would be open by the time of our Convention. Last spring I found out the restaurant never did reopen until April of 2011. In light of what happened with the restaurant, I would like to thank Cheshire County Pomona for providing lunches on Friday and Saturday. Without all of their efforts the convention could have been a disaster. Many thanks to Cheshire County Pomona for a job well done.

At the beginning of this year I received a request from our State Master, Jim Tetreault to find a location for a Pomona Growth Summit that would be held at the NH State Grange Building in April. The location that I found was the Day's Inn in Concord. I asked Jim how many rooms that I should hold for the event and was asked to hold 10 rooms. To my surprise we had 11 rooms booked and I was also able to acquire a 15% discount. Jim did affirm that the accommodations were very good.

I reported last year that a resolution would be submitted to this year's convention concerning the dates when a State Session could start. The subject of this resolution was talked about at a Directors Meeting last spring as currently a state convention might end up being scheduled for the first week in November. I feel that this is not a good move on my part as many of our State officers and members of the State Grange attend the National Grange Sessions each year. By meeting the first week in November would mean that anyone attending a National Session would no sooner get home from State Grange and it would be time to pack your suitcase again for National Grange.

I hope that you will support Resolution #2 as I have already been asked by a couple of hotels if there is another weekend that I could book their hotel earlier for in October. If the delegates do pass Resolution #2, I or anyone else in this position will have the option of using the 3rd or the 4th weekend of October to find a suitable location for a State Convention.

It has been about 20 years since the NH State Grange has been held here at the Town & Country Motor Inn. Randy Labnon has been great to work with. I would also like to thank Randy's remarkable front office staff for putting up with me.

Now that I have completed three conventions I know what you are going to do before you even know what you are doing. I have fine-tuned the rooming list 5 times for this year's convention. I guess you could say a little TLC.

Finding a location for our 2012 State Session has been difficult to say the least. I have looked into 5 locations and for one reason or other they were not suitable for a convention. Several months ago I was talking to my sister (our State Secretary) about the problems that I was having in locating a convention site. She suggested that I should try the Ashworth-by-the-Sea in Hampton Beach, so I did. To my surprise I found out that they had no group bookings or weddings booked for the weekend I wanted.

After negotiating with the Ashworth over the cost of rooms, the 2012 Annual Convention will be held at the Ashworth-by-the-Sea in Hampton Beach – October 25th thru the 28th. The Ashworth-by-the-Sea will be celebrating 100 years of hospitality next May and they have made changes in the dining room area since our last visit to the hotel.

In closing, I need to remind members that it is **essential** that deadlines for booking room reservations, making banquet reservations and paying for banquet tickets be adhered to. With every facility the State Grange works with we have signed a contract that requires us to meet certain room and banquet numbers. If numbers fall below what we have contracted for the State Grange can be liable for extra charges for meeting rooms.

Fraternally,

Kenneth L. Berry
NH State Grange Session Coordinator

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Granite State Grange Editor Hannah West was called upon to give her report.

GSG

My fellow Grangers,

Four issues of the Granite State Granger were mailed to members this year. Once the paper is back from the printer the hard work of folding, wafering, and labeling begins. Paul and Rhoda Davis have allowed me to invade their home for this task and have personally processed at least two thousand newspapers this year. Mary West, Kevin Belval, Anne and Marty Boisvert, Fred Carlson, Norma Neary, and Shirley Waters are frequent helpers. The State Grange Directors happened to meet on one GSG weekend and were pressed into service for folding.

This was a good year for donations to offset the costs of printing and mailing. I truly appreciate the donations from the "Kiss the Pig" fundraiser as well as the money, which came in from Granges and from individual Grangers.

The election of a new State Master gave rise to many new Department Heads writing columns. This year's writers seem to have less to say than their predecessors, but they are more prompt with their submissions. The amount of news sent in by Granges and Grangers is

increasing as I had hoped. The Granite State Granger is your newspaper and I am happy to find room in it for the activities of Granges around the state and to announce personal milestones of the members.

An adjunct to the Granite State Granger is the e-mail service I call the "Grange Grapevine." Many events occur in between the issues of a quarterly newspaper. The Grapevine allows members to announce Grange events and fundraisers, and to draw attention to happenings in the lives of individual members, which call for cards from their Grange family. The addresses on my list come mainly from the State Grange Roster. If you are not in the roster but would like to receive these messages, just send me an e-mail and I can add your address to the list.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah West

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Web Master Wayne Turcotte was called upon to give his report.

State Grange Webmaster

Worthy State Master, State Officers, National Representatives and Grangers All:

Since my appointment as Webmaster of the New Hampshire State Grange on November 28 of last year, I have doubled the number of pages available. This allows each department to have their own page as desired.

The Calendar page has changed and you may no longer enter information yourselves due to a program failure. I have replaced the Calendar page with the Calendar of Events listing, including Fair dates and links. You can click on the Fair Name and it will take you to that fair's website.

The News page has also changed; this is where I now list events and news. Anyone who would like an item listed on the news page should send the information to me via e-mail or hard copy and I will gladly put the information on the news page for them. Several people have been doing this and the news page has become quite fluid with articles listed as soon as they are received and once the event passes, the articles are removed in a timely manner. I encourage anyone that is having an event to send information about your event to me and I will list the information on the State Grange Website.

Mark Collins our Official Photographer and I have been posting pictures on the Website of events that we attend as well as pictures submitted by our Department Directors.

The Journal of Proceedings, for 2008 through 2010, is available to view or download on the Annual Convention page of the Website.

I have added an Items of Interest to Granges page, this is a classified ad page for Grange items that are no longer wanted or needed, but might be of interest to another Grange or Granger.

If your Grange (Subordinate or Pomona) is interested in having a "mini-website" connected to the State Grange's Website, they are available. This is an opportunity to list your officers, committee chairmen, contact information, yearly program information, information about your Grange and more. If you go to the State Grange Website at nhgrange.org, and click

on “Granges” in the directory on the left, you will be directed to the Subordinate and Pomona Grange webpage index which lists links to Webpages that are available, or if you already have a Website and would like to have a link listed in the index, that can be done as well.

If you feel that there is information that should be listed on the Website, that is currently not there, please contact me and let me know as this is your Website.

You can send information to me at bfdw2@myfairpoint.net or mail to my home address at, 107 Oak Hill Rd., Barrington, NH 03825.

Fraternally submitted,
Wayne Turcotte
Webmaster, NHSG

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Information Director Linda Neilson’s report was presented in writing as she was not able to be present.

REPORT OF THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, and Patrons all:

This, my first year as Information Director, has been a learning experience! The help from Grangers around the state is greatly appreciated; I am deeply indebted especially to Hannah West, who forwards so much information to me.

I’ve been managing the NH State Grange Facebook page. This page sees a lot of activity, and if you haven’t checked it out, please do so. In addition to the Facebook page, press releases are being sent to several New Hampshire newspapers on a regular basis. Also, I’ve been proofreading and posting our Worthy Master’s blogs; they’re feisty blogs, always interesting!

There is so much more to learn, and I anticipate doing so in the coming year.

Fraternally,
Linda J. Neilson
Information Director
NH State Grange

Eastern States Trustee Matt Clark was called upon to give his report.

New England Grange Building Trustees Report

Worthy Master, national reps, delegate body, brothers and sisters all. It has been another successful year for us at the New England Grange Building on the grounds of the Big E in West Springfield, MA. We had a few bumps in the road along the way, but nothing that was too much to overcome. At our annual meeting, Linda Sanderson told the trustees that with her position in the VT State Grange she needed to step down from her position as Grange Experience Director. This left a huge hole to fill as Linda was more than just this particular director. The trustees decided to take a closer look at the tasks that Linda had been performing and decided to break them up and find more people to fulfill the tasks. Dawn Percoski stepped forward to take the building manager role; and we are still looking to fill a few empty positions.

This year saw a change in ticket policy from Eastern States; with this new policy we have to submit a list of names to Eastern States of those who will be working in our building and they will mail the respective tickets. The days of a box of tickets and car passes for the trustees to hand out is over. If you would like to work in the store, host in the NH room or would like to participate in Grange Day events please contact our Worthy Master, so he can get your name on the list.

We will be getting the schedule for the store out earlier so the tickets will be to you before the start of the fair. If you choose to work in the building we only request four hours of your time and then you can enjoy the fair the rest of the day. If you choose to work the closing shift in the store we will put you up in a hotel for the night if you don't want to drive home.

The Big E was spared from any major damage during the tornado that swept through the area; however two trees between our building and the horse barn did get blown over and had to be removed. The fire alarm will be upgraded to comply with West Springfield ordinances. We also have had a water problem in the basement and the shrubs around the outside of the building have grown out of control. So to solve both of these problems, we have discussed with Eastern States and planned for the removal of the shrubs, lowering the bank that is against the building and then landscape it with something new.

Once again the store did well with our jams and jellies; bringing in \$14,035.76. The craft items brought in \$10,877.82; for a total of \$24,104.43. The quilt raffle brought in \$3,000; and since we started the quilt raffle we have raised and donated over \$20,000. I would like to thank anyone who made the hand-made craft items to be sold at the store; because of these items and the jams and jellies, the trustees do not have to send an assessment fee to each State Grange to pay for any expenses involved with the building. I hope many of you are busy making items for next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew G. Clark
President – New England Grange Building Trustees
New Hampshire Trustee

The report was ordered accepted and printed in the Journal.

State Ceres Tricia Taylor was called upon to give her report.

Report of the State Ceres

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Brother and Sister Patrons,

It's a pleasure to give my 1st report to you as State Ceres. I have enjoyed traveling around to the area meetings. Riding with Arthur and Jim is always entertaining. Spring Fling was enjoyable and informative. Attending and participating in Degree Day brought back a lot of memories of degree days, degree teams, and inspections. Maine/NH Day was well done. The meal was delicious and the program got all of us involved. That particular day was Grange from beginning to end. We traveled from Gorham to the Town & Country for the walk through. The day ended at Ann Legers with a group of Grangers' discussing Grange and enjoying another good meal and comfortable accommodations.

The walk through is where I got to start fulfilling the duties of the Ceres. I chose the colors of the table cloths and the napkins for the banquet, and had input into the banquet meal choices. Things were quiet again until the reservations started coming in. That wasn't too bad. Then I remembered I was responsible for the favors and the centerpieces. Uh oh. Luck was with me one day when I went shopping, and I have a really creative friend at Blazing Star Grange, Donna Sprague of Huntoon Farm. Those of you who are attending the Banquet can let me know if it works. We do expect a good turnout tomorrow night as 94 people have purchased tickets.

