

# PROCEEDINGS

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ANNUAL SESSION

# **New Hampshire State Grange**

*Of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry*



Held at

Concord, NH

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Gerald J. Leclerc, 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*

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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
OF THE ORDER OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY  
HOLIDAY ~ CONCORD, CONCORD, NH**

**Thursday, October 24, 2013**

The officers of the New Hampshire State Grange marched in to officially open the 140th Annual Session at 7:00 PM.

Officers present were:

Master	James Tetreault
Overseer	Christopher Heath
Lecturer	Hannah West
Steward	Robert Trombi
Assistant Steward	Arthur Merrill
Lady Assistant Steward	Jane Trombi
Chaplain	Matthew Clark
Treasurer	Daniel Bascom
Secretary	Gerald Leclerc
Gatekeeper	Kathy Yardley
Ceres	Tricia J. Taylor
Pomona	Ida Hutchins
Flora	Ann Leger
Executive Committee	Beth Merrill
	Donald R. Ross
	Mark Collins
	Wilber Heath
	Robert Haefner
Musician	Lester Gibbs

State Master Jim Tetreault along with the State Officers officially opened the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual State Session in the Sixth Degree.

Roll call of officers found all present.

The Grange was then lowered to the Fourth Degree.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

Lorraine Merrill, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of New Hampshire was introduced.

Our State Master who is a self proclaimed “history geek” announced that today is history the United Nations were formed.

State Steward, Robert Trombi announced that Pete Pompper, Lecturer of the National Grange is our honored guest and is in waiting. The assistant Stewards escorted him to the Masters station

where he brought greetings from National Grange. He also remarked that he enjoys attending State Granges and looks forward to spending time with each member.

Robert Haefner, Legislative /Agriculture Director presented his annual report.

### **Legislative and Agriculture Report**

At the last Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire State Grange We awarded our Legislator of the year to Derek Owen. We awarded our Agriculture awards in November. They went to McQuesten Farm in Litchfield as a Century Farm. They were established in 1746 and have been in the same family, same name and same land since. We made that award at Hudson Grange. We also gave our Young Farmer award to Traci Smith, Fitzwilliam given at Peterborough Grange.

I was unable to go to the National Grange Legislative Fly In since it was the same week as the State Agriculture and Rural Leaders annual Ag Chairs Summit. However our Worthy Master did attend and was able to visit with the offices of Congressional Delegation. As always he did an outstanding Job.

Legislatively the National Grange wrote a letter in support of NH HB 110, reporting Cruelty to Livestock. Our Master also wrote two letters for NH House Bills; one in Opposition to HB 660 GE Labeling, and one in support of HB 110, Livestock Protection.

Once again I must report that on Grange day at the Big E, we only had 8 Grangers from New Hampshire in the parade and six of those were from Antrim. Folks we can do better than that. That was even a day in which our National Master marched in the parade. Every Delegate here should plan on going to the Big E next September on Grange Day and stay to march in the Parade. If you can't go, find someone in your subordinate to replace you. The good news is that we had a bunch of Grangers two days earlier serving pies.

Just this past Tuesday, the Department of Agriculture Markets and Food celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Department, replacing the previous Agriculture Advisory Board. The Grange had a booth at that event at the State House. The event was co-hosted by the DAMF and the House Environment Committee and supported by the Grange and the NH Farm Bureau. Both the Grange and the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau made pies, using local fruit for the event.

Congratulations to Anne Boisvert and the Grange for taking first place among booths at Farm and Forest. It was too bad that half the show was snowed out. .At next year's Farm and Forest the DAMF will recognize the state's Century Farms. The Grange has taken the lead in trying to identify every farm in NH that has been in the same family and on the same land for 100 or more years. I will again ask every subordinate Grange to identify the Century Farms you your town and your bordering towns. I need your help.

We struggled with trying to establish a Capitol Grange at the State House consisting of elected officials and State House Staff. Because of busy schedules, it has been really tough. We have a resolution this year from Concord Grange that may be a solution. It basically has the Legislative Director getting Legislators who are Grangers together periodically to review legislation

important to Grangers and agree on support or opposition. I continue to represent the Grange on the Farm Bureau's Government Affairs Committee and its Policy committee.

Finally This year's award from the Legislative and Agriculture Department are:

Outstanding Legislator Award; Guy Comtois

Century Farm Goes to Forbes Dairy Farm in Lancaster. We will give that award in November in Dalton.

Young Farmer goes to Jenny and Bruce Wooster of Piccadilly Farm in Winchester and will be given at Arlington Grange.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Haefner, Director

NH State Grange Legislative and Agriculture Committee

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Following the report a slide show of pictures of the two farms awarded were shown.

Agriculture Commissioner Lorrain Merrill was called upon to speak. She spoke of the event held on the State House plaza recently celebrating 100 years of the department of agriculture. She applauds the State Granges impact one year ago in getting the department started. She read the following letter from NH Governor Maggie Hassan.

State Master Jim Tetreault thanked Commissioner Merrill for coming to our session as well as for all she does for agriculture.

An update was given on the happenings at the state house by Representatives Robert Haefner and Tara Sad. Commissioner Merrill spoke of both Future Farmers of America (FFA) and Agriculture in the class room and getting state funding.

Representatives Haefner and Sad reviewed House Bill 110 Animal Cruelty, House Bill 660 Labeling of GMO's (Genetically Modified Organisms)

State Master James Tetreault introduced the Assembly of Demeter members present.

Paul & Rhoda Davis

Daniel & Kimber Bascom

Richard & Debra Patten

Hannah West

Beth & Arthur Merrill

## GRANGE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Opening Prayer

Song: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

We have gathered here this evening to celebrate and remember the lives we shared with those who have entered the great Grange above. I feel it is only fitting though that we stop and remember our military personnel both past and present who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. With out their service we would not be here today. Let us remember that "All Gave Some, and Some Gave All."

Reading: "Coming Home"

Song: "This is My Country"

Prayer for our troops and country's leadership

Over the last year we have lost many dear friends and loved ones. Fellow Grange members who have labored long and diligently for this organization. We pause to remember those lives we had a chance to share. I don't want us to mourn for them; instead I want to celebrate their lives. I stop and think about those who have gone on before us and sure I am sad, but the more I think of them the more jealous I begin to feel. They are in God's hands now, no more worry, no pain, no sadness, no illness, walking around in the beautiful gardens of the great grange above.

Reading: "Gods Garden"

Song: "In the Garden"

We read in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 that there is a time and season for everything.

(Read the verses) While here on earth we are going to miss our loved ones but when our time on earth has come to an end our loved ones will be waiting in the great grange above to welcome us home.

Reading: "When I am Gone"

Prayer

Roll Call:

Lewis	Bartlett	Spouse of PM Dorothy Bartlett, Bartlett Grange #104
Bradford	Brooks	PM Mohawk Grange #217
Harold	Burns	PM Mount Washington Grange #116
Hebert	Capron	PM Golden Rod Grange #114, PM Marlboro Grange #118,

		PM Grand Monadnock Pomona #22
Ellen	Door	PM Mt. Washington Grange #116, Past Member NH State Grange Home Economics Committee
Richard	Eaton	Spouse of PM Pauline Eaton Mount Hope Grange #77
Lena	Falconer	Spouse of PM Bruce Falconer, Frontier Grange #226, Past Member of the NH State Grange Home Economics Committee
Francis	Felton	PM Mount Hope Grange #77, PM Northern NH Pomona #5
John	Hauslein	PM Jeremiah Smith Grange #161
Evelyn	Howe	PM Community Grange #329
Warren	Lingard	PM Crown Point Grange #65
Hazel	Noyes	PM Squam Lake Grange #258 PM Pemigewasset Valley Pomona #18
Isabelle	Patten	Spouse of PM Pink Granite Grange #210 Moosilauke Grange #214
Ernest	Perkins	Spouse of PM Florence Perkins Tuftonboro Grange #142
John	Rice	PM Mount Hope Grange #77
Pearl	Robinson	Spouse of Past Deputy Max Robinson Pine Grove Grange #298
Shirley	Waters	PM Chichester Grange #132 Past Member NH State Grange Fair Committee
Ruth	Wells	Spouse of PM Donald Wells Londonderry Grange #44
Edward	Wladkowski	Spouse of PM Violet Wladkowski, Chichester Grange #132
Ralph	Pugh	PM Lewis W Nute Grange #193, PM Eastern NH Pomona #2 Past State Pianist
Annie	Vincent	PM Junior Grange #150, Union Pomona #20, Past State Pianist Past NH State Grange Contact Committee Member
Hugh V	Clark	PM Surry Grange #156, Prentice Hill Grange #257 Past State Deputy, Past State Chaplain, NH State Grange Chaplain Emeritus
John	Saturley	Past Priest Arcon of the Assembly of Demeter, PM NH State Grange, PM Pembroke Grange #111, PM Suncook Valley Pomona #12, Past State Historian, Member of the Assembly of Demeter

During the Roll call a special tribute for each of the past state officers were presented to Flora  
Daniel Bascom presented for his State Pianist, Ralph Pugh  
Paul Davis presented for his State Pianist Annie Vincent  
Matthew Clark presented for his Grandfather, Hugh V. Clark Chaplain Emeritus,  
Pete Pompper National Lecturer, presented for John Saturley Past State Master and Past  
Priest Arcon

Following the Memorial Service the bible was closed flag retired and meeting closed in form at  
9:10 pm

## Friday, October 25, 2013

The second day of the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session opened at 8:00 am with Worthy State Master James Tetreault presiding.

Calling the roll of officers found all present except Musician Lester Gibbs, Marie Hall filled the station.

Calling the roll of granges found a quorum present.

The minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved.

Announcement of the session committees:

Resolution & by-Laws:

Chairman     Tara Sad  
                  Mary West  
                  Robert Haefner

Master's Address Committee:

Chairman     Kevin Belval  
                  Dorothy Haskins  
                  Linda Lauer  
                  Steve Durand  
                  Stuart Light

Resolutions number's 10, 11 & 12 were read and referred to the Resolutions Committee.

*Resolution #10 ~ Submitted by Stratford Grange #238*

*Subject: GMO vs. non-GMO*

WHEREAS the Grange teaches "faith in God" and promotes love of the Earth, healthy community and family life and these premises help us gain membership and we are admonished by Iroquois Indigenous Elders to decide whether the decisions we make today will benefit our children seven generations into the future and,

WHEREAS the agricultural world has learned the error of it's ways of fighting to change Gods ways as in the Dust Bowl and we are returning to heritage breeds and heirlooms seeds to regain the nutritional value we have lost as in wheat or rice found in the pyramids which was much more nutritious than today's and we are learning by way of the Earth Changes that "it's not nice to mess with Mother Nature" and that we are not better than God nor are we God, and

WHEREAS the earth's population is becoming a cancer to the earth and the famine is God's way of keeping that in healthy check and some states have done a study finding that they can grow 90% of their needs within state with healthy, natural non GMO's and

WHEREAS there is more and more proof that GMO's are making us sicker and weaker as we ingest these GMO's that do not belong in the human body creating new diseases and

WHEREAS our Declaration of Purposes state "We are opposed to such spirit and management of any corporation or enterprise which tends to oppress people" as GMO promoting businesses do and us when we try to play God by changing the food and ways shared withal of us equally by Creator rather than a few entities "owning" seed, etc thus having the possible power to control the world's food supply like the dwindling world fuel supply.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange take a strong non-GMO stance.

*Resolution # 11~ Submitted by Rochester Grange # 86*  
*Subject: US Government Shut Down*

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has allowed the United States Government to be shut down twice in the last 20 years and,

WHEREAS, this affects all citizens of the United States either directly or indirectly, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress needs to be held accountable for their inactions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all United States Congressmen be fined a days pay for each day the United States Government is shut down. Thereby making them accountable for their actions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the money raised from the fines be put toward reducing the National deficit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be passed on to the United States Congress for immediate action.

*Resolution # 12~ Submitted by Claremont Grange # 9*  
*Subject: Animal Cruelty*

WHEREAS; the Grange at local, state and National levels, has always stood for and supported wise and humane animal husbandry practices; and

WHEREAS; wish and humane animal husbandry practices are necessary to encourage the growth, health and productivity of farm animals; and

WHEREAS; the health and productivity of farm animals is vital to the success of agricultural business; and

WHEREAS; the success of agricultural businesses is directly related to the number of families able to continue farming; and

WHEREAS; farming and agricultural businesses are critical to the health, growth and economy of our country: and

WHEREAS; cruelty, negligence, abuse and other inhumane treatments of animals are completely contrary to the above principles; and

WHEREAS; prompt reporting and identification of such harmful acts and situations to proper authorities could quickly stop them;

WHEREAS; simultaneous reporting and identification of all evidence with agreements that this evidence shall be maintained in its original, uncut, unedited condition for a specified length of time is essential,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the NH State Grange support legislation that requires that witnesses shall report any and all cruelty to livestock (as is defined in NH RSA 427:38) or to poultry within 48 hours to proper law enforcement authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that witnesses shall be required to report the existence of any and all evidence to proper law enforcement authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that such evidence, in video, photographs, etc.. shall be kept original, unedited for 60 days; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the National Grange shall support similar legislation at National levels.

Debra Patten was called upon to give an up date on Rodney and Shelly Huntoon who were struck by a car a few evenings ago. Both are now home and mending. A card will be supplied and will be sent to them both.

Pete Pompper National Lecturer was escorted to the Masters station to give a few words. He spoke of our unique resolutions; he was also impressed of how many young people we welcome in our session.

Today in History: 1983 US Troops invaded Granada.

Review of the 2013 convention rules:

**Standing Rules of the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session  
New Hampshire State Grange of the  
Order of Patrons of Husbandry**

Holiday Inn ~ Concord  
172 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
October 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

1. All persons, except special guests, must be registered. Nametags and programs will be issued at the Credentials table.
2. Admission to the meetings shall be by nametag and password only. Upon giving the password, the meeting Deputy will provide a colored sticker for your badge indicating that you are a member in good standing and will not need to give the password again. If you are not wearing your nametag you will be refused admittance. The password will need to be given for admission to the Conferral of the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree.
3. As a common courtesy to all members, cell phones are to be turned off, or set on vibrate. If your phone makes a sound during the meeting you will be expected to pay a fine of **\$5.00** to the State Gatekeeper. The fines will be donated to the Junior Grange Department.
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 standing 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. All reports and other materials for the permanent record, immediately on presentation, shall be given to the State Secretary, via a Scandisk which the State Secretary has provided and a paper copy or any report.
12. 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 By-laws and the Standing Rules.
13. These Standing Rules shall be presented to the members for adoption; a 2/3 vote shall be required for adoption.

A motion was made by Mark Collins, seconded by Chris Heath to accept the rules. Vote was favorable.

Kenneth Berry Sessions coordinator was called upon to give his report:

### **State Session Coordinator**

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

Last years State Session we returned to the Ashworth by the Sea Hotel. We had booked 40 rooms for the convention and we did have a few rooms left for Saturday night. The hotel was more than happy to take the rooms back as they could charge the regular rate of \$175.00 per night. The part of the convention that surprised me was the hug increase in the banquet count. We had a count of about 160 for the banquet.

As you can see we did very well with the contracted events. Now you can see why the Ashworth by the Sea was more than willing to host our Annual Session for the second time. As we say in the hotel business it is all about money.

Two years age we held our Annual Session at the Town and Country Motor Inn in Gorham. That year we departed on Sunday with a snowstorm. Last year we departed the Ashworth by the Sea with hurricane Sandy coming up the coast. As we checked out of the hotel on Sunday they where preparing to close the hotel and waiting for the arrival of Sandy. I am hoping that this year we will not have any weather related issues to deal with.

I started looking for a convention site for 2014 back in the early part of this year. I thought I would look in the city of Portsmouth. I checked with three hotels in the downtown area. I found that the room rates where very high and they would require you to pay \$18.00 per day to park at the hotel. I then went out to the Portsmouth Traffic Circle to investigate the Best Western Wynwood Hotel. I found that there was only one meeting room and no place for our displays. I did call the Holiday Inn that is located next to the Best Western and found out that they could only serve 100 guests for a banquet. With this information there was no point in me even going over to the hotel.

Looking for a proper convention site is not an easy project as we require at least two meeting rooms. One of the rooms has to be a reasonable size and have proper lighting for the displays and the meeting room needs to be a large room in order to do the floor work and comfortable for the attendees. I would say that in most cases groups require theatre style seating and then there is the issue of whether or not we have to pay extra for meeting rooms.

Since I had no luck at all in Portsmouth, I now turned to the City of Nashua. It did not take me long at all to find a suitable location. I called a certain hotel to see if they could accommodate the New Hampshire State Grange Annual Session in October 2014. To my surprise they said YES. After this call I made two visits to the hotel with more questions and the beginning of a contract. The contract took a little long this time to nail down as I had to make corrections to the contract many times. By the time the contract was to my liking there must have been about 4 or 5 drafts.

The final contract was then presented to the State Grange Executive Committee for their review, approval and signing.

I am very pleased to announce the 2014 Annual State Session will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua from October 23 to October 26, 2014. Next year is an election year so it will be a 4-day convention. The room rates will be \$109.00 for a single or double and a triple or quad rate will be \$119.00. I did try to get a lower rate and I was unable to make any changes in the hotel rates. As it turns out the Crowne Plaza is a high volume hotel. There is a parking garage on the property. The parking is limited on the property as there are businesses in the area of the hotel. I will tell you now that campers will not be permitted on the property. This information will be included in the hotel flyer that will be going out with the State Secretary's March quarterly reports.

On the afternoon of July 6<sup>th</sup> a hotel tour was held at the Holiday Inn. The tour was needed, as we have not held a State Grange Convention at this hotel since 1994. We only had 6 in attendance. My Sales Manager, Julie Perkins conducted a tour of the hotel.

Last year I had the opportunity to meet Julie Perkins the Sales Manager here at the Holiday Inn. To my surprise I soon found out that she was with child. She also stated that she would be leaving in the spring for maternity leave. Her baby boy arrived in May 2012. As you can see we do have a very long convention process.

I have had the great pleasure of working with Julie since early 2012. I have to say she is one of the best Sales Managers that I have ever worked with over the last 5 years. I also get to know the habits of Sales Managers right down to the hours they work and when they take their vacations.

The early part of this year I started to select the meals for our banquet. As you have noticed there were major changes to the menu this year. I even asked for items that were not even on the menu. The changes would not have been possible without the help and cooperation of the Holiday Inn staff.

In closing, in the words of Will Rogers, "if you want to be successful, it's just this simple. Know what you are doing. Love what you are doing. And believe in what you are doing."

Fraternally,

Kenneth L. Berry  
NH State Grange Session Coordinator

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Sherrill Bokousky, Fundraising Chairman was called upon to give her report:

### **Fundraising Report**

Fundraising is a very important part of Granges today. We work hard to make sure we have funds available for our needs.

The first fundraiser we started with was the 1/20 club. This has become a very popular one and we had drawings for 20 weeks that gave out a \$25.00 cash prizes. All winning names were put on our grange website.

The next fundraiser we had was the 2 days we spent at the Big E for Blueberry Pie Days. The people who volunteered were very happy to be there and we had a great time as we worked. I would like to thank all who were there.

The next 2 fundraisers were done in October at State Session. We had a silent auction and the 50/50 raffle. The raffle was drawn during the banquet and at the banquet close all silent auction items were paid for.

So now we begin our new fundraising year with the 1/20 club for sale beginning now. The first drawing for the New Year will be at Winter Youth Rally on February 1, 2014. I do encourage all granges to purchase a ticket.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sherrill Bokousky, Fundraising Chairman  
NH State Grange

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Robert Trombi was called upon to give his reports as Steward, Family Weekend & Visioning

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

It is with pleasure that I present to you my report as your Steward.

This year, at the Spring Fling, we had a great opportunity to learn about the history of the Eastern States Fairgrounds and the New England Grange Building. David Szacik provided a wonderful display of historic Grange memorabilia. We also got to meet Amanda Brozana, National Grange's Director of Communications, who introduced us to the many promotional resources available from National Grange.

One of the highlights of my Grange year happened in July. The opportunity to travel to Elk River Minnesota (to the homestead of founder Kelley) and witness the Grange Degrees, as they were conferred in 1873. Congratulations to the youth from around the country and their coaches (especially those from NH).

In September, I helped serve Blueberry Pie at the Big E. This is always a fun time.

This past Tuesday, I had the honor of representing the NH State Grange at the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's annual meeting, where they announced that, because of nominations from both the Meriden and the Aurora Granges, "Grange Halls statewide" will be included in the 2013 *Seven to Save* list.

Last year, I spoke briefly about our dedicated band of regalia elves that load, transport and set-up the property of the Grange to magically create a State Grange meeting hall (Regalia Elves= Me, the Assistant Stewards, the Graces and Mark Collins who generously donates his time, effort and trailer to the cause). Early on Thursday, the Regalia elves (along with Diane Collins, the worthy Pomona, the worthy Flora and 3 new recruits) work their magic to create the room you see here today.

I would like to remind anyone who has secretly said to themselves "I'd like to be a Regalia Elf too. Regalia Elf hood is open to anyone who has a desire to be helpful. There is no application process or monetary dues requirement. Just let one of us know you are interested and we will be glad to let you know when and how you can help. Thank you to all of my current regalia elves, especially Mark with his trailer.

Thank you for having confidence in me and electing me to serve in this office.

### **Family Weekend**

2013 Grange Family Camping Weekend was held on July 26-28 at Autumn Hills Campground in Weare. It was a great weekend of fun and fellowship. We had 31 Grangers and friends, in 8 Campers, and 2 tents.

On Saturday we had our traditional potluck supper at lunch time. Saturday evening some of us ventured out to Manchester to enjoy a Fisher Cat's game and presented the American flag in the opening ceremony. Thank you to Brother Patten, for coordinating this opportunity. We then returned to the campground for campfire fellowship.

Join us for another relaxing weekend of fellowship on July 25-27.

### **Visioning**

Last year I reported that it was a lonely year for the Visioning Deputy. This year I had a similar experience, with only one request. I have a theory. My theory is this: Granges don't ask for a Visioning meeting because they're not sure what they would be getting their selves into.

With the permission of our Worthy State Master, we will now take a few minutes to hold an abbreviated Visioning session. We will be working the Vision "What can the State Grange do to help our local Granges".

The rules are simple.

- 1) Ideas should be for what the State Grange can do outside of the Session (Session ideas can be submitted on your evaluation forms).
- 2) Anyone in the room is entitled to offer an idea.

3) There are no “stupid ideas”

4) If you have an idea you would like to offer, please stand and wait for a microphone.

We will continue until all there is no one is left standing, or my time runs out (whichever comes first). All ideas will be recorded and turned over to the Worthy Secretary, to be included in my report and the Worthy Master to review for possible action.

*{Conduct Visioning}*

As you can see, Visioning is not a scary process. If any Grange is at all interested in participating in this (mostly) painless process, give me a call. We can make it happen!

Fraternally submitted,  
Robert Trombi  
Steward,  
Family Weekend Coordinator,  
Visioning Deputy

During the report a visioning was conducted. The results will be formalized and given to the State Master for any action that may need to be taken. The visioning will be included in the journal.

Members of Wicwas Lake Grange spoke of the success of their visioning and as a result they have increased their membership to 105 members. Most of the effort was focused on what they can do for the community and how this consistent effort has helped with their growth.

Manchester Grange, Rochester Grange, Claremont Grange Antrim Grange, Walpole Grange, and Prentice Hill Grange all spoke of how visioning could have or has helped them gain community awareness and increased membership growth.

State Master has issued a challenge for all granges to bring a success story of how they involved their community in their to next years session to share.

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal*

Daniel Bascom presented the report for Trustees of Trust Funds:

**Trustees of Trust Funds Report  
October 25, 2013**

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

The Trustees held their annual meeting on May 15 at the NH State Grange building in Hooksett, NH. Past Chairman Rodney Huntoon was our special guest while we reviewed and discussed possible changes to the amount of aid a member can receive. Our policy was updated to limit a member to a total of \$1,500 in aid during a five year period. All other requirements remain the same and full details are available on the NH State Grange Website [www.nhgrange.org](http://www.nhgrange.org) or from any of the trustees.

The NH Attorney General's office- Charitable Trust Unit continues to monitor our work through our annual report and one of the recommendations they have made is to develop an ongoing annual campaign to raise funds. We published a request for donations in the *Granite State Granger* earlier this year and as a result we received a total of \$275 from one individual member, five Subordinate and one Pomona Grange. I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to everyone that so generously supported our campaign this year. Under the terms of the indenture of trust one-half of all donations is placed into principal and the other one-half is available for immediate use if needed unless the donor specifically requests other arrangements.

The second recommendation made was to promote the use of our funds for members in need. Again we published an article in the *Granite State Granger* and all of the trustees have attempted to report the availability of funds at every Grange meeting they have attended. You can assist us by also mentioning to other Grangers that funds are available to aid our members if needed. These funds are earned income from invested money originally collected to build a retirement home in the 1950's. When it was determined that building a home was not feasible the funds were set aside in a trust and we are still administering that trust today.

We were able to assist two members this year with a total of \$780 in aid paid. We have funds available and would like to be able to assist many more members in need this year.

The trustees are attempting to fulfill their duties to the best of their abilities.

Fraternally,  
Gail M. Turcotte, Chairman  
Rhoda Davis, Secretary  
Ann Leger, Vicki Hussman and Diane Collins, Trustees

**Trustee of Trust Fund Meeting  
MAY 15, 2013  
New Hampshire State Grange Building**

Chairman Gail Turcotte called the meeting to order at 1:30PM. In attendance were Chairman Gail Turcotte, Secretary Rhoda Davis, Trustee Diane Collins, Trustee Ann Leger, Trustee Vicki Hussman, and Past Chairman Rodney Huntoon.

1. Chairman Gail Turcotte distributed copies of the minutes of the last meeting, Treasurer's report, Conflict of Interest Policy, Investment and Spending Policy.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed for information. They were adopted by e-mail last fall.
3. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. There is \$46,942.33 in the Trust Account and \$12,174.28 in the Blaisdell Account. Motion made by Diane Collins and seconded by Ann Leger to accept the report. Motion was adopted.
4. The Investment and Spending Policies were reviewed. Ann Leger moved and Vicki Hussman seconded that we stay with the same policies. Motion was adopted.

5. There was a discussion on the amount of aid a member could receive, such as a lifetime limit. Motion was made by Gail Turcotte and seconded by Ann Leger to limit a member to \$2,000.00 within a five year time frame. Vicki Hussman amended the motion to be \$1,500 in a five year time frame, seconded by Ann Leger. Amendment passed with a 3 to 2 vote. The amended motion was accepted. These updates will appear on the Grange Web Site.
6. Gail Turcotte was elected Chairman and Rhoda Davis as Secretary for the year.
7. Conflict of Interest Policies were signed by all.
8. Chairman Gail Turcotte reported that she has an item in the next *Granite State Granger* telling members that we had funds to help them if needed.
9. We discussed setting a time for the next meeting. This will be held in the spring of 2014 at a time and place to be announced.
10. Secretary Rhoda Davis reported that we had received \$225.00 in donations in the first quarter. Thank you notes were sent to all donors.
11. The minutes will be sent out to all Trustees for approval.
12. Meeting closed at 2:35PM.

Rhoda L. Davis, Sec.

Minutes adopted by e-mail replies to Chairman Gail Turcotte.

**Trustees of Trust Fund Meeting October 26, 2012  
Ashworth-by-the-Sea, Hampton Beach, NH**

Chairman Rodney Huntoon called the meeting to order at 4:45 P.M. Present were Chairman Rodney Huntoon, Treasurer Gail Turcotte, Trustees Ann Leger, Rhoda Davis, Diane Collins, and Vicki Hussman.

1. Chairman Rodney Huntoon distributed printed copies of his annual report to those members who were not in the session room when he presented it earlier today. Gail Turcotte read the minutes from our October 29, 2011 meeting for reference. These minutes were previously approved by email consensus and printed in the 2011 Journal of Proceedings.
2. Treasurer's report- Rhoda Davis moved and Vicki Hussman seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion was accepted.
3. Treasurer Turcotte distributed copies of the Annual Report to the Attorney General Charitable Trusts Unit for fiscal year 2011-2012. She explained that the original was being reviewed this weekend by a second member of the NH State Grange Finance Committee and if no errors were found it would be filed on Monday October 29, 2012.
4. Ann Leger moved that Gail Turcotte be elected Chairman for the coming year. Motion seconded by Diane Collins. Motion was accepted.
5. Chairman Huntoon asked if anyone would be willing to serve as secretary and Rhoda Davis volunteered to serve for one year. The Trustees gratefully accepted Rhoda's offer.
6. Conflict of Interest Policy- all those present signed a new policy statement. We will ask Treasurer- elect Dan Bascom to sign a policy as well.

7. After some discussion we decided to table until our next meeting any decision about the amount of money that could be distributed to an individual during their lifetime, the number of times an individual could submit a request during their lifetime and if we need to seek approval for these proposed changes from the Attorney General's Office-Charitable Trust Unit.
8. We reviewed our investment and spending policy and heard Treasurer Turcotte report on the Finance committee meeting with the Grange's investment advisor John Habig. The Finance committee does not recommend any changes at this time. Vicki Hussman moved and Diane Collins seconded we keep the same policy without any changes for the new-year. Motion was accepted.
9. Treasurer Turcotte read a thank you note received from a member receiving aid during the past year.
10. Gail distributed sample copies of a proposed "Usual and Customary Grange Donations" list that will be printed in the December issue of the GSG. She asked if we would like to be included and we agreed. Gail will submit the information for us.
11. We discussed the need to change our annual meeting from late October to a date between Mid-May and early October as Chairman Turcotte will not be available during the winter months. We discussed tentatively a meeting in May of 2013 during daylight hours and probably on a weekend or perhaps a Wednesday afternoon. We will confirm a date at a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Gail Turcotte, Secretary pro tempore

**Trustees of Trust Fund Meeting October 29, 2011  
Town & Country Motor Inn, Gorham, NH**

Chairman Rodney Huntoon called the meeting to order at 12:35 P.M. Present were Chairman Rodney Huntoon, Treasurer Gail Turcotte, Trustees Elizabeth Cotsibas, Ann Leger and Rhoda Davis. Also present was newly elected Trustee Vicki Hussman whose term will begin November 1, 2011 replacing Elizabeth Cotsibas. Absent was Trustee Diane Collins.

1. Election of Secretary- Rodney reviewed the duties of the secretary's position. After discussion it was decided to continue to have all applications for assistance sent to Rodney for initial review and then forwarding to the trustees for voting. The last person voting will forward the paperwork to the Treasurer.
2. Secretary's report- Ann Leger moved and Elizabeth Cotsibas seconded to accept the minutes from the October 28, 2010 meeting as written. Motion was approved.
3. Treasurer's report [Elizabeth Cotsibas moved and Rodney Huntoon seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion was accepted.
4. Old Business- June 21, 2010 minute. Ann Leger moved and Elizabeth Cotsibas moved to accept these minutes as written. Motion was accepted.
5. New Business- Investment and Spending Policy- the annual review of the policy was given by Treasurer Turcotte. Rodney Huntoon moved and Ann Leger seconded to accept the Treasurer's recommendation to continue the policy as written. Motion was accepted.

6. Conflict of Interest Policy- all those present signed a new policy statement. Chairman Huntoon has obtained Diane Collins signed statement already.
7. Treasurer Turcotte read two thank you notes received from members receiving aid during the past year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Gail Turcotte, Secretary pro tempore

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Matthew Clark, Chairman of the New England Grange Building Trustees presented his report

### **Report of the New England Grange Building Trustees**

The New England Grange Building was dedicated in 1938 and this year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building. I wonder if those Grangers involved with the construction of the building had any idea of the impact the building would have on the State Granges of New England and of the enormous exposure it would give the public at large to the Grange.

This year the building trustees, with the help of the building directors Linda Sanderson and Steve Logan, planned a special event for Grange Day at the Big E. Normally on Grange Day we provide a continental breakfast for the vendors working in the State Buildings on the avenue but this year we served a hot catered breakfast to approximately 165 of the vendors, a dozen of the Big E staff and two dozen Grangers. We received compliments on the breakfast throughout the rest of the fair.

A poster display was made of the photos of the first shovel's full of dirt from the ground breaking and the shovel was brought down from the R.I. room for display. The original blueprints were also on display along with the history of the architect of the building. There is much history to the building and we plan on doing more research and documentation for future use.

At 1:00 P.M. Tom Gotauco, president of the trustees, welcomed all and introduced Ed Luttrell, President of the National Grange, who spoke on the importance the building has for the Grange and presented brother Gotauco with the Charles Gardner award for service to the community in providing agricultural education and promoting the Grange. The actual plaque will be presented at the National convention in November and will then be hung in the building.

Tom then introduced Eugene Cassidy, president of the Eastern States Exposition, who then spoke on how the Grange has provided agriculture leadership and a presence over the years. Tom then presented Betty Jane Gardiner with a long time service certificate for her many years in the Grange building.

The Contra Banditos entertained visitors throughout the day and were well received. The festivities were capped off at 5:00 P.M. when more than fifty Grangers (ten of which were very loud Junior Grangers) led the march of the Big E parade.

This year was another banner year for the store. The building continues to draw large crowds during the seventeen days of the fair at the Big E. The trustees wish to thank the many dedicated Grangers who continue to supply the store with crafts and knitted items for sale. This year there was a more than \$3,000.00 increase in the sale of these items to \$14,117.89 + or – and the income from the store was \$17,050.75 + or – for a total of \$31,168.64

Donations for the Quilt Raffle totaled \$4,568.00, which will be split between the Jimmy Fund and the Wounded Warriors in MA. Calvin Chase, vice president of the trustees and the store manager, drew the winning ticket, which belonged to a female Grange member in MA. During the fair two bags of Mac apples, from Vermont, were given out to those who made donations.

The Eastern States Exposition brought in almost 1.5 million visitors this year. 1,481,917 to be exact and large crowds continue to visit the building. They enjoy viewing the needlework items that are on display and we had an abundance of winners from the states this year and the Junior Grange display looks better every year with the many craft entries. Many of our regular customers have learned that they have to come during the first week of the fair as we run out of many items the first week. All of the scrubbies were gone by the end of the first week and the pet toys seemed to fly off the tables. We can't seem to get enough of these items.

Because of the money generated by the sales in the store during the Big E the trustees continue to make needed repairs on the building. This year Tom Gotauco and his helper replaced all the windows in the main hall and the renovations to the down stairs kitchen were completed. I hope everyone who visited the fair this year noticed the landscaping improvements that the Big E did to the outside of our building. They continue to help us with much of the outside repairs and we still have a long list for next year.

The trustees wish to thank all the New England Grangers who continue to support us with their hours of labor so that we can continue to provide quality hand made items for sale in our building.

Fraternally submitted,

Matthew Clark, Jim Tetreault, Beth Merrill  
New England Grange Building Trustees

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Session was placed at recess at 10:00.

Session reconvened at 10:35

Overseer Christopher Heath introduced State Master James Tetreault to present his annual report.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE STATISTICS  
REPORT:**



**AS OF JUNE 30, 2013**

<b>Total number of Subordinate Granges:</b>	<b><u>64</u></b>
<b>Total number of Pomona Granges:</b>	<b><u>11</u></b>
<b>Total number of Subordinate Grange Members:</b>	<b><u>1,806</u></b>
<b>Total number of Pomona Grange Members:</b>	<b><u>688</u></b>
Granges that own Grange Halls:	<u>32</u>
Granges Closed this year:	<u>00</u>
New Granges this year:	<u>02</u>
<b>Granges with net gains in membership:</b>	<b><u>12</u></b>

Honored Guest, Officers and Members of the New Hampshire State Grange:

Thank you for the Honor of re-electing me as your State Master at the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the State Grange held at Hampton Beach. Being your State Master has been a joy and privilege. I have enjoyed meeting you at all of the State Grange events during the past year. I was honored to have Connecticut State Grange Master Jody Cameron and his suite conduct a most impressive Installation of our State Officers at the Close of last year's session.

Since last year's session as your State Master I have traveled over 6,000 miles to represent the Grange at different events around the state and around the country. These travels include the Masters conference in Dallas Texas, The Legislative Fly –in at the National Grange Headquarter in Washington DC, as well as various trips to The Eastern States Exposition. To the Directors, Deputies and Committee members who have served the State Grange during the last year, I say thank you. Your work is appreciated.

At last year's session the Delegates of this State Grange endorsed a Grange Growth Program, by voting for the creation of a Grange Growth Team that is focused on the revitalization of existing Grange as well as bringing the Grange message to new communities here in NH. You also endorsed the creation of a Grange Growth fund, putting a substantial amount of financial resources to grow and bring our organization into the future.

The main focus for New Hampshire Grange Leaders has been Grange Growth. Our Grange Growth team has taken this entire year to plan our strategy for growing the Grange. Part of the revitalization process has been the creation of a new "landing website" this website will give an explanation of what the Grange is with a link to our current State Grange website which is expertly maintained by Web Master Wayne Turcotte. We also have the Grange promotion kit which includes a popup canopy, table's chairs as well as brochures that promote the Grange. We have a give way that will allow easy access to our new website.

How would you like a weekend get-away to Northern NH? You can win a weekend at Philbrick Farm Inn in beautiful Shelburne NH. All you have to do to win this weekend is ask someone to join the Grange and fill out the postcards and return them to the Membership Director and at next year's State Grange we will draw from the accumulated post cards.

We are currently targeting specific communities for new Granges. As part of our Grange Growth plan we were pleased to have organized Manchester Grange and to complete the reorganization of Claremont Grange #9 which has been in the works for the last five years. We have also had to opportunity to assist Upper Coos Pomona who has not been meeting regularly they are now on a regular schedule and have elected a full slate of officers. We also continue to devote resources to an Out-Reach Deputy program which puts someone into potential new Grange communities.

Another part of the Grange Growth program was all day training held at the NE Grange building in W. Springfield Mass, with former Membership/Leadership Rusty Hunt who trained a group of thirteen NH members on how to organize a new Grange and the trouble shooting of these new

Granges. We also held two G.O.A.L. Seminars with National Grange Membership/Leadership Director Michael Martin, who came to NH once in January and again August. These events gave Grange members and opportunity brain storm how to grow our local Granges.

Our growth plan also includes focusing on the attitude of our Brothers and Sisters. If a member doesn't attend Grange on a regular basis does this make them a "bad Grange member?" My answer is NO! We have to look at the other things that these members do for us, do they help on fundraisers? Do they support us outside the Grange meeting format?

We have all observed how the politics of personal agendas has torn apart the governing of our Federal Government. I now observe those same type of politics entering into the governing of our fraternal organization. It discourages and enrages me to see past leaders of this organization, at all levels, unwilling to support the continued growth of the organization, because "they don't like it". I remind those leaders that when you held positions of leadership, in our organization you were given the support that you asked for because it was the right thing to do. Did every member always believe in the direction that we were being taken? Because this was the direction you were leading us you were always supported. I personally find this type of gamesmanship concerning and it must be kept out of our halls. We must move beyond the politics of personal agendas.

We are an organization that strives for the common good of our communities. It is also vital that we strive for the unity of the organization, because we are all Brothers and Sister in this great fraternity.

The New Hampshire State Grange has many accomplishments this year to be proud of. In the October edition of NH to Do Magazine we received a five page colored spread promoting our organization. During the month of December we were pleased to have had an article published in the Manchester Union Leader about the revitalization of the Grange in New Hampshire. In February of 2013 State Overseer Christopher Heath oversaw a tremendous piece on Channel 9 WMUR's Chronicle about the Grange.

During the month of May under the Direction of Richard Patten New Hampshire State Grange Community Service Director a monument was dedicated at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery. Thank you to Dick Patten for all your hard work on this beautiful and thoughtful tribute to our Brothers and Sisters who fought for our country. We were also pleased to have qualified as a Distinguished State Grange this year so a big thank you goes to our State Steward Bob Trombi who coordinated this effort. We were pleased to have both Antrim Grange #98 and Rochester Grange #86 both receive this award also. We also have the beginning of a Junior Grange Program in New Hampshire with thirty new Junior Grange members in the state.