The rest of my duties consist of assisting Worthy Flora in the memorial service and with Flora's Court.

Brother Jim and I have discussed my being his State Ceres off and on. At rehearsal last week when I was holding the flag I realized we forgot what a klutz I am. When I entered the room yesterday I looked and said oh pretty. Oh no. Luckily we have Assistant Stewards who had it all figured out before I even got here. You'll notice they don't let me near those hanging flowers when I'm holding the flag. Thank you, Jane, thank you, Arthur. Thank you, Jim. I look forward to the coming year.

Thank you,
Respectfully submitted,
Tricia J. Taylor
NH State Grange Ceres

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Overseer Chris Heath was called upon to give his report.

Report of State Overseer

Worthy Master, National Representatives, fellow officers, delegates and patrons all, it is a pleasure to stand here in front of you and give my first report as your State Overseer. It has been a very busy year with many events being held everywhere throughout the country.

Instead of listing all of the events that I have attended, I have decided to highlight some of the most memorable one. The first event that I wanted to share with you was spending a weekend with Gloria Davis, Arthur Merrill, Jim Tetreault and Bob Haefner in Washington D.C. attending the National Grange Fly-in. Spending time visiting our Nation's capital and meeting with the legislators of our state was an awesome experience. I learned that you never park on a street in DC on Sunday morning because you may find yourself stuck in a "parking lot".

Another memorable event that I attended was the Grange Family Weekend. I climbed up Mount Rowe, enjoyed a wonderful view of some of Lake Winnepesaukee and on the way back down sledged down an old slope on my butt, made a few people smile and had a great time doing it.

The fondest memory I have from the past year was enjoying the friendship and company with each and every one of you that I had the pleasure to see throughout the whole year. You are my Grange family and I couldn't have handpicked any better. You're the reason why I love this

organization so much. Most of you have known me almost all my life and have seen me grow up here. I hope that the next year will bring me more fond memories and many more visits with my Grange family.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher E Heath
New Hampshire State Grange Overseer

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.
State Musician Les Gibbs was called upon to give his report.

Report of State Grange Musician

Worthy Master, Priest Annalist Croucher and Sister Sharon, Officers, Delegates and Members of the NH State Grange.

My report this year is rather short.

I attended the Northeast Leader's Conference, the New England Go-To-Church Service in Rockingham, VT and the Northeast Lecturer's Conference, serving as musician for New Hampshire, New York and Vermont.

For this Session I have composed the "Merrill Grange March" in honor of Past State Master and National Grange Lady Assistant Steward, Beth Merrill.

Fraternally,

Lester Gibbs, Musician

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Reports of the following Pomona's were given:

East Rockingham Pomona Donald Ross, Master

East Rockingham Pomona #11

East Rockingham Pomona #11 meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Pomona meets seven (7) months out of the year, beginning in March through June, September, October and December. We split up our meeting places between Gilman, Hampton Falls and Wingold Grange.

In November of 2010 we had our 2nd Holiday Craft Fair. The fair was very successful as we doubled our proceeds from the previous year. We will be hosting our 3rd annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 5th at the Exeter Senior Center. All are welcome to attend.

East Rockingham Pomona has once again made their presence known at the Stratham and Deerfield Fairs. Just to toot our horns a bit; Pomona always receives a blue ribbon and many times the Best of Show.

This past April four members of East Rockingham Pomona attended the Pomona Growth Summit and some useful ideas were gleaned from the weekend event.

Although the attendance at meetings is not as high as in past years, we are still active in all Grange Departments.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald R. Ross, Master
East Rockingham Pomona #11

Hillsborough County Pomona

Bob Haefner, Master

October 2011

Hillsborough County Pomona # 1

Annual Report to the Delegates of the New Hampshire State Grange

Worthy Master, National Delegates, Fellow Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters all, thank you for the opportunity to report on the activities and wellbeing of the Hillsborough County Pomona. The Pomona has continued to struggle with attendance. Membership has not been a problem and we have been fortunate enough to elect a full slate of officers, without anyone needing to hold two offices. We meet monthly and are a traveling Pomona.

We used our summer meeting to have an outing. The Pomona traveled to Nashua to attend a baseball game and saw the home team beat Martha's Vineyard. The turnout was small, but it was a good time.

Hillsborough and Cheshire County Pomona joined forces to put on the 5th degree in Peterborough. We hope to do that again next year with a joint degree.

As the Master of the Pomona, I committed to visit every subordinate in the jurisdiction. I still have one to go. We did lose one subordinate this year. Wattannick Grange has now consolidated with Hudson Grange, leaving us with nine Granges in our jurisdiction.

We have assembled a growth team and attended the training this past spring in Hooksett for Pomona Growth teams. Our team stands ready to help any subordinate that asks for the help.

Because we have had a Pomona attendance problem and have asked the members to go back to their local Granges and ask what we could do to improve the attendance, without success, we invited a team from Cheshire County to help us in October, with a visioning session. We as a group looked at our strengths and weaknesses, as well as some goals for the session. We then used it to come up with some actions to help us attract interest. One of the outcomes was that at our planning meeting in November for next year, we would try to get membership from all nine subordinates and attract as many folks to help us plan. It is our hope that each of the local Granges will host the Pomona at least once during the year and be able to choose the month that they will. We also are looking for as much input to the monthly programs at this planning meeting as we can, so that folks get what they want out of our programs.

Expect more Officers' visits this year by the Pomona officers to subordinates. We are taking seriously the charge of being there to help the subordinates in our jurisdiction.

Bob Haefner - Master

Merrimack County Pomona

Rodney Huntoon, Master

Merrimack County Pomona Report

Merrimack County Pomona Grange completed the training for “Grange Growth”, but unfortunately we did not have any requests for assistance.

We had our four regular scheduled meetings and an outing at the Tobin’s in Sanbornton in July. A planning meeting was held in November. We celebrated our 125 Anniversary. A delightful Christmas program was celebrated with Harmony Grange.

Our biggest accomplishment was the development of a shared e-mail with the upcoming events for the subordinate Granges within our jurisdiction by our Secretary.

Rodney Huntoon, Master

Cheshire County Pomona

Matt Clark, Master

Cheshire County Pomona – Master Report

Worthy Master, national reps, delegate body, brothers and sisters all. Cheshire County Pomona has continued its format of one business meeting, one light business/fellowship meeting, and one social meeting per quarter this past year. Some of the activities we participated in were mini golf, Uno night, a Christmas program put on by Monadnock Regional Jr. /Sr. High School Fine Arts department, and a cookout.

Once again the major event/fundraiser we took part in was providing food at the Stonewall Farm sap gathering contest. The monies raised from this event went to pay the National Grange and Northeast Connection assessment fee for all our subordinate Granges within our Pomona. It was nice seeing representation from all our subordinate Granges at the event. I would like to thank Sister Jane Trombi for taking the lead in planning and organizing this fundraiser.

This year found a change in the deputy tasks and pomonas were charged with conferring either the first or fifth degree. Cheshire County teamed up with Hillsborough County Pomona for the conferral of the fifth degree on Sept. 17th in Peterborough; in which two new members from our Pomona took part in.

The pomonas were also asked to choose a team of people to attend the Grange Growth Summit training in Hooksett led by Membership/Leadership Director, Rusty Hunt. These teams were charged with the task to grow the Granges in their area by assisting the subordinates within their Pomona. The Cheshire County team was asked to present a Grange growth program for Hillsborough County Pomona as well as Golden Rod Grange. I look forward to seeing what comes from these opportunities and hope there are more Granges who would like to work through the Grange growth program.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Clark.

Master – Cheshire County Pomona

Pemigewasset Valley Pomona

Neil MacDonald, Master

Pemigewasset Valley Pomona Grange #18

We have six Subordinate Granges. This year we met at each Grange at least once. Members from five of the six Granges usually attend each meeting.

Three of our Subordinate Granges took in new members. Lower Intervale Grange had a very successful (2nd Annual) community picnic which netted three new members.

We visit and support our Subordinate Granges. We put a display at Sandwich Fair for the first time this year. It was very well received. We won 2nd place.

At our last meeting, we took in two new members from Wicwas Lake Grange. We are in great hope that Wicwas Lake Grange can become one of our Subordinate Granges.

We support the Dictionary Project. We donated 100 juice boxes to a local state operated child care center in Plymouth. Some of our members knit scarves and hats for chemo patients at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Some members knit wool hats and donate them to the military service people for helmet liners.

This year we voted to pay the dues for members in the military on active duty. Our youngest member is in the Rhode Island National Guard stationed in Afghanistan and our oldest is 91 and still driving.

Respectively submitted,
Neil MacDonald, Master

Suncook Valley Pomona

Norma Neary, Master

Suncook Valley Pomona #12

At our November Planning meeting, which always begins with a potluck supper, we decided to try meeting on the second Sunday at 3 p.m. rather than the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. We had hoped this would bring more members to our meetings. It did not go as planned, due to conflicts with work and family time. Next year we will try something different.

Our Pomona continues to sponsor the Dictionary Project locally and statewide. The items collected for the local food pantries were items that are not covered by food stamps: socks, cleaning products, baby products, etc. Members continue to enjoy the annual cookouts with Eastern NH Pomona at the Davis's in July and at the Bascom's in August.

The Deputy encouraged us to attempt the 5th Degree. Some members had to work two positions, as we are lacking court ladies and the Graces were absent. Our Secretary acted as the Specter and Flora. The Master portrayed Master and Pomona, which got tricky when they needed to speak to each other! We pulled it off, and it went well.

Three members attended the Grange Growth Summit in April. Several members went on an outing in April to a Variety Show at the Hopkinton High School to see two Chichester members perform.

Our theme this year was "Special Days in Special Ways." Our fair exhibit on the same topic won a blue ribbon and Best of Show at the Stratham Fair and blue ribbons at both Hopkinton and Deerfield Fairs.

What will we do next year? Only our Almighty Planner knows for sure. We do plan to have at least one new member.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Neary, Master

Eastern NH Pomona

Aurora Farrell, Master

Eastern NH Pomona #2 Report

As Pomona Master I would like to say Eastern NH Pomona still meets quarterly, and that we are a traveling Pomona throughout our Subordinate Granges. We still have our visitation program and for those of you who don't know what our visitation program is, it is where we have one to two Pomona officers assigned to a Subordinate Grange to visit; we also highly encourage all of our Pomona officers and members to visit the Granges with the visiting officer.

We have had a great year this past year, with Past Master Allissa Estes filling the chair. On April 9th we combined with East Rockingham Pomona to put on a wonderful 5th degree at the Rochester Grange Hall. Eastern NH Pomona had Grange growth team that attended the Grange Growth summit. We were honored to have Lynn Clark and her installing team come install our Pomona offices on September 23rd, 2011. Thank you Lynn and your installing team.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aurora Farrell
Master of Eastern NH Pomona

Master: Aurora Farrell
Overseer: Chris Heath
Lecturer: Sondra Farrell
Steward: Glen Eldredge
Assistant Steward: Ralph Russell Sr.
Lady Assistant Steward: Joan Garland
Chaplain: Arlene Fall
Treasurer: Lois Enman
Secretary: Fran Everard
Gatekeeper: Sandra Fogarty
Ceres: Gail Turcotte
Pomona: Jeannine Elliott
Flora: Amy Schunemann
Executive Com.: Wayne Turcotte
Executive Com.: Sondra Farrell
Executive Com.: Allissa Estes

Past State Master, Dan Bascom was escorted to the Masters' Station in order to address the members present.

State Master Jim Tetreault called for a recess at 2:43 PM.

The meeting was called back to order at 3: 00 pm.

Ray Burton, Executive Council State of NH and Omer Ahearn Jr., Grafton County Commissioner presented a Workshop on How to Access and Influence NH State Government. Compliments of Ray Burton the Assistants passed out a copy of the New Hampshire Constitution to all present.

The meeting closed at 3:40 PM

Friday Evening Session, October 28, 2011

The Friday evening session was called to order by State Master Jim Tetreault at 7:30 PM, preceded by the marching in of the State Officers. Sarah Leclerc served as Flag Bearer for the evening.

Roll call of officers found all present.

State Master Jim Tetreault opened the New Hampshire State Grange in the Sixth Degree.

Prior to the Sixth Degree the Fifth Degree was obligated by General Deputy Arthur Merrill on the following six candidates.

Fifth Degree Candidates

Eryka Tedford	Cheshire County Pomona #6	Arlington #139
Phillip Clark Jr.	East Rockingham Pomona #11	Gilman #1
Kerriann Nightingale	Eastern NH Pomona #2	Centennial #185
Henry Ingham	Mascoma Valley Pomona #7	Blow-Me-Down #234
Mildred Ingham	Mascoma Valley Pomona #7	Blow-Me-Down #234
James R. Batchelder	Suncook Valley Pomona #12	Pembroke #111

State Secretary Carolyn Ross read the application of Phillip (PJ) Clark, Jr. and 10 others.

Sixth Degree Candidates

Eryka Tedford	Arlington #139
Mildred Ingham	Blow-Me-Down #234
Henry Ingham	Blow-Me-Down #234
Kerriann Nightingale	Centennial #185
Phillip (PJ) Clark, Jr.	Gilman #1
Lynda Y. Gaudette	Mohawk #217
James R. Batchelder	Pembroke #111
Yvonne Crocker	Pineconia #322
Amy Schunemann	Somersworth #264
Dawn Durand	Wicwas Lake #292
Steve Durand	Wicwas Lake #292

The Sixth Degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner.

Flora's Court 2011

Flora: Ann Leger

Personal Attendants: Jean Abbott and Doris Mitton

Attendants: Beverly Woods-Wilson, Mary Tyler, Frances Pepau, and Marilyn Machia

Ceres: Tricia Taylor

Attendants: Tiffany Price and Priscilla (Tillie) Myers

Pomona: Ida Hutchins

Attendants: Dale MacDonald and Marjorie Goddard

Rose Drill 2011

Coach: Lynn Clark

Members: Allissa Estes, Amy Schunemann, Andrew Savage, Emilie Leclerc, Sarah Leclerc, PJ Clark, Anne Boisvert and Mary West.

Flora's Honor Court

Sharon Croucher	Lecturer New York State Grange, Assembly of Demeter
Vicki Huff	Overseer Maine State Grange
Debra Patten	Past Ceres, Assembly of Demeter
Frances Towne	Past Lecturer, Pomona
Dorothy Haskins	Past Pomona
Marion T Jones	Past Lecturer, Flora, Executive Committee, Musician
Kim Bascom	Past Ceres, Flora, LAS, Assembly of Demeter
Diane Collins	Past Flora
Virginia Clark	Past Pomona
Marie Hall	Past Flora, LAS, Musician, Lecturer
Rhoda Davis	Past Ceres, Assembly of Demeter
Beth Merrill	Past Master, Overseer, Lecturer, LAS, National LAS
Jane Trombi	Past LAS
Kathy Yardley	Past Ceres
Hannah West	Past Ceres, Executive Committee, Assembly of Demeter
Tricia Taylor	Past Secretary, LAS
Carolyn J Ross	Past Pomona, Treasurer
Gail Turcotte	Past Flora, Secretary
Ann Leger	Past Flora, Gatekeeper
Bruce Croucher	Priest Annalist Assembly of Demeter
Richard Patten	Past Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Assembly of Demeter
Hugh Clark	Past Chaplain
Rodney Huntoon	Past Treasurer, Executive Committee

Paul Davis	Past Master, Overseer, Steward, Assembly of Demeter
Dan Bascom	Past Master, Overseer, Priest Archon Assembly of Demeter
Jerry Leclerc	Past Lecturer, Steward, AS
Lester Gibbs	Past Musician, Assembly of Demeter
Jim Tetreault	Past Lecturer, Steward, AS
Mark Collins	Past Steward, AS
Chris Heath	Past Steward, AS, Gatekeeper
Matt Clark	Past AS, Gatekeeper
Donald Ross	Past Gatekeeper, Chairman Executive Committee
Arthur Merrill	Past Executive Committee, Assembly of Demeter

State Master Jim Tetreault called upon the following dignitaries for remarks:

Bruce Croucher, Priest Annalist, Assembly of Demeter

Sharon Croucher, NY State Grange Lecturer

Vicki Huff, 1st woman Overseer of the Maine State Grange

Richard Patten, Past NH State Grange Master

State Master Jim Tetreault lowered the Grange to the 4th degree.

State Master Jim Tetreault closed the Grange in the 4th degree at 9:20 P.M.

Saturday October 29, 2011

The Third Day of the 138 Annual Session of the NH State Grange was called to order by State Master Jim Tetreault at 8:04 A.M.

The Youth Officers marched to their stations to the theme song from the Lion King each carrying a stuffed jungle animal toy. The Officers staves were appropriately decorated with feathers and gold tassels and black and white jungle themed clothing was worn by several of the youth. Each Youth Officer presented their toy to their State Officer counterpart. It was noted that the stuffed toy animals would be donated this evening to a Police Department for children in distress.

Roll Call of Youth Officers found all present.

Master	Robert Varnum
Overseer	Lynn Clark
Lecturer	Anne Boisvert
Steward	Sarah Leclerc
A.S.	Matt Clark
L.A.S.	Emilie Leclerc
Chaplain	Amy Schunemann
Treasurer	Ethan Lampman

Secretary Adam Paquin
Gatekeeper Andrew Savage
Ceres Kathy Yardley
Pomona Larissa Grant
Flora Mary West
Ex. Comm. PJ Clark
Kerriann Nightingale
Eryka Tedford

Roll Call of State Officers found the Secretary absent. State Treasurer Gail Turcotte filled the station.

Roll Call of Granges found a quorum present.

The minutes of Friday session were corrected and accepted.

Special Guests Bruce Croucher, Priest Annalist and Sharon Croucher, Lecturer of the NY State Grange were announced as in waiting and escorted to the Master's Station. Bruce reviewed the National Grange benefit program highlighting several new benefits available to all members. Sister Sharon spoke to us of how the Grange is like a sidewalk as those who have gone before us started the path and it is now up to us to continue to improve the path and help set its direction.

Youth Team Director Allissa Estes was escorted to the Master's station to present her report.

Youth Report

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Pink Sash Family Members, Delegates, Brother and Sister Patrons,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you my first report as Youth Team Director.

The Youth Team has had a very busy year. I have made most of this information available in the *Granite State Granger*, so this will just be a quick recap of the year's events. In February, the Winter Youth Rally was held at the State Grange Building. In March the youth went to the Hooksett Space Center for an arcade game trip and had a blast. The Team was very busy in April. We had the annual Glow Bowling event at Stadium Ten Pin in Manchester. Also in April, two youth attended the spring fling, mentoring the juniors that showed. In May, the Youth participated in the 2nd degree. In June, the Team held the annual June Youth Rally at the Camp Spaulding. July found our youth on the road again, this time to Bowden College in Maine, for the Northeast Regional Youth Conference where our drill team took second place. Also in July, the youth went and had a day at the lake in Tamworth NH at Whites Lake. August, found us tromping through the woods of Andrea Goulette's house, and we also held a youth awards night in Hooksett. The following awards were given out youth Lady Assistant Steward Emilie Leclerc, Assistant Steward Andrea Goulette, Steward Tim Goulette, Ceres Allissa Estes, and now at this time Worthy Lady Assistant and Worthy Assistant will you please escort Bobby Varnum to the master's station to be presented with his award. The following awards were also given- Beth Merrill sign-a-song, Marie Hall sign-a-song, Beth and Kathy for sign-a-song pair, Arthur Merrill public speaking, Davi Penny public speaking, and last but not least

Arthur Merrill Grange Knowledge Test. In September, the Youth went apple picking at Meadow Ledge farm in Loudon NH this was a really fun time and some really great learning about apples and how they are kept fresh. In October we went to the Chichester Grange hall for a youth practice and pumpkin decorating. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me with planning and attending these events, without you I don't feel I could have made this year possible. At this time, I would like to announce the winners of the Pumpkin Decorating contest, and the winner of the Collage contest.