The State Youth Committee worked diligently to improve communications by using the communication platforms of email, facebook, mailings, and some phone calls. They are now developing a listing of youth so they can reach out to these members to get them more involved in the Youth Program. We found that we have had improved attendance at three events this year and now have a path to getting more involvement.

As we begin this session we enter into an exciting partnership, with the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, which is designating all Grange Halls in the State of New Hampshire as part of the “Seven to Save” list, we were pleased to have had Brother Bob Trombi represent the State Grange at the announcement event. This partnership will offer Granges opportunities to apply for grants, and to receive guidance from professionals for revitalization of local Grange Halls.

When we close the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual session we will kick off our 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will also be one of seven hosts for the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual session of the National Grange, in Manchester NH. This is a historic moment for all of our members the last time the National Grange was in NH was in 1913, this will be an event that every Grange member in our State will never forget. As your State Master I say “thank you” to each and every member who attends the National Grange Session as well as those who are actively working on the convention.

As the New Hampshire State Grange move into its 140<sup>th</sup> year, we are an organization with momentum! We are moving forward into the future with greater confidence, but still mindful of our history.

Fraternally,  
Jim Tetreault, Master  
NH State Grange

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

The session was at recessed at 11:25

Session reconvened at 1:30

The State Master recognized the members of the Grange Growth Team. He thanked them and asked them to stand to be recognized

State Master Tetreault discovered he failed to thank someone in his address. State Master Tetreault, recognized Debra Patten for all her efforts in directing the Family Committee.

Treasurer Daniel Bascom presented his first report as State Grange Treasurer.

### **Treasurer's Annual Report**

Worthy State Master; Brother Jim Tetreault, National Lecturer; Brother Pete Pomper, Fellow State Officers, Patrons all:

After a year in the Treasurers Office I now have a new found respect for my predecessors; George Currier, Rodney Huntoon, Carolyn Ross and Gail Turcotte. The countless hours spent paying bills, making deposits and quarterly reports is one thing. It is all the extras that weigh things down; chasing Tax ID's, helping Granges with e-filing and regaining non profit status, setting up new accounts, researching old ones, helping new Granges, answering emails, the countless hours of filing away paper work and the many hours wasted waiting for my computer to open a file or to just close one. Yes it's been a challenging year, my hair may be a little grayer and thinner but I have survived.

I am very happy to report that for the first time in many, many years we have NOT had to withdraw any money from principle. This is due in part to the Executive Committee and your due diligence in tightening last years budget, the selling of Contoocook Grange Hall and we had a very good financial year with Morgan Stanley. It is hearting to know most Granges try very hard to get their dues, bonding and assessments in on time. Thank you all. Even with all this we still have room for improvement as some Granges still owe back dues and 12 Granges still owe their assessments. When Granges don't pay these, the State Grange still has to pay National Grange, creating an extra burden on us.

I will not bore you with the details of our financial status at this time as all accounts will be printed in the Journal. Here are some of the highlights of this past year. Fund raising continues to be a challenge and we are in need of a fund raising chairman. Many thanks to Sherrill Bokousky and others for their help in fund raising efforts. One third of the total fund raising budget was raised and any amount helps.

We all owe a great deal of thanks to the West Clan for their help in removing and installing the oil tank in the basement of the State Grange Building. It still cost us \$2,154.46 to install and would have been much more if the oil company had done all the work. A nice donation from John Saturley helped defray the cost as well. Marty and Anne Boisvert have done a great job in keeping the hall repaired. Many thanks to Chris Heath for his efforts in keeping the hall clean. Another thank you goes out to Hannah West for handling the hall rentals. The extra income really helps to keep the bills manageable.

Our invested funds with Morgan Stanley have done very well this year. Gail Turcotte, Don Ross and I met with John Habig for the annual review. We recommended to the Executive Committee to continue with our present investment and spending policy. Our investment plan currently allocates 60% equities, 38% to fixed income and 2% to cash and equivalents with combined goals of income and growth.

We continue to carry the value of the State Grange Building at the purchase price of \$87,500.00. The Contoocook Grange Hall was sold in February, the loan and all expenses paid by State Grange have been paid back. This was put back into Operating Fund investment account thus increasing our investments. Our accounts receivable continues with a balance of \$345.00 owed by Halloween Grange for their loan.

A new Defunct Grange account was opened for the balance of the sale of Contoocook Grange Hall and invested with Morgan Stanley.

In reviewing the special funds the Educational Loan Fund only withdrew \$1,100.00 as donations received covered the balance for scholarships this year. In May I received a call from the daughter of past Treasurer of Merrymeeting Grange who past away early in the year, she had a CD that was due to be renewed for the Grange scholarship fund. After research we were able to close the CD and transferred \$1,346.19 to the Educational Loan Fund. Merrymeeting closed in the 1970's and this should have been transferred as part of their assets at that time. It makes us wonder how many other unknown accounts are still out there. To date no funds have been withdrawn from the Randall Richardson Memorial Youth Fund. This fund continues to accept donations and income earned is used to send Youth to National Session.

Each year I have to report to the IRS all Grange Tax ID (EIN) numbers that fall under NH State Grange. It is imperative that all Granges send in their e-postcards (990-N) to the IRS before February 15<sup>th</sup> each year to continue your non profit status. It is very difficult to get your non profit status back if you lose it.

Saturday we will be discussing the proposed budget. As we start to turn the corner on membership our financial investments will grow. Using due diligence will hold the line on spending and help us work toward a brighter financial future for our Grange. It has been a pleasure working with Secretary Jerry Leclerc, what he doesn't do well, I do and what I don't do well, he does, so we complement each other very well. Thanks Jerry. Thanks to each and every one of you for your confidence in me I hope and pray I will meet your expectations. I also need to thank my wife Kim she hasn't kicked me out yet. Thanks Kim for putting up with all my ranting and raving, especially when I'm off by 1 cent in the checking account.

Fraternally,

Daniel P Bascom, Treasurer  
NH State Grange

**New Hampshire State Grange  
Income Annual Summary  
2012-2013  
Exhibit B**

**Investments**

Operating Account Income	5,064.17
Withdrawals from Principal	0.00
Special Funds	
Defunct Grange Accounts	1,702.51
- Contoocook Hall Sale	33,293.52

**Other Income**

Accounts Receivable	0.00
Bonding Fees	
Subordinate/Pomona	3,562.00
Donation	270.00
Dues & Fees	40,734.90
Eastern States/ Blueberry Pie	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	792.04
National Grange Session	
Assessment	1,445.00
NE Connection Assessment	722.50
Operations	
Fund Raising	1,321.50
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	
Donations	465.00
State Grange Building Use	1,750.00
State Grange Building Fund	
Donations	550.00
State Session	6,892.00
Sixth Degree Fees	190.00
Spring Fling	435.00
Supply Department	568.93
Community Service Awards-	
National	250.00
Sandy Hook Angel Fund	425.00
New Granges - National Grange	200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>102,134.07</b>

Exhibit C  
 NH State Grange  
 Expenses 2012-2013

Date	Paid To	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/06/12	Luke Weigle, JD	Legal Expenses	2009	200.00
10/06/12	Jim Tetreault	replacement lost ck # 1998	2010	N/A
10/16/12	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	2011	53.00
10/20/12	Grante Store	State Session	2012	37.00
10/20/12	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2013	33.89
10/20/12	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	2014	43.27
10/22/12	NH State Grange Supply Act	Supply Department	2015	11.70
10/22/12	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	2016	14.04
10/23/12	Jean Abbott	Deputy Expenses	2017	147.30
10/23/12	Joann Brandt	Deputy Expenses	2018	50.94
10/23/12	Hugh Clark	Deputy Expenses	2019	54.90
10/23/12	Dorothy Haskins	Deputy Expenses	2020	95.10
10/23/12	Chris Heath	Deputy Expenses	2021	134.04
10/23/12	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Expenses	2022	180.30
10/23/12	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Expenses	2023	289.80
10/23/12	Arthur Merrill	General Deputy Expenses	2024	95.40
10/23/12	Jane Trombi	Deputy Expenses	2025	87.00
10/25/12	Kathy Yardley	Deputy Expenses	2026	82.50
10/25/12	Dan Bascom	State Session	2027	108.60
10/26/12	Arlene Fall		2028	77.10
10/26/12	Andrew Savage	Deputy Expenses	2029	38.10
10/26/12	Larissa Grant	Deputy Expenses	2030	96.90
10/26/12	Pine Grove Grange # 298	Community Service Award	2031	100.00
10/26/12	Hudson Grange # 11	Community Service Award	2032	75.00
10/26/12	Concord Grange # 322	Community Service Award	2033	50.00
10/26/12	Joe English Grange # 53	Community Service Award	2034	25.00
10/28/12	Jody Cameron	State Session	2035	50.00
10/28/12	Ashworth-by-the-Sea	State Session	2036	5,065.10
11/02/12	Business Card Charlene T Vallee, CPS	Print/Post/Sup/ Supply Dpt	2037	235.03
11/02/12	PLLC	Accounting Services	2038	1,600.00
11/01/12	Gail Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	2039	41.66
11/02/12	Orkin	State Grange Building	2040	125.00

11/20/12	Town of Hopkinton	State Grange Other Building	2041	155.00
	Hooksett Village Water			
11/20/12	Precinct	State Grange Building	2042	25.00
11/27/12	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2043	33.98
		Misc - to cover cashed		
11/27/12	Northeast Connection	check	2044	100.00
11/27/12	PSNH	State Grange Building	2045	45.46
		State Grange Other		
11/27/12	PSNH	Building	2046	14.38
12/06/12	Business Card-Carolyn's	State Session & resale	2047	155.17
		Print/Post/Sup/ Supply		
12/06/12	Business Card- Jerry's	Dpt	2048	140.89
12/08/12	Mark Collins	State Session	2049	130.00
12/08/12	Hannah West	GSG postage	2050	230.00
12/08/12	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expenses	2051	84.60
	Sherrill Bokousky/Youth			
12/08/12	Dept	Dept Expense	2052	200.00
12/08/12	Family & Community	Dept Expense	2053	325.00
12/08/12	Grange Services	Dept Expense	2054	75.00
12/08/12	Lecturer	Dept Expense	2055	300.00
12/08/12	Legislative/Agriculture	Dept Expense	2056	237.50
12/08/12	Trustees of Trust Fund	Dept Expense	2057	50.00
12/08/12	Membership	Dept Expense	2058	1,500.00
12/08/12	Joann Brandt/ Junior	Dept Expense	2059	400.00
12/08/12	James Tetreault	Master's Expense	2060	1,000.00
12/08/12	Gerald Leclerc	Secretaries Expenses	2061	250.00
12/08/12	Dan Bascom	Treasurer's Expenses	2062	83.34
12/08/12	NH Fire Academy	Deputy/Leaders School	2063	100.00
12/17/12	National Grange	Quarterly Dues	2064	3,924.00
12/17/12	Carolyn Ross	postage	2065	27.34
12/17/12	Concord Monitor	GSG - printing	2066	305.87
12/21/12	Statewide Fire Extinguisher	State Grange Building	2067	30.00
12/30/12	PSNH - Hooksett	State Grange Building	2068	56.34
12/30/12	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2069	33.98
12/30/12	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2070	50.00
		State Grange Other		
12/30/12	PSNH - Contoocook	Building	2071	14.04
12/31/12	Business Card-Jerry's	postage, supplies, misc	2072	1,171.31
12/30/12	National Grange	6th degree fees	2073	47.50
				20,593.37
01/08/13	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2074	100.00
01/31/13	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	2075	53.00
01/31/13	PSNH - Hooksett	State Grange Building	2076	66.04
01/31/13	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2077	33.94
01/31/13	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2078	50.00

01/31/13	Chris Heath	State Grange Building	2079	300.00
		State Grange Other		
01/31/13	PSNH - Contoocook	Building	2080	14.04
02/03/13	Business Card-Jerry's	postage, supplies, misc	2081	142.51
02/03/13	MSA Group	State Grange Building	2082	2,308.00
02/03/13	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2083	50.00
02/10/13	Hannah West	GSG	2084	123.52
02/10/13	Orkin	State Grange Building	2085	95.00
02/17/13	National Grange	Quarterly Dues	2086	3,924.00
	Hooksett Village Water			
02/17/13	Precinct	State Grange Building	2087	25.00
02/17/13	LaVallee Oil, Inc.	State Grange Building	2088	110.00
02/17/13	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2089	50.00
02/17/13	PSNH - Hooksett	State Grange Building	2090	65.67
02/17/13	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expenses/misc	2091	178.00
	Bank Withdrawal-new checks	Treasurer's Expenses		25.00
		Misc - flowers Hugh		
02/20/13	James Tetreault	Clark	2092	82.50
02/26/13	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2093	33.82
		State Grange Other		
02/26/13	PSNH - Contoocook	Building	2094	14.04
		State Grange Other		
03/01/13	Donald Whittum Law Office	Building	2095	43.75
02/27/13	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2096	50.00
		Misc - to cover cashed		
02/27/13	Northeast Connection	check	2097	28.00
03/01/13	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2098	50.00
		Misc - covers check from		
03/01/13	Hinsdale Grange #358	NG	2099	200.00
03/03/13	Business Card - Jerry's	Misc - personal	2100	537.66
03/03/13	Connecticut State Grange	Sandy Hook Angel Fund	2101	405.00
		Stewart Lamprey -		
03/03/13	NH Grange Foundation	donation	2102	100.00
	MSSB - reinvested Operating	Contoocook Loan &		
03/03/13	Fund	Expense	2103	10,000.00
	Gerald Leclerc + hotel bill			
03/10/13	\$97.01	Secretaries Expenses	2104	152.99
03/10/13	Dan Bascom	Treasurer's Expenses	2105	125.00
03/10/13	Hannah West	GSG postage	2106	236.61
03/10/13	Concord Monitor	GSG	2107	308.54
03/10/13	James Tetreault	Master's Expense	2108	1,000.00
		State Grange Other		
03/10/13	PSNH - Contoocook	Building	2109	7.49
03/21/13	LaVallee Oil, Inc.	State Grange Building	2110	1,465.81
03/21/13	PSNH	State Grange Building	2111	52.22
03/21/13	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2112	33.82

03/21/13	Chris Heath	State Grange Building	2113	51.90
03/21/13	Anne & Marty Boisvert	State Grange Building	2114	578.65
03/21/13	National Grange	Bonding	2115	3,846.00
				27,117.52
04/02/13	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2116	50.00
04/02/13	Chris Heath	State Grange Building	2117	300.00
04/06/13	James Tetreault - Steve Tracy	Deputy Expenses/misc	2118	250.00
04/06/13	Steve Tracy	misc/pps	2119	52.22
04/13/13	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	2120	53.00
04/17/13	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expenses/pps	2121	51.57
04/20/13	PSNH	State Grange Building	2122	50.58
04/28/13	Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building	2123	34.50
05/06/13	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expenses/pps	2124	83.60
05/06/13	National Grange	Spring Fling	2125	177.77
05/06/13	Northfield United Methodist Church	Spring Fling	2126	260.00
05/06/13	Northfield United Methodist Church	Spring Fling	2127	100.00
05/06/13	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2128	33.81
05/13/13	Orkin	State Grange Building	2129	125.00
05/13/13	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	2130	25.00
05/19/13	Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building	2131	100.00
05/19/13	Postmaster	postage	2132	200.00
	Bank mistake on #2115 add .50			
05/24/13	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2133	35.98
05/24/13	PSNH	State Grange Building	2134	47.52
05/24/13	National Grange	dues	2135	3,966.00
05/24/13	Business Card	personal/postage/supplies	2136	736.71
05/23/13	MSSB	Contoocook - defunct	2137	20,439.45
05/23/13	MSSB	Contoocook - general fund	2138	2,041.99
05/30/13	Crowne Plaza - Nashua	State Session deposit	2139	500.00
06/09/13	Business Card	Misc - late fees	2140	39.38
06/09/13	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expenses	2141	234.00
06/09/13	Hannah West	Postage GSG	2142	232.58
06/09/13	Concord Monitor	GSG	2143	308.54
06/19/13	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2144	35.98
06/19/13	PSNH	State Grange Building	2145	44.68
06/19/13	Arthur Merrill	Deputy/ Gen Dep Expenses	2146	429.00
06/19/13	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Expenses	2147	185.10
06/19/13	Jane Trombi	Deputy Expenses	2148	132.60
06/24/13	James Tetreault	Master Expenses	2149	1,000.00
06/24/13	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	2150	250.00

06/24/13	Dan Bascom	Treasurer Expenses	2151	125.00
06/24/13	Sherrill Bokousky	Youth Committee	2152	200.00
		Family & Community		
06/24/13	Debra Patton	Comm.	2153	325.00
06/24/13	Joann Brandt	Junior Committee	2154	100.00
		Grange Services		
06/24/13	Lois Enman	Committee	2155	75.00
06/24/13	Hannah West	Lecturer Expenses	2156	300.00
		Legislative/Agriculture		
06/24/13	Robert Hafner	Comm.	2157	237.50
06/24/13	NH State Grange Trust Fund	Trust Fund	2158	50.00
06/24/13	Anne Bosivert	Membership Committee	2159	1,500.00
				35,519.06
07/16/13	Hooksett Water & Sewer	State Grange Building	2160	53.00
07/16/13	Business Card	Supplies/ Misc	2161	53.54
07/16/13	Chris Heath	State Grange Building	2162	300.00
	Donald F. Whittum Law			
07/17/13	Office	Legal Expenses-Sunapee	2163	70.00
07/17/13	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2164	36.33
07/17/13	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expenses	2165	213.00
07/26/13	National Grange	Assessments	2166	1,768.00
07/26/13	Northeast Connection	Assessments	2167	884.00
07/26/13	PSNH	State Grange Building	2168	72.55
08/01/13	Business Card	Postage/Supplies	2169	245.67
08/05/13	Orkin Pest Control	State Grange Building	2170	137.50
08/05/13	MSA Group	State Grange Building	2171	148.00
	Hooksett Village Water			
08/05/13	Precient	State Grange Building	2172	25.00
08/22/13	Curtains Without Borders	Anniversary Fund	2173	400.00
08/25/13	Jean Abbott	Deputy Expenses	2174	222.90
08/25/13	Dorothy Haskins	Deputy Expenses	2175	118.20
	Donald F. Whittum Law			
08/25/13	Office	Legal Expenses-Sunapee	2176	363.13
08/25/13	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2177	36.41
08/25/13	PSNH	State Grange Building	2178	169.40
08/25/13	National Grange	Dues	2179	4,086.00
08/25/13	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expenses	2180	119.40
08/29/13	Lavallee Oil Inc	State Grange Building	2181	1,450.37
09/06/13	Neil MacDonald	Deputy Expenses	2182	111.60
09/06/13	Andrew Savage	Deputy Expenses	2183	101.70
09/17/13	Business Card	Postage/Supplies	2184	960.88
09/17/13	Concord Monitor	GSG	2185	305.87
	Donald F. Whittum Law			
09/17/13	Office	Legal Expenses-Sunapee	2186	258.09
09/17/13	Hannah West	GSG - postage	2187	227.61
09/24/13	PSNH	State Grange Building	2188	114.32

09/24/13	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2189	36.41
09/29/13	Arlene Fall	Deputy Expenses	2190	107.10
09/29/13	James Tetreault	Master's Expenses	2191	1,000.00
09/29/13	Daniel Bascom	Treasurer's Expenses	2192	125.00
09/29/13	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary's Expenses	2193	250.00
09/29/13	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expenses	2194	236.40
09/30/13	Chris Heath	State Grange Building	2195	300.00
		Misc, P/P/S & Supply		
09/30/13	Business Card	Dept	2196	728.35
09/30/13	Daniel Bascom	Postage/Supplies	2197	89.69
				15,925.42
	<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>99,155.37</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2012	TD Banknorth Checking Account	6,218.25
	Income- Exhibit B	102,134.07
	Expense- Exhibit C	-99,155.37
September 30, 2013	Balance	9,196.95

**Accounts Receivable**

October 1, 2012	Balance	345.00
	Payment on loans	.00
September 30, 2013	Balance	345.00