Collage Contest

1. Patricia Kinville, Hudson Grange

Pumpkin Decorating

1. Amy Schunemann, Somersworth Grange
2. Marie Hall, Gilman Grange
3. Dana Hall, Gilman Grange

There were not many Granges that submitted Youth Reports this past year. Of the ones submitted, only one provided the report in booklet form. These awards will be given out at the banquet tonight. With the creation of the committee, I am hoping that we will be able to revisit the youth scoring and determine what needs to be done to get more reports turned in to the Team. The Youth Team is also very proud to have four representatives of NH State Grange Youth going to National Grange Session in Tulsa, OK. The four attending and their national youth offices are as follows, Matt Clark youth Assistant Steward, Lynn Clark Lady Assistant Steward, Amy Schunemann Flora, and Allissa Estes Ceres. At this time, I would like to thank everyone who has sent donations to the special travel fund to help pay the expenses for National Session. Before I end my report, I would like to thank the people who have helped me out throughout the year. Gail Turcotte- Gail was a big help by providing financial advice and information about the Youth accounts; Arthur and Beth Merrill for being two of the people that told me I could do it; Jim Tetreault for letting me call him and talk to him when I needed and having faith in me; Chris Heath for being the one I could go to for tips and help with events; Amy Schunemann for keeping me sane when I was getting overly stressed; My grandmother Fran Everard for supporting me through my first big leadership role, and all of you sitting in this audience today without you all giving me advise and encouragement I don't feel I would be standing up here before you today giving this report. I just want to say "you haven't seen the last of me".

Respectfully submitted,
Allissa Estes
New Hampshire State Grange Youth Team Director

The Youth report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Master Jim Tetreault presented our four Youth Officer winners with checks from the Randall Richardson Memorial Youth Fund to assist with their travel expenses to National session next month. This year's recipients were Lynn and Matt Clark and Amy Schunemann and Allissa Estes.

The Youth Officers retired and the State Officers resumed their stations.

Master Tetreault introduced Vicki Huff, Overseer of the Maine State Grange and Sister Vicki brought us greetings from Maine.
 Grange Services Director Lois Enman was escorted to the Master's station to present her report.

Report of the Grange Services Department 2011

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

I will begin with the financial information of the **Educational Loan Fund (ELF)**.

Balance Sheet
 September 30, 2011

October 1, 2010 at Peoples United Bank	\$5,620.84
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Contributions:		
4 Pomonas	\$150.00	
24 Subordinates	\$1,215.00	
Total Contributions		\$1,365.00

Memorial Gifts:		
Doris Saturley	\$600.00	
Total Memorial Gifts		\$600.00

Income:		
Interest Paid	\$57.00	
Principal Paid	\$946.00	
Interest on Banking Accounts	\$6.54	
Individual Donations	\$50.00	
Total Income		\$1,059.54

Expenses:		
Scholarships	\$4,000.00	
Postage	\$61.60	
Printing Annual Appeal Letters	\$7.20	
Purchase of new receipt book	\$8.49	
2 New Loans	\$2,000.00	
Total Expenses		\$6,077.29

Balance Sept. 30, 2011 at Peoples United Bank	\$2,568.09
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We are grateful for the donations, memorial contributions and individual contributions we have received this year. Without your contributions the availability of funds would be greatly diminished.

Scholarships

These are available to Grange members in New Hampshire who have belonged to a Grange for at least one year. This scholarship/grant does not need to be repaid. The amount of available funds depends on the income earned from our invested funds. The following members were awarded a scholarship this year, Britton Doig, Casey Doig, Gregory Trombi, Gabrielle Van Sant and Hillary Ward. As they pursue the advancement of their education the Grange wishes them well.

National Grange Benefits

Many benefits are available to you from the National Grange, just because you belong to a Subordinate Grange. To mention some there are, Travel Center, American Income Life, Life Line Screening, US Pharmacy Card (Scrip), Allied Moving, Hertz Rental, Hotel Discounts, Med Air Services also Beltone Hearing Aid and a Prescription Drug Coverage. These programs are updated regularly through the National Grange web site at www.nationalgrange.org and I hope Grange members will share this information at their regular meetings. Also a Grange that owns its building may obtain a policy for property and liability insurance through a Master Policy at National Grange.

In closing this report I need to thank the members of this committee for their diligent work throughout the year and for helping to inform Grange members of the programs offered on the State and National levels.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois L. Enman, Director
Grange Services Department

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Brother Bob Haefner, Legislative and Agriculture Director gave his report.

October 2011

The NH State Grange Legislative and Agriculture Department

Annual Report to the Delegates of the New Hampshire State Grange

Worthy Master, National Delegates, Fellow Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters all, thank you for opportunity to report on the activities of the State Legislative and Agriculture Dept. You will notice that the Legislative and Agriculture Department is not giving awards at the banquet this year. Neither Legislative nor Agriculture awards will be presented tonight. Last year the recipient of the Legislative Award was not available for State Session. We presented the award at the Grange closest to his home, which happened to be Pine Grove. Master Linda Lauer allowed us to present the award at her regular Grange meeting. I was so pleased with that process that we are going to try it again this year with all awards.

During November, I will travel to several Granges around the State to present several awards. This means less travel for recipients, and an opportunity for me to visit Granges around the state, and it gives the local Granges a chance to host award winners. Who knows, maybe we can gain members as a result.

This year we are going to begin a new award, entitled a "Friend of New Hampshire Agriculture". This will show case individuals who are not necessarily farmers but go the extra mile in support of agriculture in the state.

We are in the process of reviewing all of the policies in our policy manual. About a third are done, thank you Sister Tara, a third are in process and a third to go. We suggested to National that we hold the 2012 Legislative Fly In here in New Hampshire for the First in the Nation Presidential Primary. Since it was moved up, we are concerned that we cannot pull it off.

Last year's Fly In went very well. NH had a large contingent go to DC for the event. We all lobbied the whole 4 person Congressional Delegation. We went with four specific bills to lobby for and while there requested support for NH agriculture from the delegation. We felt as though we worked together well as a team. The State Master and I were pleased to see that our Senators especially, work together on many non-partisan issues. While we were in Washington, several of us from New Hampshire along with Nation Master Ed Luttrell searched for and found the graves of 4 of the Founders buried in Washington.

In April at Spring Fling we hosted a panel of NH elected officials, who happened to be Grangers. The event went well enough that we will do it again next year. We also hosted a third Grange Day at the State House that included attendees sitting in the balcony during house session and a proclamation from the Governor.

The State Grange now has a seat on the Farm Bureau's Government Affairs Committee and on the Ag in the Class Room Board.

This year's award winners are:

Rep. Steve Cunningham and Rep. Tom Howard – Legislative Award – Suggested by Croydon Grange

Guy Comtois, Sticks and Stones Farm – Agricultural Award – Suggested by the Legislative & Agriculture Dept.

Jim Cusano – Friend of NH Agriculture – Suggested by Pineconia Grange

Kathy Barrett, On the River Farm – Century Farm Award – Suggested by Grafton Star Grange

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Haefner - Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Bob explained that his department's award recipients would not be present this evening and that he would be presenting the awards at a later date. Past State Princess and former member of Blow-Me-Down Grange Deb Robie was introduced as a representative for the Agriculture in the Classroom program. Deb spoke of the program and noted how pleased she was to find a link to their website included on the NH State Grange website. AG in the Classroom as the project is fondly called tries to help educate young school children about where their food comes from and how we are each connected to agriculture.

State Historian Richard Patten was escorted to the Master's station to give his report.

State Historian Report 2011

Worthy State Master, State Officers, Honored Guests, Patrons All!

It is a pleasure to present my report as your State Historian. Another year has passed and I can't believe how much this organization has done throughout the years. Despite the change for some members as they cope with going from a large membership to a smaller one, the result is the same. They continue to be active in their communities. The farms have gotten

smaller or closed and sold their animals to other farms. In some cases agriculture has increased with farming on a different scale. The members continue to write history without knowing it. It saddens me to see some members just going through the motions until they reach their 100th anniversary. Many think the Grange has no place in today's world. This is so wrong, so wrong. I would be so happy to assist a Grange to write their history or even make contacts. The State Grange Journals provide so much history and important information when someone calls looking for their relatives or Granges in their community.

This has been a busy year for the State Historian receiving telephone calls from people asking for information about their relatives or Granges they were involved in. I have had several calls about certain Granges in Alton, Concord, Dunbarton, and Lebanon.

As I was reading the various State Grange Journals, it was tradition that a speaker came from the Department of Motor Vehicles each year to report on the progress of the agency. It was reported the State Grange was active with this State Agency. One day, when I was riding with the Department of Fish and Game, the officer who was driving informed me of the State Grange's involvement in that agency. I told him that I couldn't believe it. He suggested I could find some information in the 1911, 1912 State Grange Journals. It seems the State Grange was very much involved in our State Government.

As I read the Memorial List this year for our Grange, I can't believe the names of the members who have been called to the Great Grange Above. It seems more and more members from our generation are being called to the serve our Great Master of the Universe. Whether we realize it or not, we write history for our home Grange as well as for the Pomona and State Granges every day. This year, we lost several members of the Pink Sash Family who at one time or another were very active in the office or committee post they held.

Rita Morgan served as State Ceres when her late husband Asa was State Master in the late 1950's to early 1960's. Asa and Rita held membership in Hooksett Grange and were very active not only in the Grange but in community affairs as well.

Speaking of Past State Ceres, many of us were very sad and surprised to learn that Doris Saturley had passed away. Despite being a school teacher before she retired, she managed to find time to accompany Past State Master John Saturley around the state when he was serving as State Master and as a position in the Assembly of Demeter. Doris taught school in several communities retiring from the Concord School District. Sometimes Doris would have a funny story that didn't seem like her. She would look stern, but she also had humor that you wouldn't expect her to say. I remember the story how when we met in the Northern Sector, their vehicle had problems and knowing a lot of Grange members would be coming down I-93 through the Notch, she stood out by the side of the road giving one of the Grange distress signs. People thought she was waving to everyone as they passed by.

Laura Eld left our Grange circle to join her friends from the Seacoast who are with our Heavenly Father. Laura served as Master for Ocean Side Grange trying to hold the Grange together. Laura served on the State Grange Home Economics Committee for several years. She could be very funny, but she could also tell you in no certain terms how she felt on a certain Grange item as well.

Abbott Rice from Wattannick Grange served his organization and town very well. He and his wife Annie would travel many Grange miles. You could see them at Grange functions in New Hampshire and also surprise us at New England Grange meetings such as New England Lecturer's Conference or New England Youth Rally. Abbott served on the State Legislative Committee in past years.