**State Grange Building Hooksett**

October 1, 2012	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2013	Purchase Price	87,500.00

**Former Contoocook Grange Building**

October 1, 2012	Town valuation	197,500.00
September 30, 2013	Town valuation	197,500.00
	Sold 2/28/2013	for \$32,205.52

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

October 1, 2012	TD Bank Checking Account	369.37
	Income	870.25
	Expenses	1,192.63
September 30, 2013	Balance	53.99

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

October 1, 2012	Balance	158,944.15
	Transferred	
	Earnings	5,942.19
	Realized Gain/Loss	3,122.47
	Quarterly Income Paid	-5,064.17
	Withdrawals	-1,097.77
	Fees paid	-2,006.98
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	12,898.42
September 30, 2013	Ending Market Value	176,669.31

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Defunct Granges**

October 1, 2012	Balance	1,3204.11
	Earnings	615.81
	Realized Gain/Loss	68.56
	Deposits	20,439.45
	Annual Income paid	-437.27
	Fees paid	-173.42
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	2,332.69
September 30, 2013	Ending Market Value	34,864.56

Note- one eligible account opened during year on 5/3/2013

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK  
Defunct Grange**

October 1, 2012	Balance	65.99
	Interest	.02
September 30, 2013	Ending Balance	66.01

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
US TREASURY I SERIES BOND  
Defunct Grange**

October 1, 2012	Purchase Price	2,106.91
September 30, 2013	Ending Balance	2,106.91

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Escrow Accounts**

October 1, 2012	Balance	514,472.99
	Earnings	20,025.39
	Realized Gain/Loss	12,850.79
	Paid Granges	-17,221.00
	Withdrawal	-8,245.00
	Fees Paid	-6,535.58
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	48,155.04
September 30, 2013	Ending Market Value	528,304.00

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

October 1, 2012	Balance	21,872.42
	Earnings	858.39
	Contributions	110.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	9.25
	Aid to Youth	-140.00
	Fees Paid	-283.73
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	2,163.96
September 30, 2013	Ending Market Value	23,556.81

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Education Loan Fund**

October 1, 2012	Balance	130,629.65
	Earnings	5,135.76
	Deposits	1,346.19
	Realized Gain/Loss	2,296.40
	Scholarships	-1,100.00
	Fees Paid	-1,702.21
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	13,044.54
September 30, 2013	Ending Market Value	141,074.84

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

October 1, 2012	Balance	27,077.26
	Deposits	7,330.00
	Earnings	728.03
	Realized Gain/Loss	1,484.28
	Withdrawals	-11,459.90
	Fees Paid	-220.06
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	.00
September 30, 2013	Ending Market Value	23,804.97

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

October 1, 2012	Balance	44,355.45
	Earnings	1,737.35
	Deposits	350.00
	Expenses	-75.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	439.27
	Aid to members	-780.00
	Fees Paid	-572.58
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	3,828.36
September 30, 2013	Ending Market Value	47,320.19

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

October 1, 2012	Balance	11,355.74
	Earnings	446.70
	Realized Gain/Loss	148.84
	Fees Paid	-147.58
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	992.18
September 30, 2013	Ending Market Value	12,245.23

**NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANGE TRUST  
CHECKBOOK SUMMARY**

October 1, 2012	Morgan Stanley Checking Account	462.14
Income	Donations	275.00
	Budget from State Grange	100.00
	Transfer from trust/aid to members	780.00
	Transfer from trust/filing fee	<u>75.00</u>
Total Income		1,692.14
Less	Aid paid to members	-780.00
Expenses		
	State of NH- charitable filing fee	<u>-75.00</u>
Total		-855.00
September 30, 2013	Ending balance	837.14

New Hampshire State Grange  
Expense Annual Summary  
2012-2013

Accounting Services	1,600.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	3,470.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00
Bulk Mail Permit	200.00
Department Expenses	
Agriculture/Legislative	475.00
Family & Community	650.00
Grange Services	150.00
Lecturer	600.00
Membership	3,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00
Youth/Junior + 300 junior seed money	400.00
Junior	200.00
Defunct Grange Account	32,481.44
Deputies Expenses	3,834.48
Dues- National Grange	15,900.00
General Deputy Expenses	305.40
Grange Growth	300.00
Leader's School- December	100.00
Legal Fees	934.97

Master Expenses	4,000.00
Media	
Farm & Forest Expo	
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	2,279.14
Info Director	
Website	
Miscellaneous	2,237.60
National Session Assessment	1,768.00
NE Connection Assessment	884.00
Operations	
Fund Raising	
State Grange Building	7,512.13
State Session	5,516.87
State Session Deposit	500.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	3,718.17
Secretary Expenses	1,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees- National	47.50
Spring Fling	537.77
State Grange Insurance	2,456.00
State Grange Other Building	
Insurance	
State Grange Other Building	
Expenses	233.03
Supply Department	637.87
Treasurer Expenses	500.00
Community Service Awards-	
National	250.00
Totals	<b>99,155.37</b>

*The report was accepted and ordered in the journal*

State Secretary Gerald Leclerc presented his first State report:

### **Secretary's Annual Report**

Worthy State Master, State Officers, National Representative, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great enthusiasm that I present to you my first report as your State Secretary. This past year has been scary and exciting all rolled together. Scary because I was now facing the biggest challenge of my Grange life with immense responsibility and exciting because I was being given this amazing opportunity to continue to help move this State Grange forward in Grange Growth. The condition of the New Hampshire State Grange is as follows:

As of June 30, 2013, the New Hampshire State Grange has 11 Pomona Granges, with a total membership of 688, of which 188 are Golden Sheaf members. The largest Pomona is Merrimack County Pomona #3 with 103 members.

As of June 30, 2013, the New Hampshire State Grange has 64 Subordinate Granges, with a total membership of 1806, of which 413 are Golden Sheaf. The largest Subordinate Grange is Wicwas Lake #292 with 81 members.

Reunion Grange #303 consolidated with Rochester Grange #86 on November 11, 2012. Manchester Community Grange #359 was chartered in March, 2013, and Claremont Grange #9 was reorganized on April 19, 2013.

The New Hampshire State Junior Grange was chartered on May 22, 2013. You will hear more about this tomorrow during the report of the Junior Director.

State Grange Data base: During my short time as your State Secretary, I found that what many grange secretaries were reporting did not match the state database. We pay national grange for 1806 members that are reported; however, that was not what was in the database, so in some cases, we were paying more than we should have been to National Grange.

In order to determine what our true membership number was, I decided to do a complete audit of the State Grange Membership Database. I am happy to report that 91% of granges have been audited, and their membership numbers now match what is in the database. To put this in perspective, only 6 granges have yet to respond to my request to compare their list to mine. The New Hampshire State Grange can now report to National Grange that we have 1755 active grange members. This shows a loss of 51 members, however in the auditing process it was discovered that some members who were reported as having died or being suspended were still listed as active members. It is important to note and to celebrate that 48 NEW members were initiated this past year. Grange Growth still remains our number one priority.

I want to especially thank all subordinate secretaries for taking the time to assist me with the membership audit. It is truly amazing what can be done when we work together as a team. My goal for next year is to audit the Pomona Grange Membership information.

By order of the National Grange I have issued the following Membership Awards:

5 Silver Star Certificates

Michael Boucher, Hudson Grange #11  
Agnes Lawlor, Hudson Grange #11  
Sandra Theberge, Stratford Grange #238  
Maureen DeRoy, Blackwater Grange #152

13 Golden Sheaf Certificates

Patrice Lawlor, Hudson Grange #11,  
George Standley, Watatic Grange #36,  
Lee McCleery, Chichester Grange #132,  
Phyllis Briton, Granite Grange #7,  
Shirley Poehlman, Granite Grange #7,  
Brenda Philbrick, Granite Grange #7,  
Beverly Hardy, Granite Grange #7,

Bernice Adams, Granite Grange #7,  
Jeannie Huddell, Hampton Falls Grange #171,  
Linda Akerman, Hampton Falls Grange #171,  
John McEachern III, Hampton Falls Grange #171,  
Margaret Parent, Londonderry Grange #44,  
Jeri Ballou, West Thornton Grange #253,

9 Thirty Year Seals, 10 Thirty-Five Year Seals, 17 Forty Year Seals, 7 Forty-Five Year Seals,  
9 Fifty-Five Year Seals, 12 Sixty Year Seals, 14 sixty-Five Year Seals, 11 Seventy Year Seals,

#### 9 Seventy-Five Year Certificates

Christine Mobbs, Chichester Grange #132,  
Arlene Weeks, Chichester Grange #132,  
Roland Coker Jr. Jeremiah Smith Grange #161,  
Phil Chase, Rochester Grange #86,  
Geraldine Baxter, Centennial Grange #185,  
Pauline Swain, Centennial Grange #185,  
Franklin Beck, Hampton Falls Grange #171,  
Christine Felch, Hampton Falls Grange #171,  
Alice West, Wingold Grange #308

#### 2 Eighty Year Letters

Geraldine Baxter, Centennial Grange #185  
Marjorie Blaisdell, Rochester Grange #86

#### 2 Eighty-Five Year Recognition

Emma Ingalls, Wingold Grange #308,  
Joseph Savasey, Wingold Grange #308

My first order of business as State Secretary was to move the State Secretary's office from the home of Carolyn Ross, Past State Secretary to my home. When I arrived at Carolyn's home and saw what was in the dining room, I thought that's not too bad, after all I did bring a car load home from State Session and the computer and printer were being serviced so this will fit in my home office. Donald then told me there was more in the basement (3 file cabinets). After several trips up the stairs and out to the truck it was mission accomplished until we get to Hudson and all of this has to go down in my basement.

I would like to thank Carolyn and Donald for making the move as smooth as it could be and for answering the many questions that I had. Also thank you to Rick Bailey for the use of his truck and manpower to help me haul everything.

Now with the office set up and functional, the real work begins. The second task that I needed to complete was the Roster. I am happy to report that not only was the roster ready for Deputy School in December. I also had the Journal of Proceedings for the 2012 Annual Session complete and ready for distribution.

Communication: As the secretary's installation charge instructs we "become the organ of the grange and through us communication is maintained with the Granges throughout the land". This was and remains one of my priorities. I am an advocate for using the US Postal Service for communicating with granges and grangers. While I am not opposed to the internet and social media as this is also an effective tool in communicating, I just feel that we must use every means possible to spread the word of what has, will and is going to happen in the Grange.

At last year's session, the budget that was approved had an increase in the postage and printing line. This was done so that more information could be sent from the various Grange departments through the State Secretary's office. Some of this added information was included with the quarterly packets to the secretaries. The secretaries would then distribute the material to the various committee chairmen for them to report about at the appropriate time during the meeting. This method of mailing was effective; however, I felt that the quarterly packets were containing too much information and that it was becoming a bit overwhelming for the secretaries. I felt it necessary limit what was included in the quarterly packets, so I mailed department information at a different time. I hope that this helped with the dissemination of Grange information to the members. I welcome any suggestion you may have on how to best keep the members informed. We need to remember that communication is key to a successful organization.

The Supply Department is always open for your grange material needs. I tried to get the orders out as quickly as possible. I must say, working next to a US Post Office is convenient. For your convenience, I have brought the supplies with me to this session. If your Grange is in need of something, you may purchase it at the credentials table. If you purchase it here, you will only be billed for the supplies and not the postage and handling as you will be able to take it with you.

As State Secretary, it is also my responsibility to make sure that all information and materials needed for the Annual Session are properly ordered and prepared. As you can, see there have been some changes in how this material has been assembled and distributed. Delegates are now given a binder which includes all the information needed in a uniform fashion, complete with a table of contents. The resolutions have been printed using line numbers and leaving space between the lines to make notes or changes to a line during the deliberation process. I hope that the delegates find this to be beneficial and useful. Packets have also been prepared for the non-delegates. Although it is not in the binder it still contains all the same information allowing all in attendance to follow along while action is being taken on the resolutions and budget.

I was able to travel around to various Grange events although not as many as I would have liked due to my ever changing work schedule. I was thrilled to travel with Brother Dick Patten and our State Master to Colebrook to witness the presentation of the 2012 State Community Citizen award. It was nice to visit with grangers that we don't often see at state events due to distance it was refreshing to see a large turn out of members there, and the impact the Grange has in the community.

I traveled up north again to be part of the Grange Growth Summit held at the Cabot Inn in Lancaster. This was an awesome experience. The members in attendance were engaging and welcomed the interest from State Grange in their membership challenges. Under the leadership of Mike Martin from National Grange, many great ideas and suggestions were shared.

I traveled to Springfield, MA for a New England Grange Growth Summit held in the New England Grange building at the Big E. Again, ideas and suggestions were given as to how to help with Grange Growth. At this summit, Rusty Hunt was the presenter; he shared many valuable tips to stimulate Grange growth.

My first year as State Secretary has come to a close and with it ends many of my fears and anxiety that come with any new opportunities. However my excitement for the position and my commitment to serving the New Hampshire State Grange still remains strong.

I would like to take the time to thank all the secretaries in the state for all of your tireless efforts in keeping the records of your grange and performing the duties of the office bestowed upon you. I would like to ask all the Masters to please communicate with your secretary and offer assistance when needed. Many times too much responsibility falls on to the secretary and they become overwhelmed and won't say anything.

Thank you to Mark Collins for your assistance with the delivery and setting up of the State Grange computer and printer at my home. Also for the many questions I had about certain programs and how to find something. Thank you to Past State Secretaries, Carolyn Ross, Gail Turcotte and Richard Patten for being available to me when I needed to ask questions. To the delegate body who elected me to this position for having confidence in to fulfill the duties of this office.

Thank you to my wife, Francine and daughters, Sarah and Emilie, for your love and support. Thank you for your willingness to help when needed. I am so blessed to have you in my life and I love you.

And finally, thank you Worthy State Master for being patient as I navigated through my first year as State Secretary. Who would have thought a few years ago that we would be working so well together?

Life throws many challenges at us: some we welcome and some we don't. We need to accept these challenges and choose to dwell on them or look at them as opportunities. I chose to take this as an opportunity and moved forward. If we as Grange members look at of our challenges as opportunities just imagine where we could go with Grange Growth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
New Hampshire State Grange

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

State Overseer and Executive Committee Chairman Christopher Heath gave the report of the State Executive Committee.

National Representatives, State Officers, Pink sash members, delegates and patron's all.

It is my honor to stand here and give my third report as your State Overseer. It has been a busy year in the Grange. I was not able to attend all the events that were held this year but was able to find time to attend the Northeast Leaders Conference and Grange Growth Summit in January, Winter Youth Rally in February, Spring Fling in April, Degree day in May, Grange Growth Conference in Springfield MA, Grange Family Weekend in July and many more.

I worked closely in helping organize Manchester Community Grange, Worked the booth at Farm and Forest, Provided an interview for New Hampshire Chronicle about the Grange and attended the dedication of the monument at the New Hampshire Veteran's Cemetery.

I have served on the Grange Growth Team, as a Subordinate Deputy, Facilitator of the State Grange Bowling as well as the custodian of the New Hampshire State Grange Building. I am encouraged by the growth of the Granges across the state and hope that more will work on promoting their granges in their communities. I encourage all Grange members to have a positive attitude when talking about the Grange whether it is someone who knows nothing about the Grange or when talking to other Grange members but especially the media.

I encourage all members to promote their Grange to everyone in their community and to anyone who shows an interest in our great organization. I want to thank all of my Grange family for the support and encouragement that you have provided to me over this past year.

I look forward serving this wonderful organization for the coming year and I am ready for all the new Grange opportunities that will come my way.

Respectfully Submitted  
Christopher Heath, Overseer  
New Hampshire State Grange

### **State Grange Executive Committee Report**

National Representatives, State Officers, Pink Sash members, Delegates and Patrons all,

It is with pleasure to stand here and give you the report as the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Your State Grange Executive committee has had a busy, productive and interesting year. We held six meetings throughout the year and dealt with many different aspects of Grange work. Most of you have had the opportunity to view the minutes of our meetings so I will not bore you with all the details. The Executive committee held five meetings this year. Our first meeting was held on Saturday of State session last year to elect a chairman and a secretary.

Thank you to the committee for electing me as the chairman. I appreciate your vote of confidence to continue running these meetings. I feel this has been a great year for the committee

and proud to announce for the second straight year we have finished every meeting the same day as it began.

The committee's next meeting was held in December. We discussed many subjects which included a request for monies from escrow from Jeremiah Smith Grange to repair damage done to their hall during Hurricane Sandy and the organization of the New Hampshire State Grange Junior Grange.

Our March meeting found us signing contracts for this years State Session, news about the progress of Manchester Community Grange and the replacement of the oil tank at the State Grange Building.

In May we met again to perform the duties of our offices. At this meeting we discussed the progress on updating the State Grange membership lists, Signed the 2014 State Session hotel contract and the Grange Growth Team.

Our next meeting was held in August. We talked about the Pleasant Valley and Riverhill Granges, A consolidation letter from Hooksett Grange and the finalization of the Contookook Grange hall sale.

Our last meeting was held in October. We finalized the budget which will be presented tomorrow, a request for a yearly rental of the State Grange Building and audited the books of the State Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees.

The committee would like to thank the delegates for allowing them to serve the order for the past year and we look forward to the challenges we will face in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted

Christopher Heath  
Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee

**NH State Grange Executive  
Committee Meeting  
October 25, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 PM by Chairman, Chris Heath at the Ashworth by the Sea Hotel in Hampton NH

Present: Chris Heath, Wilber Heath, Jim Tetreault, Donald Ross, Bob Haefner, Beth Merrill, Carolyn Ross, Gail Turcotte, Jerry Leclerc, Dan Bascom and Mark Collins

A motion was made by Don Ross and seconded by Mark Collins to elect Chris Heath Chairman of the NH State Grange Executive Committee. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to elect Gerald Leclerc to be secretary of the NH State Grange Executive Committee. The motion passed.

Meeting closed at 4:50 PM

Next meeting will be on December 7, 2012 at 7:15 PM the State Grange Building in Hooksett.

Respectively submitted,  
Mark Collins, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

**New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, December 7, 2012  
State Grange Building**

Present: Donald Ross, James Tetreault, Mark Collins, Beth Merrill, Christopher Heath,  
Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

Absent: Wilber Heath, Robert Haefner

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 7:30 pm

- Minutes of the October 27, 2012. Motion made by Donald Ross and seconded by Beth Merrill to approve the minutes as presented. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business

- Prentice Hill ~ No action from the letter that was sent
- Friendship ~ 5 new members were obligated but the grange remains under suspension.
- Brookline/Wilton ~ Nothing official by they may consider consolidating with Granite Grange
- Reunion ~ consolidated with Rochester Grange effective November 11, 2012.
- Warren Pond ~ looking into a possible revitalization and moving to Keene.
- Riverhill ~ Chris Heath will be working with them.

Reports

State Master Jim Tetreault

- Halloween ~ Nothing new to report
- Baker's River ~ Doing okay for the present time
- Hinsdale ~ Continues to meet regularly, filed their first quarterly report and waiting for their tax ID number.
- Contoocook Grange Hall ~ price lowered to \$39,500 as suggested by the agent.

- Manchester ~ The charter application was opened on Sunday December 2, 2012, currently 17 signatures with more to follow at the next meeting on January 6, 2013. They also conducted a visioning.
- Londonderry ~ some members are interested in joining Manchester which could change the dynamics. A Special Deputy has been assigned to help with the transition.
- Jr. Grange ~ Joann Brandt Jr. Director is in the process of establishing a State Junior Grange.
- Gave an up-date on National Grange Session. National reps were removed from the National budget. State granges will be responsible for the cost of the National Rep if the wish to have one. National session will begin on November 3 in 2015 so NH will have to move our session up a week. The session coordinator will be informed.

#### State Secretary Jerry Leclerc

- Total number of members reported as of September 30, 2012 is 1757
- Nine Subordinate Granges and one Pomona Grange have not yet reported for the September quarter. The Secretary will be calling the secretaries and reminding them to send in the missing reports.
- The State Session minutes for Saturday and Sunday were read and discussed. Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to approve the minutes as corrected. Voted unanimously
- Each member of the Executive Committee signed a conflict of interest policy as prescribed by the State Grange By-laws.