Winfred Campbell answered the call of our Great Master of us all. He needed a Grange Deputy and Win was more than capable of serving. He and his family were the rock of Warren Pond Grange. He assisted in the Installation of Grange Officers with the late Barbara Briggs or some other Installing Team. He and his family were dedicated Grangers who worked very hard in whatever capacity they were needed in. He and Marilyn were so proud to see their daughter Jane become a State Grange Officer along with son-in-law Bob and grandchildren become equally involved in the Grange and other community activities. Win served as General Deputy for Past State Master Everett Poore among his years as a Deputy.

As I look at the many members who have gone to the Great Grange above, some have never served on the State level. However, they will be missed and certainly wrote history in their own Grange. Many Granges have families who are the core of that Grange.

Here in the Shelburne/Gorham area, one such family was the Hayes family. This year, Florence Peabody left our circle to join her brother and several sisters. Florence held membership in Winthrop Grange along with serving as an officer and committee member. Florence was sister to Chet Hayes whom many will remember.

Herman Walker was a Grange member who along with his wife and daughter loved to bowl. Each year they would compete in the annual State Grange Bowling Championship. Herman would stand there studying the other bowlers, checking scores, and hoping he would be selected to the championships when they had a second round.

Speaking of bowling, the Grange Tournament lost a very competitive bowler David McLean who represented Wingold Grange. David was a Class A bowler and believe me he released the bowling balls with gusto. David didn't say much, but he was a big competitor in the tournament.

Nick Cotsibas, husband to Past State Executive Committee member Elizabeth Cotsibas just received a call from the Great Master asking him to come and help out. Nick belonged to Harmony Grange for many years and accompanied Elizabeth and the Currier family on many Grange activities.

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of meeting many Grangers who always greeted you with a smile. One lady I remember is Dolores Gilman from Pittsfield, who belonged to Catamount Grange then transferred to Chichester when Catamount closed. Dolores's late husband was clerk of court in Pittsfield when I met them. She always would be cheery and greeted you with a smile. She always had nice things to say about the Grange.

Marilyn Stevens from Chichester Grange was a member who had a disability, but never let that bother her. She held the office of Assistant Steward among others, but she had a hand

disability. However, she never complained and was a very valuable member of Chichester Grange.

I could write more and more about brothers and sisters who have left us. I am sure that many of them have already notified our Heavenly Father they are ready for Grange work. As I close out this portion of the members, I would like to end up with the death of Noreen Crawford who served as my Pianist when I was your State Master. I remember the day I asked her to consider being my State Pianist. She was so excited to be asked. And she did a very good job. I told her that if she could play my favorite march "Spring" she would be all set. She did and did an excellent job. So many times she felt she wasn't good enough because of some of our past pianists. I always told her that she was good and not to worry because she was creating her own path. Noreen also served on several other State Committees. Losing Noreen was tough because she was on my team, but also was from the baby boomer time.

I have finished the book I was writing and it is now is being edited. From there I am not sure what will happen. It has been fun remembering the old times for the baby boomers, remembering the wacky games, serious times when the Deputy would attend a meeting, and the protocol at State Grange Conventions.

I hope your Grange whether it is Subordinate or Pomona, has taken the time to compile a history. If not, I would be happy to help you in any way possible. It is important to stress the great things your Grange has done throughout the years. I am sure that you will see the many wonderful projects that have been done in the community by your members.

There are also Grange materials in the basement of the State Grange Building that came from Granges who have closed. If you have a neighboring town that once had a Grange, check with the Library or Historical Society to see if they would like the materials.

My final project has been with the New Hampshire State Police. I had noticed a newspaper article recently where the State Police were celebrating their 74th anniversary. I was disappointed that no mention of the Grange's involvement was mentioned. I spoke with the reporter as well with the State Police. They called me to apologize for the mishap. There is a new rank and file in the State Police and they were not aware of the Grange's involvement. Many of the retired officers were well aware of the involvement. They are in the process of planning their 75th anniversary and would like the State Grange to be involved in the planning. I have spoken to our State Master regarding this event.

I will close this report thanking our State Master for the honor and privilege to be your State Historian. As I have said, I love reading about this organization, which has been good to me for almost 46 years. I am always here to assist you in your history of your Grange or for people or to answer questions about Granges in NH.

I would like to wish everyone a great holiday season and a safe and healthy 2012.

Dick Patten Historian
NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Master Tetreault called a brief recess at 9:46 A.M.
Session was called back to order at 9:58 A.M.

Election of Officers

Master Tetreault and Overseer Heath appointed Deb Patten, Hugh Clark and Larissa Grant to serve as tellers for the election of two members of the Executive Committee. Donald R. Ross and Mark Collins were both elected to serve constitutional terms of three years on the NH State Grange Executive Committee. Master Tetreault dismissed the tellers.

Alice Tuck, Family & Community Service Director introduced Donna Cummings from Response the local battered women and children's shelter in Berlin. Ms. Cummings spoke briefly of the services Response provides to women, children and men in need from the greater Berlin area. It was announced that the non-perishable food items we collected during session would be donated to Response this year as well as the new linens and other items collected.

Master Tetreault announced that Richard Patten will be our new co-Director of Family and Community Services handling the community service work during the next year.

Bruce and Sharon Croucher presented their workshop titled Hook-em and Cook-em. Bruce explained that hook-em refers to getting members to join the Grange and now that you have them how do you keep them or cook-em? The workshop focused on two suggestions for Lecturer's programs that could help. Reader's Theatre consists of choosing a topic and then asking members for their ideas about the topic and discussing them. The second part of the workshop consisted of a skit based on the Grimm brother's fairy tale Little Red Riding Hood. Using fairy tales is a fun way to act out a story that also tells a lesson. Thus you are having fun and learning at the same time.

Family & Community Service Director Alice Tuck was escorted to the Master's station to present her report.

Family & Community Service

Worthy Master, National Grange Representatives, State Officers and Grange friends;

This is my first report as your Family & Community Chairman. It has definitely been a learning process for me and I never could imagine how much work was involved in working on a State committee.

It has been a busy year for me. I started the year with making a trip to Glenclyff to deliver Christmas presents to the residents. It was quite an eventful trip because my co-pilot and I got a little off track but finally ended at our destination. Then the following week we travelled to Concord to deliver items for Christmas stockings to the children at the Philbrick House.

I was able to visit all the Granges in my Pomona and several other Granges throughout the state. I was very fortunate because my husband agreed to travel with me so I wouldn't have to

travel alone. We managed to put on a few pounds because we always seemed to be at a Grange meeting when they were judging whoopie pies.

I did attend the Northeast Leader's Conference, the Spring Fling, NE Youth Rally in Maine, and numerous other State functions.

I delivered items to the Big E for the Grange building. I delivered approximately 125 handmade items for the sale tables. Betty Jane Gardiner was really concerned this year because she did not have a lot of scrubbies to sell which is one of the big sale items there. I am challenging each Grange member who makes scrubbies to make at least 100 each so that we will have a larger number next year. I also worked the Blueberry Pie Booth with the "cow man".

The winners of the Needlework contests are as follows:

Class A – Afghans	1 st Ann Leger
	2 nd Betty Anderson
	3 rd Joann Gandy
Class B – Doilies	1 st Marie Hall
	2 nd Gail Turcotte
	3 rd Joan DeButts
Class C – Embroidery	1 st Barbara Wentworth
	2 nd Annette Lemieux
	3 rd Gail Turcotte
Class D – 3 piece baby set	1 st Gail Turcotte
	2 nd Joan DeButts
Class E – Plastic Canvas	1 st Betsy Bean
	2 nd Lucia Savage
	3 rd Gail Turcotte
Class F – Counted Cross Stitch	1 st Sandy Fogarty
	2 nd Gail Turcotte
Class G – Adult Garment	1 st Gail Turcotte
	2 nd Barbara Wentworth
	3 rd Marjorie Burnett
Class H – Latch Hook	1 st Ann Leger
	2 nd Claire Gagnon
Class I – Wall Hanging	1 st Dorinda Louise
	2 nd Rachel Scanzani
Class J – Stuffed Toy	1 st Gail Turcotte
Class 1 – Woodworking	1 st James Batchelder
	2 nd Rick Bailey
Class 2 – Quilting	1 st Dorinda Louise
Class 4 – Miscellaneous	1 st Joann Gandy
	2 nd Dorinda Louise
	3 rd Gladys Ray

I took the first place items to Eastern States and am happy to report that Gail Turcotte won third place at Eastern States for her baby set.

I would like to thank all the Granges that took the time to make entries for the needlework contests. I have learned this past year that the majority of our Grangers are very active people in their communities and I wonder how they find the time to do their handiwork.

We have collected over 300 mittens and they will be distributed to the members of my committee and will be returned to their respective Grange areas and given to area schools.

I have delivered over 100 hats to the Pease Greeters for our troops and 10 or 15 cell phones to be refurbished and sent overseas.

I would like to thank my committee for their hard work here at State Grange. I left them alone during the year but this week-end I have been working them hard. Thank you ladies for your support.

I would encourage everyone to come to the display room to look at all our needlework items, buy some goodies and take a chance on our quilt raffle. The money will be used to offset the operating expenses of this committee. The donations are used to provide prize money for our contests, also to purchase plaques for our citizen of the year and gifts for Glencliff and Philbrick House. Unfortunately, the individual Grange donations were down this year and I am glad that we had this raffle to help offset expenses. I will report the amount we made at the banquet this evening and we will be drawing the winners at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Tuck, Family & Community Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Sister Linda Lauer, Chairman of the Master's Address Committee was escorted to the Master's station to present the report of her committee.

Report of Master's Address Committee

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Officers of the New Hampshire State Grange, Delegates, and Patrons:

We present the following response to the Address of New Hampshire State Grange Master Jim Tetreault. We commend the Worthy Master on the time and commitment that he has dedicated to the Good of our Order and to advancing the interests of New Hampshire Patrons of Husbandry

We as a committee applaud the priority given to efforts to grow the Grange during the past year through appointment and training of Grange Growth Teams and the appointment of an Organizing Deputy and a Visioning Deputy. As our distinguished visitor Sister Sharon Croucher, Lecturer of the New York State Grange, reminded us on Friday evening, the Grange cannot be stagnant like a pond, but must be like a lake, with the constant influx of new people and new ideas. We as a committee, however, are concerned about the lack of

response to the availability of the Grange Growth Teams. We encourage Subordinate Granges to ask a Grange Growth Team to visit and share the knowledge that they gained at the Grange Growth Summit. Regardless of the size of our individual Granges, there is always a need for growth.

We commend the renewed focus on ritualism that has taken place, and welcome continued attention to this important aspect of the Grange. We also appreciate the fact that, through the collection of data on 990-N filing status and non-profit incorporation renewal as part of each Deputy's visit, potential problems for individual Granges were proactively identified and prevented.

We applaud the efforts of the Fundraising Chairman and Committee during the past year, and were pleased to hear that they had surpassed their 2011 fundraising goal. We encourage the continuation of fundraisers that involve the general public as well as Grangers, not only because it eases the financial burden for individual Grangers, but also because it provides an opportunity to tell the public about our organization.

The Worthy Master's efforts to improve communications are commendable. Response to the three area meetings that were held in January was overwhelmingly positive, as was response to the increased web presence.

We move on to the future of our beloved New Hampshire State Grange, and to the continuation of 2011-2012 priorities. Increased emphasis on Grange growth is, in the opinion of the committee members, becoming more important as we approach the 2013 National Convention in New Hampshire. Each of us needs to encourage our Subordinate members to continue on their Grange journey and complete the 5th and 6th degrees this year in order to complete the 7th Degree in 2013. An opportunity for a National Grange meeting this close to home may not come again for some time. Taking in at least three new members in each Pomona Grange in the coming year is a worthy goal, as is asking every Patron to invite one person to join the Grange.

The increased fundraising goal of \$6000 is, based on 2011 performance, achievable with some effort on everyone's part. The goal of looking at the State Convention to make it more affordable is admirable, but the committee members feel that keeping the Convention in a single location year after year should not be examined as an option.

Continued prioritization of ritualism in 2012 is welcome and reminds us of whom we are as Grangers. We have been and continue to be a fraternal organization.

The committee agrees with the Worthy Master that improved communications continue to be needed. The concept of quarterly mailings from each Department Head is good but, in order to contain costs, must rely to some degree on transmission via a central distribution point. We encourage each Subordinate and Pomona Grange to identify a central contact point for electronic communications, with that person being responsible for printing and sharing electronic communications that are received from Department Heads.

The ritual of our Order speaks of "...feeding the hungry, helping the fatherless and the widows." Recognizing the existence of economic struggles of so many of our fellow

Americans, the committee highly recommends that the Worthy Master's proposed project to partner with local food banks be adopted. We also encourage local Granges to consider working with their local media to publicize the good works that are performed every day by New Hampshire State Grangers but which tend to go unrecognized.

Finally, the committee thanks you, Worthy Master, for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Lauer (Chair), Kim Bascom, Frances Towne, and Tillie Meyers

Dan Bascom moved and Chris Heath seconded to accept the report as written. The motion was approved and the committee was dismissed.

Dick Patten presented a brief report on Community Service work this year and announced the winners of the Community Service contest.

STATE COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Worthy State Master, State Officers, Honored Guests, Patrons All,

I would like to thank State Family & Community Service Director Alice Tuck for asking me to be her co-director in handling the Community Service Department. I have dedicated my life to Community Service. Helping to make someone's day a little brighter when they otherwise would have no reason to smile or to help lessen a load for them is a great reward. In today's society, people of all ages are struggling to make each day worthwhile. What a great feeling it gives a person knowing they have helped someone enjoy a meal, when otherwise their plate is empty. With winter coming how wonderful it is to know there are places for someone to sleep at night other than a blanket or just lying on the ground or in a tent if they were lucky to escape storms.

I have had the reports judged and the results are as follows:

Subordinate Granges:

First Place: Hudson Grange # 11
Second Place: Blow-Me-Down Grange # 234
Third Place: Joe English Grange # 53
Fourth Place: Watatic Grange # 36
Honorable Mention: Pine Grove Grange # 298

Pomona Grange:

One report was submitted from East Rockingham Pomona Grange.

It is very easy to look in your community to see what help and support is needed to help the residents. Whether it is a small or large project; whether you join with another community group to make this successful, it is important to gather as much information as possible, organize your members into teams to work on the project and try to continue these projects for years to come.

I would like to thank the Granges who submitted suggestions for the Recognition Awards Program. I believe people today take the notion for granted that police officers, firefighters, teachers, or veterans are supposed to perform their responsibilities. I have heard the statement "I pay my taxes- they are supposed to do their job". This may be true, but is their job to get fatally injured while keeping you safe and out of harm's way? We need to thank our community leaders for the dedication they place in their position every day and night. In closing, thank you Alice and Worthy State Master Jim Tetreault for the confidence you have placed in me to fill this position. I look forward to serving you as Community Service Director next year.

Fraternally,

Dick Patten, Director
NH Community Service

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Master Jean Abbott gave the report of Northern NH Pomona from the Overseers' station.

Report of Northern New Hampshire Pomona Grange #5

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Patrons;

Northern New Hampshire Pomona consists of four subordinate Granges: Winthrop Grange in Shelburne, Mount Hope Grange in Landaff, Pine Grove Grange in Bath and Riverside Grange in Dalton.

We held 7 meetings throughout the year at member Granges and enjoyed a cookout in July at the home of the Van Sants in Shelburne. Two members attended the Growth Summit in April; we assisted Ann Leger in hosting a supper at The Philbrook Inn in Shelburne after the State Officers' "walk through" at the Town & Country in May; are hosting the hospitality room at State Session; and for the first time that I am aware of we had a display at the Fryeburg Fair in Maine.

Fraternally,

Jean Abbott, Master

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Joan Garland member of the Family & Community Services Department announced the winners of the **whoopie pie baking contest**. The Judges were Wilber Heath, Kathy Yardley and Marion Woodworth.

Third place – Marjorie Anderson - East Rockingham Pomona

Second place- Goldie French – Cheshire County Pomona

First place – Beth Merrill – Hillsborough County Pomona

Sherrill Bokousky Fundraising Director was escorted to the Master's Station to present her report.

NH State Grange Fundraising Report

Worthy Master, National Delegates, Brothers and sister Patrons; As Director of this part of the Operations Department I am here to report on our fundraising projects and activities for this year.

Fundraising is a much needed part of our organization's life. This being my first year I had high hopes and lots of worries. I made a plan, talked about some ideas, and asked lots of questions. Starting at Deputy School in December we held three 50/50 raffles this year and will have one more at State Session in October.

We had five major projects this year. The first one, took place from December through June and was called 1/20 club. This was a most successful project which earned us \$1500.00. For twenty dollars you can buy a ticket and be a part of a drawing held weekly for 20 weeks. Next we worked on exhibits to display at the fairs. NH State Grange exhibited at Cheshire County Fair, Hopkinton Fair, Hillsborough County Fair, and Deerfield Fair each earning premiums. Next we participated in the Blueberry Pie Day at the Big E in Springfield, Massachusetts. This was a first for me as I had not done this before. Getting the dates, asking for volunteers, worrying I would have enough people, remembering to bring the white T-shirts and getting myself there was just the tip of the iceberg for me. We worked a 12 hour day, volunteers taking shifts to sell Blueberry Pie with ice cream and other ice cream treats. When it was done and I was back at home I realized I did enjoy myself and won't stress as much next year. We also had an added opportunity to cook and serve to a group called Up North Orienteers on Oct 8 as a fundraising project. We served a pasta meal and dessert which was well enjoyed. The final project this year is the Silent Auction here at State Session. There are lots of great items on the table if you haven't seen them yet.

So that brings me to the projects for next year. The plan is to start off with the 1/20 club. New for next year and still making plans is a public breakfast and plant sale at the State Grange Building. Following that is the fair exhibits, Blueberry Pie Day, and Silent Auction.

For anybody who has volunteered for any of these projects, or anybody who had to listen to my venting and stress I give you my best thank you. We all make it happen; I just hold the flashlight to show the way.

Fraternally,

Sherrill Bokousky

Fundraising Chairman

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

It was announced that this year's 1/20 club raffle has already started and tickets are available now. The first drawing will be held in February.

Beth Merrill announced that Curtains Without Borders Director, Chris Hadsel has a new picture book of approximately 30 of the curtains she's found in NH titled "NH Painted Curtains" available for order through Saturday at a cost of \$26 plus \$4 shipping.

Grange recessed for lunch at 11:53 A.M.

State Master, Jim Tetreault called the Grange back to order at 1:30pm.

State Secretary Carolyn Ross was feeling better and was back for the afternoon session. State Master Jim Tetreault called upon Wayne Turcotte, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee to give his report.

Report of Resolutions Committee

Worthy Master, visiting guests and Brothers and Sisters;
This is the report of the Resolutions Committee

Resolution #1 Submitted by Rochester Grange #86
Subject: Sale, Encumbrance or Transfer of Grange Halls

**The Committee recommends adoption of this Resolution.
This resolution was adopted by the Delegate Body.**

Resolution #2 - Submitted by Gilman Grange #1
Subject: NH State Grange Annual Meetings

**The Committee recommends adoption of this Resolution.
This resolution was adopted by the Delegate Body.**

Resolution #3 - Submitted by Gilman Grange #1
Subject: Journal of Proceedings

WHEREAS, the Journal of Proceedings is the permanent record of a State Grange Session;
and

WHEREAS, this Journal was previously provided in printed form to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges; and

WHEREAS, many members do not have access to a computer or have difficulty downloading the Journal files from our website; and

WHEREAS, the Journal is now only provided to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges on-line; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-Laws Article XII, Section 1, have a new Division created that states: "The NH State Grange Secretary will provide one printed copy of the Journal of Proceedings to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange each year, if requested. The Journal of Proceedings will be ready for distribution by May 1st."

**The Committee recommends exploring the option of providing the Journal of Proceedings on CD instead of printed format.
This resolution was amended and adopted by the Delegate Body.**

Resolution #4 - Submitted by Gilman Grange #1
Subject: Voting Protocol during State Session

The Committee recommends adoption of this Resolution.
This resolution was defeated by the Delegate Body.