#### State Treasurer Dan Bascom

- Presented the income and expense reports for Sate Session
- Discussed the splitting of the Youth/Junior funds. Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Jim Tetreault to give the Junior Department \$200 from the Youth Budget and \$300 from the general fund to help get the junior program re-started. Don Ross made a motion to amend the motion by taking the \$300 from the Grange Growth fund instead of from the general fund seconded by Mark Collins. Voted unanimously. The amended motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion made by Jim Tetreault and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the Master's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports as presented. Vote was unanimous.

#### New Business

- Jeremiah Smith had a tree fall on their building during hurricane Sandy. Estimated cost for repairs will be around \$5000. No requests for funds

from their escrow account have been requested yet. If such a request is received the Executive Committee will act on the request via an E-mail vote

- Books will be audited following the Executive Session.

Public session ended at 7:55 pm.

Next meeting will be March 1, 2013 at the State Grange Building in Hooksett at 7:15pm

Entered Executive session at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

**New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, March 1, 2013  
State Grange Building**

Present: Beth Merrill, Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, James Tetreault, Christopher Heath, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc, Donald Ross

Absent: Wilber Heath,

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 7:15 pm

Minutes of December 7, 2012. Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Jim Tetreault to approve the minutes as presented. Vote was 6 in favor one abstention.

Old Business

- Prentice Hill ~ Chris has sent a letter to the Master and has yet received any information from the grange.
- State Junior Grange ~ several signatures were received at the Youth/Junior event held in February. Three more signatures are needed in order to apply for a charter. Joann Brandt continues to work on this and is hopeful that this will happen soon.
- Bow Lake Grange ~ Jim Tetreault spoke on the issue with the group using Bow Lake Grange Hall and the use of alcoholic beverages. After some researching Jim was assured that this is okay as it is not a Grange event and that the use of the Grange name is merely used as the location of the event and not the sponsor.
- Jeremiah Smith Grange ~ a request was received for money from their escrow account to cover expenses to repair the damage to the hall as a result of hurricane

Sandy. The Executive Committee voted via-E-mail to grant the request. The vote was unanimous.

- Halloween Grange ~ quarterly reports and dues payments are up to date; however the number of members is questionable. The State Secretary will look in to this and see what the actual number is.
- Claremont Grange ~ Mark Collins spoke of some interest in the area and the membership possibilities. He will look in to this further.

## Reports

### State Master James Tetreault

- Granges ~ Warren Pond, Riverhill and Troy nothing to report
- Hinsdale ~ meeting regularly, working to establish a checking account. They have received \$200 from National Grange as part of the compensation for new granges.
- Contoocook Grange Hall ~ the closing happened on February 19, 2013. The check has been forwarded to the State Secretary.
- Londonderry Grange ~ continuing to monitor the progress with the recent membership growth.
- Membership and Growth ~ Membership promotion team put together a terrific display for Farm and Forest, which yielded some opportunities to create new granges in Chester, Pittsfield and Claremont. Dick Patten and Bob Haefner are working to re-organize Capital Grange at the State House one meeting has been held with eight in attendance.
- Grange Growth Team ~ this is a work in progress. The plan for this team is to oversee the creation of new Granges and Grange revitalization. The first task will be to establish guidelines and determine how to best use the funds made available by the delegates at the previous State Session. This will be presented to the Executive Committee for review and approval.
- North Country Winter Workshop ~ the event was a huge success with 18 Granges represented with 35 members in attendance.
- Winter Youth Event ~ Sherrill Bokousky and Joann Brandt had a very successful day with many activities taking place and with many members participating through out the day.
- Master Conference ~ Jim, Beth and Dan attended this and spoke of the experience.

Robert Haefner moved to accept the Master report, seconded by Mark Collins. Vote was favorable.

### State Secretary's Report

- Total number of members as of December 31, 2013 is 1737. This is a loss of 20 from the September quarter however 16 deaths were reported along with

several suspensions. The good news is that 12 new members were initiated during the quarter.

- Four Subordinates have not reported for September or December, letters have been sent reminding them of their duty to report and the consequences if they fail to comply.
- Three Granges and one Pomona have not yet filed their report for the December quarter.
- With the sale of Contoocook Grange Hall the final bills for electricity, water and sewer have been requested. The insurance company has been instructed to cancel the policy and send the remaining balance to the State Secretary.

Robert Haefner moved to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Beth Merrill. Vote was favorable.

#### State Treasurer's Report

- Dan Bascom presented the Income and Expense summary for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012. He noted that income is higher than expenses. It was reported that the 2012 Annual Session actually made money thanks to Ken Berry and his efforts at keeping costs to a minimum.
- Bonding payments have continued to come in.
- National Grange assessment fees ~ Dan and Jerry will work on this and have the bills ready for the March quarterly report letter.
- Contoocook Grange Hall ~ Dan presented an expense report for funds used by State Grange for maintaining and the sale of the hall. \$11,990.75 from the sale of the hall will be returned to State Grange, \$10,000 of that will go back into the Morgan Stanley invested funds Operating Account principal. The remaining balance and the insurance refund will be deposited into the general fund. Once all final payments have been made the balance of the sale money shall be placed in the defunct grange account.
- Fairpoint Bundle ~ Dan spoke of an offer from Fairpoint Communications to add High Speed internet to our services at the State Grange building. The cost would be \$30.49 per month for 2 years. Discussion followed concerning taxes and other fees. Mark Collins moved that we allow Dan to pursue this and allow him to make the final decision as long as the final cost per month does not exceed \$50.00 seconded by Robert Haefner. Vote was favorable.

Robert Haefner motioned and Donald Ross seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Vote was favorable.

#### New Business

- Contract for 2013 State Grange Banquet ~ the contract from the Holiday Inn ~ Concord was reviewed and signed.

- Grange Growth Team ~ the team is being established and will be announced soon
- 2014 State Session ~ locations are currently being looked at to hold the 2014 Annual Session. One possibility is the Harborside Inn in Portsmouth. Chris Heath brought up the idea of being more in the Rochester/ Dover area. He also questioned if it were possible to lodge in one location and meet in another. Beth Merrill moved and seconded by Mark Collins to authorize Chris (with the assistance of Ken Berry) to look into possible meeting and hotel space for the 2014 session and report back at the next meeting. Vote was favorable.
- Manchester Community Grange ~ held their first meeting with great success. The application was sent to National and they are awaiting the delivery of the charter. They are currently meeting at the State Grange building until a location can be found in Manchester.
- Sam's Club Benefit ~ information was received at Farm & Forest Expo from Sam's Club and forwarded to the Grange Services Department regarding offering our members \$25 off a business membership. Motion made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Beth Merrill to let the Grange Services Committee offer this program to the members. Vote was Favorable.
- State Grange Building ~ a new oil tank was recently purchased, installed and filled. Some out standing bills still need to be paid.
- Volunteer Youth screening ~ discussed who needs screening and if we are currently following the policy for this. At the present time the policy can't be located. Chris Heath will investigate where the policy is.
- Officer and Director Insurance ~ Eames Insurance Company has been asked to write a policy to cover our State Officers and Directors from any legal action from another party if the State Grange is sued. The policy will be reviewed by the Executive Committee as soon as it is ready.
- Donation ~ \$100.00 donation was received with no notation as to where it was go. Beth Merrill moved, seconded by Jim Tetreault to give it to the NH Grange Foundation. Vote was favorable. Robert Haefner abstained.

Jim Tetreault moved and seconded by Mark Collins to enter into Executive Session at 9:05 pm. Vote was favorable.

9:50 pm returned to Public Session

- Went over the project worksheet.
- Donald Ross asked if we should back up files for the Treasurer and Master in the event of computer issues or fire. The Secretary has a State Grange computer which is backed up occasionally.
- Jim Tetreault mentioned that items from the Directors are not being sent to the web-master for inclusion to the web site. He will ask them to please do this in a more timely fashion.

Next meeting will be May 17, 2013 at the State Grange Building at 7:15 pm.  
Donald Ross moved and seconded by Beth Merrill to adjourn. Vote was favorable.  
Meeting closed at 10:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

**New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 30, 2013  
State Grange Building**

Present: Beth Merrill, Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, James Tetreault, Christopher Heath,  
Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc, Donald Ross, Wilber Heath

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 7:22 pm

Minutes of the March 1, 2013. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the minutes as presented. Vote was favorable.

Report of Granges needing immediate attention:

- Pleasant Valley ~ Chris Heath knows of some perspective members and will contact them to see if they would like to join.
- Riverhill ~ a letter has been sent to each member from the State Master informing them of a possible suspension of the charter unless they begin to meet and report to the State Grange. A meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2013 State Master Jim Tetreault, State Secretary Jerry Leclerc and General Deputy Arthur Merrill will attend.
- Hooksett ~ a letter has been received requesting permission to consolidate with Pembroke Grange. Suggested this issue be discussed under new business.
- Halloween ~ looking at the possibility of some new members. The hall is in need of some serious repairs.
- Granite State ~ it has been reported that some items from the Grange hall were sold to cover expenses. Chris Heath will; contact the Master.

Masters Report:

- Warren Pond Grange ~ in the process of revitalization possibly in the Keene area. A former member of Hancock Grange has shown some interest in rejoining.
- Claremont Grange ~ application to re-organize has been sent to National Grange with 18 charter members.
- Sunapee Lake Grange ~ issue of the meeting place and whether it is a Grange Hall or a town building. Jim Tetreault will check with the Town Administrator.
- NH State Junior Grange ~ the charter has arrived and work has begun.

Motion was made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the Master's report. Vote was favorable.

#### Secretary's Report:

- Total of members reported for the March quarter is 1768 showing an increase of 31 from the December quarter.
- Began the quarter with 63 Subordinate Granges and ended with 64. Manchester Community Grange #359 has received their charter.
- Data Base audit ~ the membership lists of 44 Subordinate Granges have been compared with the State Grange Data Base and the final number has been determined. Once all subordinates are completed the Pomona's list will be compared.
- The Secretary reported on the Granges that are in the arrears for dues payments \$2219.50 is owed to the State Grange from these 3 granges.
- The bills for the Northeast and National Grange Assessment fees have been sent to the Pomona Masters.

Motion by Wilber Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the report as presented. Vote was favorable.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Dan Bascom distributed the Expense and Income statements and welcomed questions. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the report as presented. Vote was favorable.
- Claremont Grange ~ reviewed the process for new and reorganized Granges as to how to establish bank accounts and filing the required paper work. After some discussion it was determined that the assigned Deputy will be assisting the grange in completing the process.
- Two Granges have yet to pay the bonding fees for the year. The State Secretary will send reminder notices to the Granges requesting that they pay the fees.

#### Old Business:

- Youth Screening Policy ~ the policy that was developed years ago for the screening procedure for those having direct contact with minor members is missing. Dan Bascom will check with past State Secretary Gail Turcotte to see if this is still on file with her. If not the process to recreate the document will begin. It was reported that those currently affected have been cleared through criminal background checks with the State of NH.
- Grange Growth Team ~ the Growth team consists of Jim Tetreault, Chris Heath, Arthur Merrill, Steve Tracy, Norman Brandt, Gloria Davis, Anne Boisvert, Tricia Taylor and Jerry Leclerc. The team has met but has yet to develop a plan. The focus of the team is to help strengthen and improve the image of the Grange. The committee will be meeting over the summer to develop the plan to be approved by the State Executive Committee at the August meeting.
- Fairpoint ~ still in the process of evaluating the advantages and disadvantages.

- Officers and Directors Insurance ~ the Secretary will check on the status of the policy and report at the next meeting.

New Business:

- A request from the Northeast Host Committee for National Grange was received asking to use the folding tables at the State Grange building for the National Session in November. A motion was made and seconded to allow the committee to use the tables providing that the hall is not being used during that period. Vote was favorable.
- A request was received from Chris Hadsel from “Curtains with no boarders” for a copy of the State Grange Roster so that she can contact Granges to inquire about any painted curtains they may have in their halls. Motion was made by Jim Tetreault and seconded by Beth Merrill to issue her a copy of the Roster. After some discussion Mark Collins made a motion and seconded by Wilber Heath to amend the motion by allowing her the contact information of the Secretary of Granges that own a hall. The vote was favorable on the amended motion. The State Secretary will collect the data and send it to Chris Hadsel.
- 2014 State Session contract ~ Donald Ross presented for Kenneth Berry State Session Coordinated the contract for catering and sales for the 2014 Annual NH State Grange Session to be held at The Crowne Plaza ~ Nashua NH. Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the contract. Vote was favorable. Chris Heath Executive Committee Chairman signed the contract.
- Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mark Collins to send a letter to Hooksett Grange stating that their request to allow them to consolidate with Pembroke Grange has been denied. The Executive Committee recommends that Hooksett Grange work with the Growth Team to help save their Grange. If this is unsuccessful then Hooksett Grange should consider closing. The vote was favorable.
- Beth Merrill spoke of a painted stage curtain from the former John Hancock Grange in Hancock that she saw and felt would be an excellent addition to the display area at National Session as it has Grange implements painted on the curtain. During her research as to this possibility, it was determined that some restoration work needed to be done. The cost of this restoration would be \$750. Beth would like to make a request to the Hancock Board of Selectman to use the curtain. She would like to offer to have the Grange pay for half of the restoration cost and have the town of Hancock cover the rest. A motion was made by Jim Tetreault and seconded by Bob Haefner to take \$400 from the Anniversary Fund for the restoration in exchange for the use of the curtain at future grange events. The vote was favorable. The secretary was opposed to this motion.

With no further business to discuss and no items for Executive Session a motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed 9:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

Next meeting August 22, 2013 at 7:15 pm, State Grange Building

July 26, 2013

Chairman Chris Heath sent an E-mail to the members of the Executive Committee regarding a request from Concord Grange #322.

Concord Grange is requesting to withdraw a large amount from the principal from their escrow account held by the State Grange. The reason for the request is so they can fund some of their on going projects.

A motion was made and supported to allow them the funds. The vote was 5 in favor 2 opposed. The request was granted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

**New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, August 22, 2013  
State Grange Building**

Present: Beth Merrill, Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, James Tetreault, Christopher Heath, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc, Donald Ross

Absent: Wilber Heath

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 7:44 pm

Minutes of the May 30, 2013 and E-mail vote regarding Concord Granges request. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the minutes as presented. Vote was favorable.

Report of Granges needing immediate attention:

- Pleasant Valley ~ No new information to report.
- Halloween ~ Chris Heath attended a recent meeting.
- Granite State ~ No new information to report.
- Blackwater ~ No update at this time

Masters Report:

- Warren Pond ~ No change from last report.
- Friendship ~ This Grange still remains under suspension.

- Riverhill ~ Jim Tetreault, Arthur Merrill and Jerry Leclerc met recently with the members to discuss membership numbers and their future.
- Hooksett ~ Members were invited to attend a Manchester Community Grange meeting to talk about membership growth. The Grange Growth Team has targeted this grange as one that they will be working with.
- Claremont ~ No update at this time.
- Sunapee Lake ~ State Grange Lawyer has been working with Sunapee Lake assisting them, at the request of the State Master. A new more defined agreement between the Town and Sunapee Lake Grange has been drafted and will be presented to the Selectmen shortly to open negotiations.
- NH State Junior Grange ~ The Junior Department held an event at the beginning of August. It was well attended with 15 juniors and all had a great time.
- Grange Growth Team ~ Final cost to NH for the recent training with Rusty Hunt at Eastern State Exposition was \$289.00. This was an excellent value for the dollars spent. The Growth Team met on August 2<sup>nd</sup> to draft a proposed budget to be presented to the Executive Committee for approval. Steve Tracy has had several events in the North Country, Milan Old Home Days as well as an informational meeting in West Stewarts Town. A second G.O.A.L seminar will be held at Tuftonborough Grange on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 200 invitations were sent.

#### Secretary's Report

- State Grange Data Base ~ All but six Subordinate Granges responded to the recent request from the State Secretary regarding the membership list for their grange. Currently there are 1565 active members in the data base. This number will go up once the remaining six respond.
- Brookline/Wilton ~ eight quarters behind. Jim Tetreault will have a deputy work with them to see if they can become current.
- Pleasant Valley ~ eight quarters behind. Jim Tetreault will draft a letter to the members of Pleasant Valley Grange which will outline options they are being offered to clear up the past due amount.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Dan Bascom, Gail Turcotte, and Donald Ross went for the required annual meeting with Morgan Stanley-Smith Barney to review the invested funds. All account look good and doing well.
- The income and expense reports for the last quarter were presented and questions answered.
- Some discussion took place on the National Assessment and the Northeast Connection Fees. Questioned if the Northeast Connection fees will continue for 2014. Research will be done and reported back.
- Bonding ~ Brookline/Wilton and Mt. Pistareen Granges will be dropped from the Bonding list. Hinsdale and Manchester Community Granges will be added to the list.

Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Donald Ross to accept the Masters, Secretary's and Treasurer's report. Vote was favorable.

## Unfinished Business

- Gun Club updates ~ Request for past due amount will be sent to the NH Arms Collectors for the use of the State Grange Building. No payments have been received since June 2012. The club did request a reduction in fee. The Executive Committee denied the request.

## New Business

- Grange Growth Team Budget ~ the delegate body at the 139<sup>th</sup> session of the NH State Grange voted to allot \$15,000 for Grange Growth. The Growth Team met recently and developed a budget that would spread the funds over a five year period. \$5000 would be set aside for the first year to purchase items needed for booth equipment to be used at various community events. \$2500 would be allocated each year for the following four years. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the proposed budget. Beth Merrill moved to amend to remove the charter fee line from the budget seconded by Jerry Leclerc. After some discussion the amendment was passed and the amended motion was voted favorably.
- Second Delegate to National Grange ~ Mark Collins moved to send Arthur Merrill as our second Delegate to National Session seconded by Jim Tetreault. Vote was favorable with two abstentions
- State Historian Request ~ State Historian Richard Patten requested guidance into the possibility of hosting a Historian Luncheon at the up coming annual session. The overall response was favorable but with the session only two months away the committee felt that not enough time was left to promote the event for it to be successful. The committee felt that it would be best if Richard Patten submitted a resolution to this years delegate body to get an idea as to the interest in such an event.
- Possible State Grange Building Renter ~ A small church congregation is interested in using the State Grange building on Wednesdays and Sunday afternoon for \$50.00 a week. Not much information was given as to how long each service would be held and what if any of the kitchen appliances would be used. Jim Tetreault has a list of question to ask the group and will report back at the next meeting.
- Chris Heath reported that Manchester Community Grange would like to continue to use the State Grange Building for their meetings. They have looked at several places in Manchester but they are unable to secure a space at this time.
- Motion made by Donald Ross to continue with our policies with our investors and seconded by Beth Merrill. Vote was favorable.
- 2013 ~ 2014 NH State Grange Budget ~ State Treasurer Dan Bascom presented the proposed budget. Each line was reviewed and changes made as necessary. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the budget and present it to the delegate body. Vote was favorable.
- Election of a Trustees member ~ Jim Tetreault moved that we elected Diane Collins as a members of the Trustees to the Trust Fund, seconded by Donald

Ross. Vote was favorable with one abstention. Secretary is to notify Gail Turcotte.

- Project up dates ~ No change to report.

Next meeting will be October 20, 2013 at 10:00 am at the State Grange Building. The Secretary and Treasurer's books will be audited.

With no further business to discuss and no items for Executive Session a motion was made by Donald Ross and seconded by Jim Tetreault to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed 11:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

**New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Sunday, October 20, 2013  
State Grange Building**

Present: Beth Merrill, Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, James Tetreault, Christopher Heath, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc, Donald Ross, Wilber Heath

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 10:10 am

Minutes of the August 22, 2013 meeting were reviewed and slight corrections made. Motion made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Beth Merrill to approve the amended minutes. Vote was favorable.

Update on Granges:

- Halloween Grange #317 ~ the quarterly reports are up to date but dues payments need to be sent to the State Secretary. If payment is not received by State Session they will not have voting privileges.
- Blackwater Grange #152 is continuing to struggle and has scheduled a November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to hold a vote to consolidate with Blazing Star Grange #71.
- Granite State Grange #149 submitted a resolution to be considered at State Session granting them permission to sell their Grange Hall. The Master of Granite State Grange was notified that this resolution would not be presented as there is an established procedure already in place for Granges to follow when they wish to sell their Grange Hall.