Resolution #5 Submitted by the New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee
Subject: Clarifying language on Sale of Grange Halls

WHEREAS, there needs to be strength in the language of our By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, the language in our By-Laws needs to be clear; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 1 and Article XIV, Section 9, Division 3 are not clearly worded; therefore be it

RESOLVED, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 1 First sentence “The Subordinate Grange will petition...” be changed to read “The Subordinate Grange shall petition...”; and be it further

RESOLVED, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 3 is changed from:

Division 3. Upon final approval of the State Executive Committee to sell said property, the New Hampshire State Grange will act as an escrow agent for said Grange. Upon sale of property the sum of \$1,000, if sale price is more than this amount, may at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange be left to the control of the Grange selling the property. This is provided that the Grange does not intent to surrender their charter. The remainder of the sale price will be placed in an escrow fund with the New Hampshire State Grange and controlled by the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange. The New Hampshire State Grange will pay accrued income on this fund to the Subordinate Grange annually, if requested. Funds from said escrow account may be returned to the Subordinate Grange in such amounts as may be requested in writing by the Subordinate Grange upon a two-thirds vote of the New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee.

To:

Division 3. Upon final approval of the sale by the State Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange, said Committee will act as an escrow agent for the Subordinate Grange. If the net proceeds from the sale is \$1,000.00 or less the Subordinate Grange may retain the entire amount provided it does not intend to surrender its charter. If the sale proceeds exceed \$1,000.00 the excess amount shall be assigned by the Subordinate Grange to the State Grange. Funds not retained by the Subordinate Grange shall be held in an escrow account controlled by the State Executive Committee. The State Executive Committee shall pay annually, in the month of April, to the Subordinate Grange, upon written request from the Subordinate Grange, accrued income and such portions of the principal as the Executive Committee approves, by a two thirds vote. Requests for portions of the principal shall be in writing, include reason for request, and be submitted at least four weeks in advance.

The Committee recommends adoption of this Resolution, with the following change: insert a comma followed by “said Committee” after “New Hampshire State Grange” in the first sentence.

This resolution was amended and adopted by the Delegate Body.

Resolution #6 Submitted by Antrim Grange #98
Subject: State Granges

The Committee recommends adoption of this Resolution.
This resolution was adopted by the Delegate Body.

Resolution #7 Submitted by Antrim Grange #98
Subject: State Grange Executive Committee

WHEREAS, in 1978 the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws were changed by increasing the number of Executive Committee Members of the State Grange from three to five; and,

WHEREAS, in 1978 there were 150 Granges in New Hampshire and in 2011 there are 65; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws, Article IX, Section 1 be amended by changing the number of members of the State Grange Executive Committee from five to four, so that the section will read, "The Executive Committee of this Grange shall consist of four (4) members, to which shall be added the Master with full privileges. The Overseer, Treasurer and Secretary shall be ex-officio members without voting privileges."; And be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect with the 2012 election of officers.

The Committee does not recommend adoption of this Resolution, we feel that the Executive Committee has a great deal of work that it performs and needs the current number of members to accomplish their work.
This resolution was amended and defeated by the Delegate Body.

Resolution #8 Submitted by Lower Intervale Grange #321
Subject: Northern Pass Project

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange take a stand against the Northern Pass Project as it is presently proposed.

The Committee has no recommendation for this Resolution.
This resolution was amended and adopted by the Delegate Body.

Resolution #9 Submitted by Croydon Grange #357
Subject: Food Protection Rights

The Committee has no recommendation for this Resolution.
This resolution was adopted by the Delegate Body.

Resolution #10 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona #6
Subject: Elimination of Term Limits for National Grange Executive Committee

The Committee recommends adoption of this Resolution.
This resolution was adopted by the Delegate Body.

Resolution # 11 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona #6
Subject: Resort Casino

The Committee does not recommend adoption of this Resolution.
This resolution was defeated by the Delegate Body.

Resolution # 12 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona #6
Subject: State Income Tax

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire has made significant budget cuts in recent years;
and

WHEREAS, these budget cuts have affected necessary services and safety in the State of
New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not made any effort to find a source of revenue in over a
decade; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire State Legislature is looking for some source of revenue
including a State Income Tax; and

WHEREAS, it is time to start using revenue from everyone that comes to this state and not just
the residents of this state; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange go on record opposing a State Income
Tax for the State of New Hampshire.

The Committee recommends the insertion of “for the State of New Hampshire” at the end of
the resolution.
This resolution was amended and adopted by the Delegate Body.

Resolution # 13 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona #6
Subject: State Sales Tax

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire has made significant budget cuts in recent years;
and

WHEREAS, these budget cuts have affected necessary services and safety in the State of
New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not made any effort to find a source of revenue in over a
decade; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange go on record in support of a State Sales
Tax for the State of New Hampshire, on all non-consumable goods; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Sales Tax be capped at two (2) points lower than the average of the five (5) remaining New England states.

The Committee recommends the insertion of “for the State of New Hampshire” after State Sales Tax in the first resolved.

This resolution was amended and defeated by the Delegate Body.

Thank you for asking us to serve on this Committee,
Wayne Turcotte and Mary West

State Master Jim Tetreault called for a recess at 3:03 PM.

State Master Jim Tetreault called the Grange back to order at 3:15 PM.

The Resolutions Committee then completed their report.

State Master Jim Tetreault asked Pat Izzo, Chairman of the Credentials Committee to approach the Master’s station to give her report.

Report of the Credentials Committee

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Pink Sash Family and Grangers:

The report of the Credentials Committee is as follows:

Total Voting Delegates	
Masters	27
Wives of Masters	7
Husbands of Masters	4
Delegates	41
Total Delegates	79
State Officers	20
Deputies	19
Committee Members	39
Non-delegates	35
Special Guests	10

The members of the Credentials Committee thank the State Secretary for the privilege of serving on the Registration Table for the 2011 State Session.

Fraternally,
Pat Izzo, Chairman
Lucia Savage

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master Jim Tetreault called upon Wilber Heath, Chairman of the Executive Committee to present the State Budget.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
Income Budget 2011-2012**

	Proposed 2010-11	Actual 2010-11	Proposed 2011-2012
Invested Funds			
Income	5,157.59	5,175.59	4,888.73
Withdrawals from Principal	0.00	*15,000.00	10,483.67
Special Invested Funds			
Defunct Granges	1,113.20	1,113.20	1,517.68
Other Income			
Accounts Receivable	0.00	100.00	0.00
Bonding Fees Sub/Pom	2,265.00	2,296.00	2,172.00
Donations	0.00	20.00	0.00
Dues & Fees	40,444.00	43,897.10	38,951.00
Eastern States/Blueberry Pie	1,200.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Fund Raising	5,000.00	3,480.76	6,000.00
<i>Granite State Grange</i> Donations	1,000.00	735.00	800.00
Membership Training Conference	1,360.00	0.00	0.00
National Session Assessment	1,700.00	2,267.00	1,392.00
NE Connection Assessment	850.00	769.00	676.50
Printing/Postage/Supplies	28.00	56.00	0.00
Sixth Degree Fees	40.00	160.00	100.00
Spring Fling	400.00	320.00	320.00
State Grange Building Use Donations	2,550.00	2,950.00	1,950.00
State Session	3,880.00	4,419.00	2,680.00
State Grange Building Fund Donations	75.00	160.00	100.00
Non Budget Income			
Supply Department		747.58	
Education Loan Fund		100.00	
Contoocook Treasury		126.82	
Legal Fees reimbursement		366.20	
Starr King Grange Hall		14,576.00	
State Grange Other Building Insurance		733.00	
Uncashed deputy check/voided		100.00	
Totals	67,062.79	*90,750.00	73,131.58

After much discussion, a motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the income budget as presented. So voted.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
Expense Budget 2011-2012

	Proposed 2010-11	Actual 2010-11	Proposed 2011-2012
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	2,265.00	2,234.00	2,234.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	209.00	209.00	209.00
Bulk Mail Permit	185.00	190.00	190.00
Department Expenses			
Family & Community	630.00	630.00	630.00
Grange Services	140.00	70.00	140.00
Junior	200.00	100.00	140.00
Lecturer	770.00	770.00	770.00
Legislative/Agriculture	630.00	630.00	630.00
Membership	600.00	642.89	600.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	140.00	70.00	140.00
Youth/Junior	900.00	900.00	900.00
Deputies Expenses	1,800.00	1,864.20	4,050.00
Dues- National Grange	17,928.00	16,881.00	15,900.00
General Deputy Expenses	250.00	183.00	250.00
Income Tax Preparation	1,600.00	4,519.00	2,000.00
Leader's School- December	250.00	100.00	100.00
Legal Fees	3,000.00	12,293.96	9,000.00
Master	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Media			
Farm & Forest Expo	345.00	295.00	295.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	2,400.00	2,306.04	2,300.00
Publicist	100.00	100.00	0.00
Website	0.00	0.00	150.00
Membership Training	1,200.00	399.99	
Miscellaneous	300.00	27.18	230.00
National Session Assessment	2,107.00	2,107.00	1,873.00
NE Connection Assessment	1,053.50	1,053.50	936.50
NE Grange Building Assessment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Equipment	325.00	0.00	
Operations			
Fund Raising	0.00	545.43	649.00
State Grange Building	17,000.00	17,556.08	7,000.00
State Session	5,126.40	5,293.37	2,820.89
State Session Deposit	500.00	500.00	500.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	6,222.48	4,970.00	5,122.83
Secretary Expenses	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
Sixth Degree Fees-National	10.00	40.00	25.00
Spring Fling	420.00	351.40	400.00
State Grange Insurance	2,250.00	2,243.00	2,250.00
State Grange Other Building Insurance	820.00	3,302.00	1,814.00
State Grange Other Building Expenses	175.00	6,356.23	422.36

Supply Department		742.74	
Treasurer Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Education Loan Fund		100.00	
Starr King Defunct Account		*1,658.49	
*\$10,000 direct transfer to defunct account			
Totals	69,751.38	91,420.87	73,131.58

After further discussion, a motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to adopt the expense budget. So voted.

Lynn Clark installed Donald Ross and Mark Collins as members of the State Executive Committee for the constitutional term of three years. Lynn was assisted by Virginia Clark, Marshall, Sarah Leclerc, Emblem Bearer and Larissa Grant, Regalia Bearer.

State Lecturer Hannah West announced the Best of the Best crafts that would be sent to National Session in Tulsa:

Afghan	Ann Leger, Winthrop Grange #315
Owl Painting	Phillip Clark, Jr., Gilman Grange #1
Wooden Wall Hanging	Ruth Pelton, Hampton Falls #171
Sunset Photo	Lois Enman, Rochester Grange #86

A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Matthew Clark to authorize the State Grange Executive Committee to approve the minutes of Saturday session at their next meeting. The vote was in the affirmative.