Secretary Report:

- Announced that the following Granges will not have voting privileges at State Session unless all past dues is paid up to June 30, 2013 at the time of delegate registration.

Brookline/Wilton Grange #211, Halloween Grange #317, Hinsdale Grange #358, Pleasant Valley Grange #272 and Northern NH Pomona Grange #5

Treasurer Report:

- Orkin Pest Control ~ bill was received for the pest control service at the State Grange Building. Dan asked if this was still needed and if so, would we want to pay the annual fee up front with a slight discount. After some discussion a motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to discontinue the pest control service. Vote was favorable.
- 2012-2013 NH State Grange Budget. Dan Bascom reported that the State Grange ended the fiscal year in the black without the aide of any withdrawal from principal.
- Dan asked what account should the Organizing Deputy expenses should come from. Currently he is taking from the Deputy Mileage account. It was thought it should come from either Membership or from Grange Growth. Motion made by Donald Ross and seconded by Beth Merrill to take the expenses from the Grange Growth Fund. Following further discussion the vote was favorable.
- 2013-2014 NH State Grange Budget ~ Dan Bascom presented the proposed Income and Expense budgets that will be presented to the delegate body. The following action was taken:
  - Grange Services: Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mark Collins to add a line item of \$150 for the committee's administrative fee. Voted Favorably.
  - Membership Department: They only requested \$2000 for the year. Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Jim Tetreault to lower the budget amount to \$2000. Vote was favorable.

Motion made by Donald Ross and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept and present the amended budget to the delegate body. The vote was favorable.

Youth Department Request: NH will be hosting the 2014 Northeast Regional Youth Conference. Youth Director Sherrill Bokousky is requesting an advance of \$500 to pay the deposit for Rivier University. Motion made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Donald Ross to grant the request. The vote was favorable.

Rental Request: A local church is looking the rent the State Grange Building one night a week and Sunday morning for service and evening for bible study. It is not clear as to which night they would be looking at and there is some concern as to our ability to use the building on Sundays. A motion was made by Jim Tetreault and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the church's request and add the stipulation of a 3, 6, 12 month re-evaluation. The contract and opt out clause will be drafted by Jim and Wilber. The vote was favorable with one abstention.

Next meeting will be Saturday, October 26, 2013 at the Holiday Inn ~ Concord following the close of the afternoon session.

With no further business to discuss and no items for Executive Session a motion was made by Gerald Leclerc and seconded by Wilber Heath to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed 12:10 pm

The Secretary and Treasurer's books were audited following the meeting.

The Executive Committee was called back to session following the State Officers rehearsal at 4:00 pm.

The request from the Youth Department acted upon at the previous meeting had a second request that was overlooked. Sherrill Bokousky was also asking if the NH State Grange could help subsidize the Northeast Regional Youth Conference by paying for the use of the university's meeting space at the cost of \$1000. If the request was granted the cost to the youth attending the conference could be lowered making it more affordable and hopefully attract a larger number of attendees.

After some discussion a motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to subsidize \$150 to NRYC with the stipulation that all the other Northeast States do the same. The vote was favorable.

The meeting closed at 4:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

*The report accepted and ordered printed in the journal*

Arthur Merrill State Assistant Steward and General Deputy approached the Master's station to give his annual reports:

### **Assistant Steward, General Deputy & Kelly Farm Degree Report**

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters;

The office of Assistant Steward is one that has duties for only a few days a year. We load the truck, unload the truck and set up, take it down, load the truck again, and return it all to Hooksett. That takes care of one of my reports.

**General Deputy** - Your Deputy force has again travelled the state from bottom to top, side to side, and all around visiting and helping Pomona and Subordinate Granges. Reports have been filed, and some of the findings are as follows for the 11 Pomona's in our state. One Pomona has only 14 members. How can this Pomona help the Subordinate Granges in its area with this extremely small membership? Do we need to redistrict? The largest Pomona is Merrimack County with 104 members as of June 30. Four Pomona's conferred the fifth degree this year, many with help from other Pomona's. Upper Coos Pomona met for the first time in a few years to do the degree, at that meeting they elected a Master, and are now meeting regularly. Good

luck to them as they work together to help each Grange in Upper Coos Pomona become stronger and more active in the community.

Subordinate Granges- Wicwas Lake Grange of Meredith Center is the largest Grange in the state with 85 members as of June 30. Ida Hutchins is still helping them, Matt Clark works with Hinsdale, Chris Heath with the new Manchester Community Grange, and Rick Bailey works with Londonderry. There are a number of small, weak, and inactive Granges that need our help. I DO NOT think these Granges should close or consolidate, but instead we as the State Grange must work with them so as to make them again strong and active in the community. This past year I have travelled to Boise, Idaho for the 146<sup>th</sup> National Grange session, where among other things I served as Priest Conductor for the 7<sup>th</sup> degree. In January I attended the Northeast Leaders Conference in Maine, and the area meetings. Spring Fling, Degree day and many other events were attended. In June I had the honor to travel to Augusta, Maine and install Vicki Huff as the Master of the Maine State Grange. In September I was able to attend the Big E for 2 days, one of them to help in the Blueberry pie booth. I also attended many Pomona and Subordinate meetings. Thank you to the Deputies for their efforts this year, and I look forward to working with you next year.

**Kelley Farm** - Twenty members from NH attended the historic event at the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm in Elk River, MN in July. Five of our young people served as officers during the conferral of the first degree as exemplified in 1873, when the degrees were separate for men and women. Matt Clark- Overseer, Lynn Clark- Lecturer, Anne Boisvert- Steward, Adam Paquin-Varnum- Secretary and a member of the chorus, and Mary West- Flora all did a great job as about 400 members and non-members from across the country witnessed this once in a lifetime event. Ask about that wonderful song “Yellow Corn”. I had the pleasure of being the captain of this group of young people from the Northeast region. Many of us drove the more than 3000 miles round trip, and all have many stories to tell, just ask. Would all those that attended the Kelley Farm event please rise? Do any of you have anything to add about our trip to Minnesota?

Fraternally Submitted:  
Arthur Merrill, Assistant Steward &  
Grange, General Deputy, NH State Grange  
Kelley Farm experience Captain

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

State Lecturer, Hannah West was called on to give her annual report:

### **Lecturer's Report for State Session 2013**

To attract good fortune, spend a new penny on an old friend, share an old pleasure with a new friend and lift up the heart of a true friend by writing his name on the wings of a dragon.

-- **Chinese Proverb**

My fellow Grangers:

This has been a pretty calm year for the State Lecturer. Our State Master was holding Growth Summits rather than Area Meetings, and there was only one Degree Day. With the shortened time period for Northeast Lecturers' Conference there was one fewer workshop, and I was not scheduled to present one. In addition I had an excellent Lecturer's Committee who provided plenty of help.

Chris Heath again ran the Bowling Event in March. There were some new faces this year and new winners in many cases. There was quite a crop of children as well. The next generation of bowlers is coming right along. We hope to see many of you at Lakeside Lanes in March of 2014.

The Variety Show and Penny Sale took place in April, and this year a light lunch was added to the event. After the food bills were paid, the Lecturer's Department was able to donate \$223 toward travel expenses of the NH Youth who were travelling to the Kelley Farm to exemplify the Historic First Degrees in July. I wish to thank all those who helped. Allissa Estes, Amy Schunemann, Sherrill Bokousky, Mary West, and Kevin Belval worked on the lunch. Cam Twiss, Carolee Davison, and Mary West handled the Penny Sale set-up and ticket sales. Kevin Belval was MC for the Variety Show and read the Penny Sale numbers. The Variety Show truly had variety this year. Participation increased over last year, and there was an age spread representative of Grange members from juniors to retirees. Jordan Durand of Wicwas Lake Grange was Best of Show with a vocal solo. She has another commitment at the time of the State Grange Celebration Banquet, but she will be performing at the National Grange Night of Excellence in November.

The Maine State Lecturer was unable to coordinate a Maine/New Hampshire event this year, so it did not happen. When I approached the new Vermont State Lecturer about a VT/NH event in 2014 she looked a bit stricken, so that event may not happen either. The Grange towns on both sides of the NH/VT border do not line up well and it is hard to find a meeting place that does not involve excessive driving for Grangers in one state or the other. I'm not giving up on it totally, but these neighborly events may be due for a rest followed by a re-evaluation.

A dozen Grangers from New Hampshire participated in the North East Lecturers' Conference in New Haven, Connecticut this year. Kevin Belval wrote New Hampshire's program, and it was very well received. Who would have thought that the topic "Places of Worship" would fit into a game show format, but Kevin made it work. The conference was reduced from four days to three in an effort to keep the costs down. The new schedule seemed to work well. Now that colleges are using their space nearly year-round, we will be seeing other changes in schedules and

meeting places in the years to come. The 2014 NE Lecturers' Conference will be held somewhere in New York. More information will be coming early next year.

Contest entries increased this year with the exception of Creative Writing. I thank you for your participation, and I hope that even more will enter the contests next year. I'm bringing back the Cinquains for 2014. Lecturers are able to work these short poems into a Grange program, and I am hoping for good participation. I was pleased to see some new names, especially among entrants for the Create-a-Card Contest. There are new topics in the Photography contest, so check with your Lecturer before you start snapping. The People category remains general, but the other two subjects are Farm Animals, and Churches.

With the National Grange Convention in New Hampshire this year I did not actively seek donations for the Lecturer's Talent Fund. Some Granges sent contributions anyway, and that money has been set aside for use in 2014. Next year the convention will move to a different region and our Talent Winner will have to travel. If each Grange donated ten dollars there would be nearly six hundred dollars in the Talent Fund by October. I know that some Granges give more than ten dollars, but the total collection in recent years has been more like two hundred fifty dollars. This observation tells me that many Granges are not doing their part. Please consider putting the Lecturer's Talent Fund into your Grange budget this year.

I have prepared a Lecturer's booklet with program suggestions, contest rules, and useful information. It is part of the envelope of information the delegates will bring home to their Granges. If you are a Lecturer, please read it. If you are not a Lecturer, please ask your Lecturer to read it or ask to borrow it. I only wish I could travel to each Grange and read it aloud. Consider reproducing the contest rules and distributing them to individual members of your Grange. This year I have included the annual report form in the booklet. There are two forms, one for Subordinate Granges and one for Pomona Granges.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannah West, State Lecturer

I will now recognize the winners of this year's State Lecturer's contests by reading their names. Bowlers and Variety Show winners already have their prizes, but I have envelopes for the other winners if they will see me at break time.

Here are the winners of this year's contests and events:

**Bowling**

**Class A Men's**

High Single - Andrew Savage 98

High Triple – Andrew Savage 266

**Class B Men's**

High Single - Matthew Clark 100

High Triple - Dan Bascom 266

**Class C Men's**

High Single - Paul King 104

High Triple - Paul King 104

**Class D Men's**

High Single - Greg Overlook 95

High Triple - Greg Overlook 230

**Class A Women's**

High Single - Mary Dowes score 99

High Triple - Mary Dowes score 273

**Class B Women's**

High Single - Lois Enman 95

High Triple - Lois Enman 269

**Class C Women's**

High Single - Ruth Russell 90

High Triple - Annette Lemieux 236

**Class D Women's**

High Single - Jesse Bailey 92

High Triple - Jesse Bailey 255

**Team Standings**

1st Place - Henry Wilson 1215

2nd Place - Wingold 1213

3rd Place - Rochester 1210

**Variety Show**

**Vocal**

1<sup>st</sup> – Jordan Durand, Wicwas Lake Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Stu Light, Manchester Grange

**Instrumental**

1st Place – Kathy Yardley, Walpole Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nate Perreault, Daniel Webster Grange

**Variety**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Wicwas Lake Juniors

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ralph Russell Group, Henry Wilson & Centennial Granges

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tie) – Cam Twiss, Watatic Grange

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tie) – Stephen Tracy

**Best of Show**

Jordan Durand, Wicwas Lake Grange

## **Art**

### **Oils & Acrylics**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ruth Pelton, Hampton Falls Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange

### **Charcoal, Pastels, and Pencil**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Roberta Sliva, Hampton Falls Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Pamela Kimball, Meriden Grange

### **Watercolors**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – C. Ann Leger, Winthrop Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Philip Clark – Gilman Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Marie Hall – Gilman Grange

### **Multi-Media**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Beth Merrill – Antrim Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Gail Turcotte – Rochester Grange

### **Digital Photography**

#### **Barns**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Shelley Huntoon, Concord Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Bonnie Lampman, Rockingham Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange

#### **People**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Shelley Huntoon, Concord Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Lois Enman, Rochester Grange

### **Wild Birds or Animals**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Shelley Huntoon, Concord Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Henry Ingham, Blow-Me-Down Grange

### **Traditional Photography**

#### **Barns**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Carol Hill, Rockingham Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange

#### **People**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange

### **Wild Animals**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – C. Ann Leger, Winthrop Grange

**Create-a-Card**

**Category I A - Handmade Valentine**

1<sup>st</sup> – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange

**Category IB – Handmade Birthday for a Child**

1<sup>st</sup> – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lois Enman, Rochester Grange

**Category I C – Handmade Thinking of You**

1<sup>st</sup> – Karen Gritzke, Blow-Me-Down Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Sandra Dennis, Rockingham Grange

3<sup>rd</sup> – Camilie Twiss, Watatic Grange

**Category II – Computer Generated**

**Class A -Valentine**

1<sup>st</sup> – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange

**Class B – Birthday for a Child**

1<sup>st</sup> – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange

**Class C – Thinking of You**

1<sup>st</sup> – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange

**Category III – Stamped**

**Class A – Valentine**

1<sup>st</sup> – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

3<sup>rd</sup> - Ellie Murray, Baker’s River Grange

**Class B – Birthday for a Child**

1<sup>st</sup> – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Alice Tuck, Rochester Grange

3<sup>rd</sup> – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

**Class C – Thinking of You**

1<sup>st</sup> – Ellie Murray, Baker’s River Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange

3<sup>rd</sup> – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

**Creative Writing**

**“Read the Book”**

1<sup>st</sup> – Camilie Twiss, Watatic Grange

**“Tell the Story”**

1<sup>st</sup> – Janet Sherrod, Hampton Falls Grange

**“Poetry”**

1<sup>st</sup> - Pamela Kimball, Meriden Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Charlene Hooper, Joe English Grange

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Richard Patten State Historian was escorted to the Master’s station to give his annual report:

**State Historian Report 2013**

Worthy State Master, National Grange Special Guests, Patrons all!

I can't believe another year has passed and we are in the Capital City for our annual session. It was in 1994 that we came together for the annual session in this same hotel and in the same ballroom. The State Master in 1994 was Paul Davis and I was State Overseer. It was a truly magical year because on Saturday, I would be elected to become the new State Master. I couldn't believe the honor and the work that would come with this office.

As I look out today and try to imagine who was sitting in the two front rows, it is sad that none of those members are with us today. I am sure they are holding their own State Grange session looking down at us. It is honor to write about them and all they accomplished in this great organization. It has been close to twenty years ago, but looks at the history that has been recorded in those twenty years.

I have been very busy this year as your State Historian. I appreciate anyone who has referred people to me, but I also appreciate the efforts of Wayne Turcotte in keeping the Grange Web Page up to date. I have been told from people that they found my name on the web page. I have been busy looking up names of family members who were past members of the Grange. They have been trying to locate their grandparents or parents by finding out when they belonged and what they did. The problem being in many cases is some of the books I need are either down in the basement of the State Grange building in boxes that we haven't looked into or the books have been given to town historical societies or libraries. This happened in Effingham Grange and Scammel Grange where the books are missing. They are trying to rebuild on land where Effingham Grange used to be or trying to prove the Grange had signed paperwork allowing the land to be sold.

Independence Grange in Groton is another classic case. I found out that a granddaughter of the secretary of that Grange had books in her keeping. The granddaughter will not relinquish the books. I had been hoping that she would at least photocopy the pages, but as of today, nothing has been received. There have been other cases where it has been a joy to work with volunteers to transfer the Secretary Minute Books. I have been pleased to distribute Lake Grange of Sunapee, Fremont Grange, Strawberry Bank of Portsmouth, North Star Grange of Stewartstown, the town of Haverhill NH which had 4 Granges at one time, Ossipee Mountain Grange, Union and New Union Granges of Hopkinton, Freedom and Lebanon Granges. I would like to thank

State Lecturer Hannah West, Anne Louise & Marty Boisvert, and Mary West Belval for helping me to go into the basement of the State Grange building to look for these books. I especially want to thank them and Chris Heath for finding Pineconia Grange's books. We are getting ready for our 100th anniversary next year and trying to find them was a puzzle. Thank goodness one day, lo and behold they were found. I am hopeful that someday we could have a work session and bring all those boxes upstairs in the Grange Hall and sort them out and see if we can distribute more. Because most of them are moldy or water damaged from year's past, we need to get them back now or the histories of these Granges will be lost forever.

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 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.

I decided to look at 1963 - just think 50 years ago. Where were you 50 years ago? Do you remember the terrible events that happened on November 22? I was in 6th grade and didn't understand what was the word assassinated meant. I remember my grandparents watching Television and couldn't understand what was happening. Then my dad explained to me what had happened. Now let's take a few minutes and see what was going in the State Grange in 1963.

The 90th annual session was held at Laconia Junior High School with State Master Asa Morgan proceeding. There are only two State Officers still living from the slate that opened the session, then State Steward, Carl Adams and State Pomona Mrs. Kathlyn Quig. It was also at this session that Carl Adams became the new State Master who would serve a 4 year term. It was reported that 178 Granges completed Community Service Projects and submitted reports. The winning Granges were: Madison Cascade, 1st; Pine Grove, 2nd; and Bear Hill Grange, 3rd. The State Secretary reported a Pomona Grange membership of 8,859 members, 20,180 Subordinate Grange members; and 983 Juvenile Grange members. The General Deputy George Currier reported the Pomona's receiving highest score in their district were; District 1, Northern NH Pomona; District 2, Androscoggin Valley; District 3, Suncook Valley; District 4, Eastern New Hampshire; District 5, Belknap County; and District 6, Union Pomona. The top 5 Subordinate Granges were: 1st, Harmony Grange of Sanbornton; 2nd, Ezekiel Webster of Boscawen; 3rd, Silver Mountain, Lempster; 4th, Effingham of Effingham; 5th, Monroe of Monroe. The top Granges in their districts were: Dist 1, Frontier; Dist 2, Elmwood; Dist. 3, Mt. Hope; Dist. 4, Monroe; Dist. 5, Rumney; Dist. 6, Lower Intervale; Dist. 7, Winthrop; Dist. 8, The Weirs; Dist. 9, Harmony; Dist. 10, Catamount; Dist. 11, Crown Point; Dist. 12, Effingham; Dist. 13, Scammell; Dist. 14, Capital; Dist.. 15, Junior; Dist. 16, Ezekiel Webster; Dist. 17, Silver Mountain; Dist. 18, Lebanon; Dist. 19, Cornish; Dist. 20, Marlboro; Dist. 21, Trojan; Dist. 22, Brookline; Dist. 23, Pelham; Dist. 24, Uncanoouc; Dist. 25, Granite; Dist. 26, Gilman; Dist. 27, Wattannick; Dist. 28, Rochester.

There were 108 candidates to receive the lessons of the Degree of Flora or Sixth Degree. Is there anyone we know from that Class of 1963, Lester Bradley, Nicholas Cotsibas, Albert Noyes Jr., Thelma Peaslee, and George M. Standley. State Flora Dorothy McLain thanked all for their assistance in her 4 years as State Flora.

Now it is time to come back to 2013 and resume this report.

As I stated earlier, we lost more members to the Great Grange Above. It makes me think more and more about how precious life is when I start to see members from when I joined the Grange in 1966, which were so active being called to serve the Great Master of the Universe. When I sat here Thursday evening and listened to the State Secretary read the list of names who were called to Heaven Grange # 1 by our Great Master along with members whose names aren't called because they were not a Past Master, Spouse of a Past Master, or Past Patron or Matron of the Juvenile (Junior) Grange, during the Memorial Service by our State Chaplain, it makes you realize how precious and short life is.

The following are members who never served in the Pink Sash Family. I didn't remember some of them but to their Grange they left a legacy or history that will be missed. It is difficult to replace these members who belonged for many years, cooked for many public uppers, gave rides to other members so they could come to meetings.

I read the obituary for the late Bradford Brooks of Mohawk Grange. What an incredible man who did so much for Colebrook and Mohawk Grange. I read all the things he did, what history this man wrote for his Grange and community. I enjoyed reading about how he made sure Colebrook had Christmas lights on the poles each holiday season. He took it upon himself to make sure Christmas came to Colebrook. He was involved in many town activities along with Mohawk Grange.

Francis Felton served as Master for Mount Hope Grange of Landaff for many years. He was a major cog in that Grange and will be missed by all who knew him. Harold Burns was a member of Mount Washington Grange, Whitefield. He may have been an active member, but it was his political life that he is well known for. Harold served in the NH House of Representatives for many years and was known as Mr. Speaker for several years. He served as Speaker of the House with his portrait hanging in the State House. I have heard many stories about Harold and know that he was well respected for his dedication to his constituents.

Marion Esty was a quiet lady, who attended many meetings always willing to do whatever asked of her. She traveled with Richard Currier, Elizabeth Cotsibas and friends from Harmony Grange. She attended Merrimack County Pomona and then we didn't see her much. I found that she had belonged to Baker's River. I am sure she is visiting with Elizabeth and her Grange friends offering to do what she can.

Violet Boulet served Pembroke Grange extremely well being secretary for over 35 years. She was a member who would sit and take the minutes, offering to help on refreshments, drive members to meetings or do whatever was necessary to make sure her Grange prospered. She was someone who never spoke badly about her organization.

This year we had several more members of the Pink Sash Family called to serve our Lord. The Great Master of Heaven Grange # 1 must have felt he needed more piano players.

Not too long after last year's State Session, Ralph Pugh, who served as State Pianist for State Master Dan Bascom, was called to play the piano. Ralph was a quiet guy but he knew how to play the piano. He was an excellent musician and he was a dedicated member of Lewis W. Nute Grange. He was so honored to be selected as State Pianist and served very honorably.

Recently, Shirley Waters left our fraternal circle to join her Grange friends from Chichester and Suncook Valley Pomona who are serving our Lord. Shirley was a member of the State Family Activities, Community Service, helping to promote the various contests. She loved her home on Route 4 just outside of Concord where she had a small pond in her back yard where many geese or ducks would fly in for a visit. Shirley was not afraid to offer an opinion about how the Grange should be doing things. She was a dedicated and committed member, losing a valet fight against cancer which would end her life.

Losing State Chaplain Emeritus Hugh Clark took the happiness out of the holiday season. I talked to him at last year's Deputy School and Leader's Conference. I couldn't believe how fast he left us. Hugh and I shared something special as we both became State Officers the same year. I, as State Lecturer and he, as State Chaplain. Debbie and I along with Hugh and Virginia shared many fun times together. I will always remember him singing Old New Hampshire a song that most people in today's world don't even know exists. Hugh delivered many inspirational prayers and sermons at our State Sessions. Hugh served this State Grange very well as a Past Master of Surry Grange and Cheshire County Pomona Grange. He served as a Deputy for the NH State Grange under several State Masters. He knew his Grange work very well. He was called to the office State Chaplain and many times you would think he was an ordained minister. Although he served as a Deacon for his church, he could have been called Rev. Clark as well. I am sure he is now giving a sermon or helping Rev Arlington Wry, another State Chaplain in this State Grange with a Memorial Service.

Lena Falconer served this State Grange as a State Committee She and her sister the late Clarice Corkum traveled many miles in the Northern Sector. They weren't afraid to travel down south to attend meetings. They always had a humor to whatever situations they encountered. Lena and her husband Bruce served Frontier Grange in the most northern part of New Hampshire next to Vermont and Canada. She certainly earned the title of well done, good and faithful servant.

For a couple of years, we couldn't seem to locate Annie Vincent. Then all of sudden, her death notice surprised many people who were not aware where she was living or how to contact her. I first met Annie in 1968 at a State Grange Session in Concord. I had no idea who she was, but she knew her Grange work. She served as Past State Master Carl Adams' Pianist. She would later come back to serve Past State Master Paul Davis as his Pianist as well. She would serve on several Installing Suite's playing the piano. I think one of her hardest roles was to play for Ed Pratt's funeral. It was Millie's request that she play Grange songs during the funeral. She did it with dignity and Ed would have been so proud. She and Thelma Brusseau were like sisters going to many Grange meetings becoming members of State committees. I know they were sad when Junior Grange and Union Pomona Grange closed, but they still stayed active. Annie's late husband Scott was a Subordinate Deputy for many years until his death. Her second husband, the late Rev. Earle Vincent became active and traveled with her to Grange meetings. Annie as with Ralph Pugh is busy playing piano for our Lord.

Ellen Dorr lived to be 102 years old, what a history this Grange member wrote. She served on the State Home Economics Committee for many years along being an active member of Mount Washington Grange. When Mount Washington Grange closed, she continued her membership at Riverside Grange. Ellen could talk about many changes in the Grange, but always kept a smile and her Grange spirit. Ellen would travel with Roy Dot Birard to many Grange functions.

I was sitting in a city council meeting when John Saturley Jr. sent me a text saying his dad has passed away. John L. Saturley will be remembered by many of us for his undying love for this organization. When I took the sixth degree in 1969 I couldn't believe the voice coming over the microphone in darkness. It was so impressive and I mean impressive. When I became State Master, I said to myself if I can learn the State Master's part at least good as John, I will feel that I have done something right. My dad worked for John at Concord Lumber and he told dad that he wouldn't rest until I was in the State Master's chair. I was so honored when State Master Dan Bascom appointed me as Historian. I have cherished this position so much. John and I spoke many times about the history and what direction I should take. I wish so many of our new members could have had the opportunity to have seen him as State Master and then as Priest Archon in Assembly of Demeter.

I finished the book I began writing three years ago, rewriting and rewriting. However I wanted to write a book that had a story to it, remembering funny moments, recalling games that were played at Youth Nights, and highlighted members that were so active played a major part in the State Grange. When I talk about past members, how many here remember Dorothy McLain, Scott Eastman, Ralph Emerson, Alton Carpenter, Herbert West, Everett Poore to name a few. Or how about Marjorie Emery, Betty Conery, or Elizabeth Cournoyer and their dedication to their Granges especially the Junior Grange. The book has been edited and ready to be published. However, I do not have the funds to have it printed. So until someone comes along and decides it should be published, it is sitting in a folder. I have started another book talking about the history from 1998 to 2011. I will be focusing on the past administrations and what has transpired since then.

I was in hopes of having a State Historian Luncheon this year to celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary that we are going to start in December. However after talking to a few members along with my wife, I decided that it was too much of a risk to have a luncheon. I knew who I wanted to honor from our Past Pink Sash members as they are getting along in years, but I was not convinced the delegates or non-delegates would purchase tickets. I was able to get a catered luncheon for \$15.00 at a location where Concord Grange had their awards night. However, it was suggested I should announce it here today that next year at the session I would be having a 140<sup>th</sup> Historian luncheon.

I am also talking with our State Master about planning a few events to celebrate our 140<sup>th</sup> in 2014 possibly with Concord who is doing their 100<sup>th</sup>. I say this because look back and see how many celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> and no longer with us here today. Now look to 150 and think who might be here then, I feel that it is important to celebrate every milestone.

I still have many printed history books that were printed in 1998 that could be donated to a local Library or Historical Society. I have also received calls from towns that have found Grange materials and not sure what to do with them. Please let me know if these are found. Most of the materials if in good condition can be taken to Hooksett.

In closing, I would like to thank our State Master James Tetreault for allowing me to continue my research as State Historian. A big thank you to State Secretary Gerald Leclerc for his help in sending out letters and updating to me the deceased members list; and to Wayne Turcotte for all of his computer savvy. And to my wife, Debbie for her patience when I leave State Grange Journals in my chair or just plain out. As I said before I enjoy reading them because I continue to remember people or past sessions.

I have read and reread many times what others have written and it comes back to me many times when I read *The Grange, A Century of Service in New Hampshire* by John Saturley. He wrote about the first State Master for the New Hampshire State Grange, Dudley T. Chase, 1873 to 1879 and all that he did for the beginning years for this State Grange. It bothered him that no tribute was paid to him by the State Grange upon his passing. He felt that his fearless leadership, during the first six years of the existence of the Grange in New Hampshire had a great deal to do with the growth of Agriculture and the lasting effect which the Grange has had in towns and cities in the State. This made me think a lot about this because it seems we are quick to criticize someone for their visions whether it agrees with our way of thinking or not. We all have our roads that we travel whether it is popular or not. We should appreciate what they are doing for this great organization.

I enjoy serving as Historian as I continue to do research on this wonderful organization that has given so much to me. I would like to wish everyone a very successful 2014 and remember you are writing history as you sit here today. How do you want to be remembered by your friends in the Grange?

Fraternally

Dick Patten, State Historian.  
NH State Grange

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

The grange was declared at recess until 3:00 PM

The New Hampshire Grange Foundation held its annual meeting with President Robert Haefner presiding.

Following the foundation meeting the afternoon session closed in the fourth degree at 3:58 pm.

### **Friday evening session**

The Friday evening session was called to order by State Master James Tetreault at 7:30 pm, preceded by the marching in of the State Officers. Kerriann Heath served as Flag Bearer for the evening.

Roll call found all present except Musician, Lester Gibbs. Past pianist Marie Hall served as musician.

Prior to the opening General Deputy Arthur Merrill obligated the Fifth Degree on 9 candidates.

State Secretary Gerald Leclerc read the application of Shawn Scanzani of Hudson Grange and 34 other candidates, David LaFond, Wicwas Lake Grange, Karl George, Wicwas Lake Grange, Denise Hoitt, Manchester Community Grange, Stephen Zajchowski, Wicwas Lake Grange, Chuck Norwood, Wicwas Lake Grange, Carrie Sweetman, Wicwas Lake Grange, Bob Burack Wicwas Lake Grange, Jeanne Frizzell, Antrim Grange, Stephen Frizzell, Antrim Grange, Sarah Leonard, Hinsdale Grange, Ricky Lee Silvernale, Hinsdale Grange, Sandra Dennis, Rockingham Grange, Ellie Murray, Bakers River Grange, Margaret SanVain, Peterborough Grange, Nancy Berry, Wicwas Lake Grange, Carolee Davison, Chichester Grange, Russell Fabian, Wicwas Lake Grange, Francis Muzzey, Baker's River Grange, Haven Hayes Jr Mohawk Grange, Peggy HaynesMohawk Grange, David Colburn, Lower Intervale Grange, Annette W. Mitchell, Lower Intervale, Sharon Stickney, Antrim Grange, Dawne Hugron, Antrim Grange, Jordan Durand Wicwas Lake Grange, Amanda Wiggin Harmony Grange, Lester Boynton Wicwas Lake Grange, Brenda Brady Portee, Jeremiah Smith Grange, F James Brady, Jeremiah Smith Grange, Kathleen R. Allen, Peterborough Grange, Juzi Best, Claremont Grange, Valerie Merrill, Chichester Grange, Mathew Best, Claremont Grange, Beverly E. Edwards, Concord Grange

#### Special Court:

Frances Towne  
Dick Patten  
Pat Bailey  
Rick Bailey  
RachelScanzani  
Virginia Clark  
Paul Davis  
Carolyn Ross  
Joann Brandt  
Dot Haskins  
Marjorie Huntoon  
Kim Bascom  
Francine Leclerc  
Diane Collins

Court:

Flora Ann Leger

Personal Attendants:

Sherrill Bokousky

Gloria Davis

Court Ladies: Pat Izzo

Luica Savage

Debra Patten

Lois Enman

Alice Tuck

Doris Mitton

Pomona: Ida Hutchins

Attendants: Debra Stone

Milly Ingalls

Ceres: Tricia Taylor

Attendants: Donna Sprauge

Lisa Moran Windsor

Rose Drill Participants:

Anne Bosivert

Andrew Savage

Larissa Grant

Emilie Leclerc

Rachel Scanzani

Mary West

Lynn Clark

Sarah Leclerc

State Master James Tetreault announced that State Musician, Lester Gibbs, is also the Chaplain of the Vermont State Grange and currently attending the Vermont State Session. He thanked Marie Hall, Past State Pianist for filling in.

Pete Pompper National Lecturer was called on for a few words. He encouraged the new members to go back to their granges and look at the lessons of our degree work he also challenged Lecturers come up with program about the lessons.

Vicky Huff newly elected master of the Maine State Grange welcomed our new members and hope they will be going to Manchester to take the 7th degree.

Jody Cameron Master CT State Grange reminded us that we too were kids with ideas and suggestions. He also suggested that we have a sense of humor.

Steve Logan Master RI State Grange commented on age and one thing about it is you become wiser. He commended the Youth on the great rose drill and Flora for her beautiful court.

The Assistants presented the members of the assembly of Demeter each were presented a token Hannah West, 2002-2006 Dan & Kimber Bascom 1998- 2002 Beth & Arthur Merrill 2006-2010 Paul & Rhoda Davis 1990-1994 Richard & Debra Patten 1994-1998.

### **Saturday Morning**

The third day of the 140th annual session of the New Hampshire State Grange was called to order by Youth Master Sarah Leclerc at 8:05 am. The opening was preceded by an impressive drill performed by the Youth Officers. State Officers were at their station to get them.

Roll call of officers found all State Officers present except for Musician Lester Gibbs, Marie Hall served in his absence.

Roll call of Youth Officers found the following present:

Master	Sarah Leclerc	Hudson Grange
Overseer	Emilie Leclerc	Hudson Grange
Chaplin	Adam Paquin-Varnum	Antrim Grange
Lecturer	Anne Boisvert	Chichester Grange
Steward	Stewart Light	Manchester Community Grange
Asst. Steward	Davi Penny	Antrim Grange
L. Asst. Steward	Lynn Clark	Prentice Hill Grange
Gatekeeper	Norman Brandt	Wingold Grange
Treasurer	Bob Paquin-Varnum	Antrim Grange
Secretary	Rachel Scanzani	Hudson Grange
Flora	Larissa Grant	Arlington Grange
Pomona	Sandra Marcoux	Watatic Grange
Ceres	Mary West	Chichester Grange
Executive Committee	Amy Schuneman	Somersworth Grange
	Alissa Estes	Somersworth Grange
	Keriann Heath	Centennial Grange
Musician	Marie Hall	Gilman Grange

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

The minutes of the Friday session were read and approved by the delegates.

National Lecturer Pete Pompper was introduced and escorted to the Masters station: His remarks included congratulating the youth for the opening march and opening of the grange. NH should be proud of the accomplishments of our youth.

Sherrill Bokousky, Youth Director was escorted to the Master's station to present her annual report.

### **Youth Report**

Worthy Master, Guests, Delegates, and Grangers all,

I am here to give you my report of activities for the Youth Department. The year began with a period of time spent on planning, phone conversations, emails, and Facebook notifications to bring the NH Youth the information about what is available in the program. February 2<sup>nd</sup> was the first meeting for the Youth Association. We gathered at the State Grange Building in Hooksett for the day and began the youth work for NH. The agenda for the day started with Youth Officer testing, Grange knowledge testing. Drill team sign ups were also held through the day at the registration table. The Community Service project which we shared with the Junior Department was started during the morning hours. The Junior Grangers that were present decorated lunch bags with a valentine theme and the youth sorted and bagged treats for the lunch bags. We made 100 bags to be donated to the NH Food Bank. I went to the NH Food Bank and our donation was enthusiastically received. Watatic Grange prepared and served a terrific lunch of soup and sandwiches. The afternoon was spent with the completion of the Community Service work and following that we had time scheduled for the Department heads to give details of each of their programs and answer any questions.

Dinner was at 5:30, and I give a large thank you to Watatic Grange for cooking and serving great meals throughout the day. The meeting proceeded after dinner with Sarah Leclerc as Master. During the Lecturer's program we had a youth raffle drawing and the first drawing the NH State Grange Fundraising 1/20 club. During the meeting I asked all Youth to stand and be recognized. It is encouraging to see the commitment of these young people as they do the Grange work. Glow bowling was held Friday April 19th at Merrimack Ten Pin. We had 10 bowlers and had a great time. This is also our Caroline Hall Grangers Care fundraiser. The bowlers had a sponsor sheet to collect donations that will go to the NH Food Bank and the National Youth Leadership fund. The deadline for sponsors was June 1 and donations were made.

Youth nights were held around the state. There were different themes and activities that all could enjoy and a great opportunity to recognize Youth work around the state.

June Summer youth rally June was held on June 7, 8, and 9 at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia. This weekend was planned as a time to relax and still do the youth work we needed to finish. The camp had a variety of activities planned including a scheduled zip line adventure. We were not able to zip line because we arrived to rain Friday night and misting Saturday morning. So the agenda changed a little by having some indoor time and we worked on the youth contest of recycled art. All items completed will be judged in the contest and later be used in a Community Service project being worked by Watatic Grange and Southern NH Services which delivers foods to Meals on Wheels. The morning workshop for deaf activities was made and presented by Sandra Bokousky-Marcoux. Everyone had a chance to learn a little bit about hearing loss. Following that all learned to finger spell the alphabet and some signed their names.

Saturday afternoon activities were the Public Speaking and sign a song contests. After the contests we were able to go outside and take part in a drill workshop that was presented by Matthew Clark. Matt developed a drill march with a spiral, pinwheel and crisscrossing lines and after a few instructions he set us to work. Following that we all some free time before supper. It was still damp outside so we had some rainy day card games going on and great relax time. The Youth meeting with all attending was held Saturday evening after supper around a campfire. Business done was election of officers. Great weekend even though it was wet. All who attended had a great time. We will be going there again next year.

The Northeast Regional Youth Conference was hosted by Vermont this year and was held at the Vermont Grange Center. Three from NH attended the full weekend with five more coming in for the day on Saturday for the Public speaking and sign a song contests. I am pleased to say that Marie Hall and Davi Penny place first in their categories and will be participating in National Session's Evening of Excellence in November.

We have begun the work to give more awareness to the National Achievement Awards. This is a great way to show youth work. Our workshops during the day were two of the ways to earn seals. The people who traveled to Minnesota received certificates with seals on them. Also earning seals were the participants of public speaking and sign a song. This is open to Youth and Young at Heart.

The youth reports and contest entries were due by October 1<sup>st</sup>. I really did not get many reports this year but I ask all to try for next year. The reports tell me how to provide a program that fits and how well we are doing. I am pleased to report that the high score for the subordinate award is Watatic Grange with a score of 2000 points. The high score for the Pomona award is Suncook Valley Pomona with 420 points. Congratulations to both for a job well done.

The contests we have this year for NH are Calendar Contest and Recycled Art. All recycled art that we made at June Rally will be used for a Community Service project. The winner of the Photo Scavenger Hunt is Mary West of Chichester Grange with a special mention to Kathie Wolfe for her work to find all the answers and make a book that was fun to see.

I look forward to the next year and the work ahead. 2014 will be a big year for us as we host the Northeast Regional Conference. We have a great deal of work ahead and use the theme "One Degree More" as we power up the Grange Youth engine.

Fraternally,

Sherrill Bokousky, Youth Director  
New Hampshire State Grange

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Joann Brand Junior Director was escorted to the Masters station to give her report

## **JUNIOR REPORT**

Worthy Master, State Officers, Distinguished Guests, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters

It is an honor to serve as your Junior Director. The Junior Grange is back.

I have the pleasure this year to announce a Junior Grange as been formed on the State level: New Hampshire State Junior Grange. I started with visiting Hillsborough County Pomona and obligated 6 Juniors and traveled the next day to Hinsdale Grange and obligated 11 more members. During the State Talent our Worthy Master State Master, Jim Tetreault; Youth Director, Sherrill Bokousky and State Chaplain, Matt Clark obligated 5 more from Wicwas Lake Grange which I thank them all, while I was making pies for my Grange supper that evening. I heard of the great job done by the members of Wicwas Lake Grange in the talent program. I returned to Hinsdale for their next month's meeting and obligated 1 more for a total of 23 members as of June 30. I had decided that this was the best course to get the Juniors currently scattered around New Hampshire involved. If there is a Grange in the State that has been in existence for two years, holding regular meetings and obtains a group of young people totaling 18, we will work to open a Junior Grange. Until anyone has enough to start their own, I will be willing to visit your Grange and obligate them into the State Junior Grange and hope you will take time to bring them to Junior activities.