The third day of the 138th Annual Session was closed at 4:20pm.

Saturday Evening, October 29, 2011 NH State Grange Celebration Dinner

The Annual New Hampshire State Grange Banquet was held at 6:00pm. The Town & Country Motor Inn served a delicious dinner. Kevin Belval of Chichester Grange was the MC for the program.

State Master Jim Tetreault welcomed all who attended the Grange banquet.

Richard Patten, Community Service Director announced the following awards:

Veteran Award – Gilbert Dailinas, submitted by Hudson Grange #11

Firefighter Award – Christopher Johnson, Concord Fire Department, submitted by Pineconia Grange #322

Law Enforcement Award – Craig Saltmarsh, Merrimack County Sheriff Dept., submitted by Pineconia Grange #322

State Fish and Game Award – Christopher McKee honored with the State Grange Award of Excellence

State Police Award – Paul Rella, Troop F honored with the State Grange Excellence Award

State Master Jim Tetreault called upon Past State Master Beth Merrill for remarks. Beth is currently the National Grange Lady Assistant Steward.

State Master Jim Tetreault presented Matt and Lynn Clark, Allissa Estes and Amy Schunemann with checks from the special travel fund to help with their expenses to attend National Session as Youth Officers for the opening. The four from NH will hold the following offices:

Matt Assistant Steward

Lynn Lady Assistant Steward

Allissa Ceres

Amy Flora

State Master Jim Tetreault presented Winthrop Grange #315 with their 100th anniversary plaque. Accepting the award for Winthrop Grange was Burt & Tillie Meyers, Mary Tyler and Ann Leger.

Youth Director Allissa Estes presented the State Police with the stuffed toys from morning session for them to use when working with children. Allissa also gave the State Master a stuffed animal so that he would not feel neglected.

Legislative/Agriculture Director, Bob Haefner announced again the winners of his awards and that they will be presented later at local Granges. Full details are in his report.

The Educator of the Year Award will be presented to Maria Bowen, submitted by Rochester Grange #86. Alice Tuck read the letter of recommendation for this award.

Jane Trombi of Warren Pond Grange #47 won the 50/50 raffle. Jane's share was \$140.00.

State Lecturer Hannah West introduced this year's Best of Show Talent Winner Wilber Heath of Centennial Grange #185 who performed his recitation "A Man Name Charlie".

State Master Jim Tetreault thanked Bob Haefner, Carolyn Ross, Gail Turcotte, Chris Heath and Tricia Taylor for all of their assistance to make the Annual State Session a success.

Our honored guests, Bruce and Sharon Croucher were called upon for remarks. State Master Jim Tetreault then presented the Crouchers' with gifts from the NH State Grange. The Silent Auction winners were announced. It was also announced that 1/20 club tickets are available for sale.

For the purpose of Grange Growth, State Master Jim Tetreault asked the members present to introduce themselves to someone that they did not know.

Closing – Invocation, Matt Clark, Chaplain

Tabular Statements

Subordinate Grange	Number	\$09/09/10	\$09/09/11	Net Change	OS Exempt	OS NE	Real Estate	Property	Treasury	Other	Total	Dues	Unallocated
ANTRIM	96	45	26	-21	5	1	87400	5000	6466.37	0	96856.37	33	99
ARLINGTON	139	26	25	-1	5	0	0	1500	4562.75	2795.29	8858.04	32	32
AURORA	235	37	36	-1	6	4	61800	5000	5467.64	0	72967.64	29	116
BAKERS RIVER	290	23	22	-1	9	0	31200	2500	1690.98	0	35390.98	30	0
BLACKWATER	152	46	44	-2	12	13	0	3000	14308.95	97950.5	115159.45	5	0
BLAZING STAR	71	51	46	-5	9	5	180000	18000	12139.85	0	207139.85	30	125
BLOW-NE-DOWN	234	17	23	6	0	1	332300	3000	851.05	0	336990.05	30	30
BROOKLINE-WILTON	211												
CENTENNIAL	185	25	27	2	9	0	40000	1500	814.81	0	42314.81	38	0
CHICHESTER	132	51	45	-6	18	6	0	4736	4925.04	8950	18611.04	40	200
COCHECO	81	36	24	-12	15	0	NA	NA	1726.43	0	NA	10	0
CROWN POINT	65	37	36	-1	15	9	0	1500	10923.62	3542.09	15010.13	20	0
CROYDON	357	13	22	9	1	0	0	1000	157.32	0	1157.32	30	0
DANIEL WEBSTER	100	50	50	0	13	9	0	2000	7437.73	0	9437.73	30	60
DORCHESTER	280	21	23	2	1	0	0	750	2982.15	0	27732.15	15	165
FRIENDSHIP	110												
GILMAN	1	30	28	-2	8	1	0	5000	9846.91	217796.64	232613.55	20	20
GOLDEN ROD	114												
GRAFTON STAR	60	24	25	1	3	0	0	2000	2297.99	9250.84	33746.83	0	0
GRANITE	7	42	35	-7	13	7	304233.54	NA	NA	NA	NA	22.75	0
GRANITE STATE	149	19	17	-2	10	0	40000	500	3310.89	0	43910.89	30	180
HALESTOWN	287	18	18	0	1	0	0	1000	941.99	13289.31	15210.3	5	0
HALLOWEEN	317	14	12	-2	3	0	108400	8000	46.1	0	118446.1	40	0
HAMPTON FALLS	171	47	35	-12	7	5	0	1000	4061.45	0	5061.45	35	0
HARMONY	99	51	52	1	12	3	0	2000	4521.14	0	6521.14	30	120
HENRY WILSON	205	32	24	-8	3	0	25600	0	4021.89	0	29621.89	NA	0
HOOKSETT	148	22	21	-1	5	1	0	1000	21790.95	0	22790.95	29	290
HUDSON	11	24	23	-1	5	3	0	1200	18657.95	37297.89	55156.84	40	0
JEREMIAH SMITH	161	29	23	-6	7	2	228900	40000	5066.73	27878.54	301845.27	30	0
JOE ENGLISH	53	31	32	1	7	1	0	5000	2926.6	0	7926.6	30	60
LAKE SHORE	128												
LONDONDERRY	44	36	36	0	16	5	130000	0	3300	0	133300	30	152
LOWER INTERVALE	321	25	23	-3	4	1	29500	2200	1537.36	0	33237.36	40	40
MERIDEN	151												
MOHAWK	217	53	49	-4	5	4	51800	3500	12537.81	0	67636.81	29	522
MONT CALM	70	34	29	-5	14	4	0	1000	3257.95	10455.97	13725.92	30	60
MOUNT HOPE	77	41	40	-1	NA	NA	0	1000	9165.76	0	10165.76	29	29
MT LIVERMORE	250	31	24	-7	6	0	0	1802.07	4732.18	3646.34	10180.59	20	120
MT PISTAREEN	145	15	17	2	0	0	68751	2000	971.53	0	69722.53	30	0
PARK	249	33	33	0	4	1	0	1000	8629	0	9629	30	60
PEMBROKE	111	31	28	-3	6	8	0	3000	8014.04	0	11014.04	35	140
PETERBOROUGH	35	25	28	3	0	0	0	1000	5797.88	0	6797.88	34	0
PINECONA	322	27	25	-2	9	6	0	1000	1077.86	25075.75	27153.61	35	240
PINE GROVE	296	40	44	4	10	0	0	300	10243.79	0	10543.79	35	425
PLEASANT VALLEY	272												
PRENTICE HILL	257	24	24	0	8	2	NA	4209	2405.6	0	6614.6	30	60
REUNION	303												
RIVERHILL	346												
RIVERSIDE	137	18	20	2	8	2	0	1000	3849.36	0	4849.36	10	200
ROCHESTER	86	63	59	-4	16	8	209800	2500	21621.55	0	233921.55	30	0
ROCKINGHAM	183	24	23	-1	3	0	100000	5000	NA	0	NA	35	0
SOMERSWORTH	264	22	23	1	2	3	0	2750	1636.7	0	4580.7	30	60
SQUAM LAKE	258	33	30	-3	11	0	0	500	789	0	1289	20	60
STRATFORD	238	16	14	-2	1	0	0	5000	789.47	0	5789.47	29	43.5
SUNAPEE LAKE	112	28	24	-4	8	2	0	3000	39950.13	0	42950.13	30	60
TUFTONBOROUGH	142	30	30	0	5	2	202800	1500	5702.16	0	206802.16	30	75
WALPOLE	125	49	55	6	6	4	0	1000	9334.12	0	10334.12	31.5	126
WARREN POND	47	15	14	-1	4	0	0	0	3365.77	0	3365.77	30	0
WATATIC	36	19	19	0	2	1	0	600	2297.27	0	2997.27	30	180
WEST THORNTON	253	43	36	-7	13	7	17000	2000	3422.94	0	22422.94	30	130
WICWAS LAKE	292	14	32	18	3	0	156400	2000	1395.92	0	159795.92	40	50
WINGOLD	308	85	78	-7	29	8	0	2500	9650	0	12150	29	245.5
WINTHROP	315												

Pomona Grange	Number	\$09/2010	\$09/2011	Net Change	OS Exempt	OS NE	Real Estate	Property	Treasury	Other	Total	Dues	Unallocated
CARROLL COUNTY	8	21	21	0			0	500	951	0	1451	6	124
CHESHIRE COUNTY	6	95	87	-8			0	500	12703.76	0	13203.76	5	0
EAST ROCKINGHAM	11	99	84	-15			0	2500	9933.65	0	12433.65	10	30
EASTERN NH	2	94	96	2			0	3836.28	3989.42	0	7825.7	15	0
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY	1	114	103	-11			0	1500	1842.88	0	3343.88	6	108
MASCOMA VALLEY	7												
MERRIMACK COUNTY	3	149	137	-12			0	2000	2121.32	0	4121.32	8	56
NORTHERN NH	5	62	61	-1			0	2500	959.07	0	3459.07	5	45
PEMIGEWASSET VALLEY	18	59	56	-3			0	300	147.62	0	447.62	6	0
SUNCOOK VALLEY	12	38	34	-4			0	2000	2838.82	0	4838.82	7.5	82.5
UPPER COOS	14	40	38	-4			0	2000	428.67	0	2428.67	4	0