Now that we have only obligated all of these young members, I would like to ask for past junior members to assist me in doing the Junior degree on them so they know how the degree is performed. I would like to set a time in April, 2014, to put on a degree for these Juniors and if there are more interested in joining, this would be a perfect time to add them. April is when we had enough members to file for a charter.

I attended the Northeast Leaders conference in Maine in January, and discovered the craft for Eastern States Exposition was to be a craft using a zipper or a drawing of one with the theme "Unzip the word about Junior Grange".

I received 11 drawings and the results are listed at the Junior display and attached to my report for the Journal of Proceedings.

Thank you to the Youth Director and Youth for allowing the Juniors to take part in the dining area while parents were working on youth activities at February Youth Rally. We decorated paper bags with hearts for Valentines Day and helped the youth fill bags with cookies, candy and crackers to be sent to the food bank. We made key rings with hemp and beads, made peanut butter and seed pinecones for their birds at home, and started working on collages. A total of 10 children attended the day's events but did not arrive at the same time in order to begin our charter members.

Bowling was enjoyed with the parents with eight junior age bowlers. Thank you to Chris Heath and his team for the work they did.

This year we held an August Fun Day with twelve children, parents and friends at the State Grange Building. Beginning with get acquainted games until everyone arrived, we then gathered

to learn to finger spell with Marie Hall leading the workshop. Everyone left with handouts to assist them in learning more, even cards to play with sign language. While waiting for lunch, everyone made a card to be sent to the Pease Greeters to send to soldiers overseas.

They all made their own dessert before we ate lunch, "Ice Cream in a bag" and while adults cleaned up from lunch, Sherrill Bokousky and Sandra Marcoux lead them marching around the hall with Marie Hall assisting with the piano. There were 7 children who decided to become Juniors and were obligated making our total to date at 30 members. Thanks to all of the Adults helping with our activities: Camilie Twiss for work preparing lunch and clean up and M&M Cookies; Sherry Bokousky and Sandra Bokousky leading marching with the Juniors; Lois Enman assisting little fingers in sign language and making cards; Laura Gotauco, Nicole Brandt and Sandra filling ice cream baggies for the children; Chris Heath for scooping ice and salt; Marie for all her work in preparing the folders and spending the day with us, ending up playing the piano for marching.

I placed displays in Stratham Fair, Rochester Fair and Deerfield Fair to show the Juniors are coming back. If anyone would like to cover other fairs for us, I would love assistance.

Attending Deerfield Fair, there was a gentleman who heard us saying there are new Granges happening and he asked for more information to join and we passed the contact information on to the grange in his area. I hope if you received a card from someone interested in joining that you will work to bring them in to our Granges.

I know we have a lot more work to grow our Junior Grangers and I welcome your assistance and ideas. I have chosen for this year's theme "Let's Celebrate! 125 years Seeding a Future with Junior Grange"

Attached is a list of all contest winners in Holiday cards, collages, and unzip the word about Junior Grange along with one in place in the Junior display. I was able to obtain from National Grange the Charter Members' Certificates and if children are here they may take them at the end of the weekend.

I have Junior Grange Booster ribbons for \$1.00 for anyone wishing to be a Junior Booster. This money will be earmarked for the June Camp weekend to be held with the Youth.

Remember with everything that has happened to you, you can either feel sorry for yourself or treat what has happened as a gift. Everything is either an opportunity to grow or an obstacle to keep you from growing. You get to choose.

In closing, I want to thank the Worthy State Master for having supported me with the Junior Activities this year. It has been exciting for me to see the many children working on projects and becoming winners.

Fraternally submitted,  
Joann Brandt  
Junior Director

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Hannah West Editor of the Granite State Granger presented her annual report.

### **Granite State Granger**

My fellow Grangers,

Again this year four issues of the Granite State Granger were mailed to members. Each issue is also posted on the NH State Grange website. Anne Boisvert deserves recognition for her work in proofreading and working with the pictures that I struggle to format. She also understands pdf files and the ftp site far better than I.

I am very grateful for those who help to fold, wafer, and label the paper before I can mail it. The State Grange directors folded and wafered one issue. Paul and Rhoda Davis are always willing to help with this task. Kevin Belval has processed many boxes of papers, and Mary West's assistance was invaluable for the issue where the labels were not in zip code order. Our new state secretary has now mastered the art of printing GSG labels.

I thank all the Granges and individuals who have sent donations to help with the costs of printing and postage. The donations are often accompanied by words of encouragement, which mean a lot to me. Granges and Grangers have been sending in plenty of news to fill the twelve pages each quarter. I must especially recognize Ginger Janenga of Mohawk Grange in Colebrook and several members of Blazing Star Grange in Danbury who have a true instinct for publicity.

The e-mail service I call the "Grange Grapevine" is much used. I can only send one message a day, so bear with me when I become back logged. I generate my address lists from the State Grange Roster, but I can always add addresses of Grangers who aren't listed in the Roster. Just send an e-mail to [gowest@tds.net](mailto:gowest@tds.net) and ask to have your name added. If you receive the messages, please share the news with those who do not use e-mail. Many notices are time-sensitive and need to be passed along.

A man named Michael Port once said, "If you feel called to share a message, it's because there are people in the world who are waiting to hear it." I sincerely hope that thought is true for both the GSG and the Grapevine.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah West, Editor  
Granite State Granger

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Marty & Anne Boisvert were asked to present the report for the State Grange Building.

## State Grange Building Report

Last year's State Grange Building report mentioned a stabilizing platform that had been built under the oil tank. Not long after State Grange session, a technician from LaValley Oil came by to inspect the situation. He said we did a great job with our stabilizing platform. Unfortunately he also said there seemed to be more oil build up on the bottom of the tank than when he came before and therefore they would not be putting any more fuel in until a new tank was in place. He said if we got our own tank and did the work to get it downstairs ourselves we would save ourselves quite a bit in labor costs since it was far from a standard tank switchover due to the tight fit with the stairs and ductwork. The current tank had enough oil for about six weeks according to the technician's estimate, so we needed to get the ball rolling right away.

After checking with the Executive Committee, we bought an oil tank and a containment tray to go underneath it from FW Webb. Some members of the Executive Committee were a little concerned about the scope of the project, but we assured them we had the technology for the task and if that didn't work, we could always use a little brute force and ignorance! While Marty may not have the same skills that some members in NH State Grange have, he is very good at taking things apart and putting them back together. A few days later, we removed the stairs, and put the new oil tank into the basement of the State Grange Building using a chain-fall pulley system with no trouble at all. Don't worry; the stairs were put back after we got done.

Once the new tank was installed, the oil company set it up and filled it. Then all that was left to do was wait and keep checking the oil level. The oil company was loaned a key to the building for this purpose. Unfortunately, things were cut a bit too close when trying to get the old tank to as low a level as possible. On the day of the February Youth Rally, participants arrived to find that the furnace had shut off and the building was very cold. We contacted the oil company and someone arrived within forty-five minutes to hook up the new tank. Crisis averted.

The Manchester Grange did a little work trying to tame the flower gardens around the building. Someone who would like to take on the landscaping and garden care as a labor of love is sorely needed. The basement was cleaned out quite a bit when the oil tank was replaced, but still needs a lot of work. Many old records are being loaned out to local historical societies who have more interest and better ability to take care of such documents. A new railing was installed on the basement steps, and the door to one of the storage rooms has been reinforced at the request of the Trust Funds Trustees. A new shelving unit was also added to this room. The reappropriation of this room varies depending on whom you ask, but that is not my department.

Regular maintenance of the building continues as usual. Chris Heath has been cleaning the building. Orkin Pest Control continues to check in on the building after an issue with carpenter ants a couple of years ago. There was a recent observation of mice activity but we assume Orkin has this under control. The assembly permit was again renewed with the Town of Hooksett. We passed the inspection without incident; not even a new battery in a smoke detector was needed this time. The furnace will be cleaned and the fire extinguishers inspected in the next month or so.

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 Winter Youth Rally, a degree day, and the Lecturer's Variety Show were held there. A church group is interested in meeting weekly and negotiations are in process to see if a mutual monetary agreement can be reached.

Finally we would like to take a moment to remember John Saturley. The State Grange building lost a great friend with his passing. After getting a kick out of reading our GSG article describing the process we went through to get a new oil tank in, he asked us to come and visit him. He was troubled at the lack of money allocated to building maintenance and asked that we accept his donation of enough money to cover the cost of the tank and retaining tray. Such continued generosity as he neared the end of his life was humbling, and we hope to honor his memory with our care of the building that meant so much to him. I'm sure he will be looking down to check on us.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Boisvert family

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Lois Enman, Director Grange Services gave her annual report.

### **Grange Services Report**

Worthy State Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters all

I am pleased to give my report as director of this committee. The financial information for the Educational Loan Fund (ELF) is as follows:

#### Education Loan Fund Balance Sheet

October 1, 2012 at Peoples United Bank	\$3,445.47
Contributions:	
4 Pomonas	\$105.00
14 Subordinates	\$430.00
Total Contributions	\$535.00
Memorial Gifts:	
John Saturley	\$25.00
Total Memorial Gifts	\$25.00
Income:	
Interest Paid	\$301.25

Principal Paid	\$460.00
Interest on Bank Accounts	\$1.26
Morgan Stanley	\$1,100.00
Total Income	\$1,862.51
Total Available Funds	\$5,867.98
Expenses:	
Scholarships	\$4,400.00
Postage	\$45.00
Printing Annual Appeal Letters	\$6.84
Total Expenses	\$4,451.84
Balance Sept. 30, 2013 at Peoples United Bank	\$1,416.14

We are grateful for the donations, memorial contributions and individual contributions we have received this year. Without your contributions the availability of funds will 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 interest earned from our invested funds. The following members were awarded a scholarship at our annually meeting, Sarah Leclerc-Southern NH University; Hillary Ward-Plymouth State University and Kathe Wolf-Southern NH University. The State Grange wishes them well as they continue their education.

#### National Grange Benefits

Many benefits are available to you from the National Grange, because you belong to a Subordinate Grange. To mention some there are, Visa Reward Credit Card, Travel Center, Choice Hotels, Comfort Keepers Inns, American Income Life, Life Line Screening, US Pharmacy Card (Scrip), RX Pharmacy CVS Caremark, Hertz Rental, Med Air Services also Beltone Hearing Aid, True Hearing and a Prescription Drug Coverage. Plus Wire fly – cell phone services, VIP Pet Insurance, MetLife Home & Auto and Office Depot. These programs are updated regularly through the National Grange web site at [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org) and I hope Grange members will share this information at their regular meetings. A property and liability insurance policy is offered by National Grange to the Granges that own their buildings.

In the spring our committee was asked to notify members about the Sam's Club Partners Membership Program. A presentation about the program was presented at the State Lecturer's program in April. I did have some calls and know the required certificate was on the State Grange Web site. I hope individuals and Grangers were able to take advantage of this program.

In closing this report I need to thank the members of my committee, Patrice Lawlor, Rodney Huntoon, Norma Neary, Linda Phelps, Lester Gibbs and Christopher Heath for their diligence work through out the past year, by helping to inform Grange members of the programs offered on the State and National levels.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois L. Enman, Director  
Grange Services Committee

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Matthew Clark State Chaplain gave his annual Chaplain report

Worthy Master, National Rep., Fellow State Officers, Delegate Body, Brother and Sisters all

What a year this past year has been. My Grange year kicked off last year with a flight to Boise Idaho for the National Convention where I served as the John Trimble Legislative Experience youth. During my time at Nationals I served on the Transportation and Taxation committee, where I was able to speak and vote in the committee meetings. As part of this experience I also worked closely with the National Grange Legislative director and the Communications director. I am thankful to have been chosen for this opportunity to serve. I encourage any youth who are interested in the legislative process of the grange to apply for this opportunity.

December was deputy school where I graduated from a Deputy in Training or D.I.T. to a subordinate deputy and learned what granges I would be overseeing.

The holiday season was a rough road for myself and my family as my Grandfather was taken to the hospital on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec. and admitted. His health went downhill from there, and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Jan. he went home to be with the Lord. A huge hole has been left in my life, but I must carry on and I know he is watching over me every step of the way. On behalf of my family I would like to thank everyone for the love and support you showed toward us during this storm in our lives.

Winter hit and as many of you know I was married to my job as I work for the DOT in the highway maintenance division. Once winter stated to wind down it was time to start scheduling my spring deputy visits, start preparing for degree day, and working on my part and costume for the Kelley Farm Degree Day.

In June Trevor and I attended the youth weekend in northern NH. This was a great weekend and Trevor and I got some much needed father/son bonding time. July found my wife and I traveling to the Kelley farm to take part in the 1873 degrees. After a few hurdles we needed to clear in getting the rental car we finally got on the road only 4 hours after I wanted to leave, oh well. I am honored to have served for this historic event. I know my grandfather would have loved to have been there, and even though he could not be there physically I know he was there in spirit.

With this trip I have crossed two things off my bucket list, visiting the Kelley farm and visiting the Mall of America.

In August, my son, Trevor, started kindergarten, which he absolutely loves. During the fair season I was asked to work at a couple of fairs for the horse and cattle pulling. I also worked on my fall deputy visits. With all of this going on I continue to work with Hinsdale Grange, as well as serving with my Subordinate and Pomona granges and I continue to serve with the Surry fire department, as well as the teen leader for my local church.

With all that happening I decided to take on the task of planning the tour that will happen on Thursday of the National Convention. I am looking forward to attending the convention next month when I will serve as master for the youth opening on Friday.

Last but not least, my wife and I (no, we are not pregnant) after 6 years moved out of my parent's house and into our very first apartment. We are adjusting to living on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor without having a washer and dryer nearby but loving finally being on our own.

It has been a pleasure serving as your chaplain for the past 5 years and I look forward to serving this state grange for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Clark, Chaplain  
NH State Grange Chaplain.

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Election of Officers: Beth Merrill was re-elected to a position on the State Executive Committee

Recess at 9:15  
Reconvened at 9:31

2013~2014 Income and Expense budget

Motion made by Arthur Merrill and seconded by Wilber Heath that a \$300 line item be added to the expense budget for sound equipment maintenance. The delegate body voted to accept the motion.

Some questions were asked and answered were provided by the State Treasurer.

Motion made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Lorraine Lacross to accept the revised Income and Expense budget. The delegate body voted to accept the motion.

Steve Tracy Outreach Deputy presented his annual report.

### **Outreach Deputy Report**

Greetings National Lecturer, State Master and Pink Sash Family,

How many people here want new members in your Granges? What have you done about that? I know some of you have asked me to come to your aid. Only one of me and maybe 50 Granges in need? I'll get right on that.

Our Grange Growth Team is in its infancy and by what I hear at the meetings there are great things coming. Beyond that what have you done to gain more members? Raise your hand if you asked someone to join this year. Raise your hands if your Grange held a membership drive or open house this year. NO MORE APATHY!!!! It is a new youth program but its time for everyone to heed this charge. I hear from some members who say they can't speak to people the way I do. If you are gossiping with friends over tea at least speak positively about the Grange and not a tale of woe and you will have done good for the order within your capabilities. Bad gossip can do a lot of irreversible damage.

With that in mind I would like to see us implement a program like what Mark and I learned at a Grange Growth Summit in NJ. The Grange Growth team would meet with a Grange needing help and plan a future public meeting, maybe even with a supper 2-3 weeks out, make posters and get them copied. After lunch the local Grangers will guide the team around the community distributing posters and maybe even fitting in time to contact the media. If there is another town function between then and the meeting some members should return for PR and handbill distribution. Then the team returns with an agenda in mind for the public meeting and help with the supper along with the area Pomona.

Speaking of NJ; that's the first time I had had any interaction with any honorable gold sash people with kowtowing in honor of the greatness that got them where they are. Working with Rusty and Pete I learned they are normal everyday imperfect Grangers just like us.

We had been handed ready-made posters and divided into 2 groups to go to 2 different communities for distribution while getting soaked by Hurricane Hannah. Boy did we have fun.

Upon returning back at the training we discovered that the other team had actually read the poster and wrote in the missing meeting date!! We assumed the Gold Sash people were perfect and did not need proof reading. We learned not to trust the idea of perfect Gold Sash members.

Seriously Pete, it is good to see you here this weekend as the last time we heard much from you when you were in Rehab from your motorcycle accident. Having been a former rider myself I know the concern of always watching for the inattentive driver who cannot see you or your bike or cannot hear the loud pipes. Thank you for being here.

Accomplishments this year include the 5-year job of getting Claremont Grange reopened. That was 1 job I was tiring from and giving up hope on but encouragement from fellow Grangers kept

me trying, also an admonition from Rusty's class when he was in a similar situation. A fellow Granger told him, "The only reason you haven't got a Grange there yet is because you quit trying." He got his Grange and I got mine. I see some great new talent coming from the ranks of Claremont Grange. A couple have already started working on membership with newspaper articles and a radio station interview. I understand they have a very good Lecturer also. Mark and Diane please keep track of these new and growing prospects and consider them for State committee work.

With the growth of Granges in the Sullivan County area can we try for a Degree Day there this year?

Manchester Grange came about by a group of caring Grangers when my truck died in the middle of the process. Thank you Chris Heath and others. I hear both Granges are doing well. We have some Grangers mentoring them while they learn the Grange way.

Since this was "The year of the North Country" and since I have always wanted to live there I moved to Stewartstown and with the help of Dep. Jean Abbott and her team from Northern NH Pomona we got Upper Coos Pomona meeting again after 6 years of dormancy. We are meeting quarterly with other fun meetings in between, filled all but 2 offices, get 10 to 15 members out to a meeting. All the subordinates and the Pomona were to be represented here this weekend but unexpected family and health issues have kept 2 at home.

On a personal note I went searching for the site of the former North Star Grange hall that burned and found out my cabin sits on the site.

I am also very pleased to note that we have a new Junior Grange in the state after many years without any. Thank you Joanne Brandt for all you have done.

I held Grange informational meetings in Stewartstown and Milan and will keep you abreast as they grow into fruition. I have been working with Rick Grotton membership Chair of the Maine State Grange on Aziscoos Grange in Wilson Mills ME to see about a possible Grange in Errol NH. We have discovered that Aziscoos Grange quietly died away about 5 years ago and so we can proceed with Errol next year.

I assisted with PR in the S Newbury area with a parade, painting of the hall and suppers at the Sunapee Lake Grange. I have met with the owner of the former Ossipee MT Grange hall and will follow-up with him when his schedule permits. I have recently spoken with an online friend who has gotten a job in Conway and wants to join the Grange so maybe he will be part of the new Grange in Ossipee. I also worked with Riverside Grange on membership building at their Old Home Day and at a Town Hall fundraiser supper. From that supper I was able to give Master Jean Abbott the names of 3 new interested couples and I talked with 3 inactive members and 2 of them said they would come back and took an application for someone else. They have young ones coming up for future membership also. Grab this opportunity and run with it Jean. I'll be there to help if you ask.

At the request of the State Master I met with some Granges on the verge of closing to give them words of encouragement and attended trainings in Lancaster and Tuftonboro.

I am presently working with Stratford Grange as we have 14 members with 2 elderly couples who may pass over soon. They rewarded me by electing me Master.

Manchester Grange originally came into our view from a group of people who are not happy with another international organization and are looking for a new home for their talents, etc. We have had another group from a disgruntled Scout troop contact us. I think the time is now that we really start advertising ourselves while these people are searching for a new family and fraternal home. We are talking about dedicated families and youth here. Who doesn't want more families and youth in our organization?

I feel a media blitz is in order now to advertise us across our state promoting our qualities and inviting new members to check us out. If you will email me the Internet addresses or emails of your local weekly and daily newspapers and radio and community television stations I will work with Jim and the Growth Team on this.

I know I have promoted getting a Grange sign from National and realize they are expensive. I have discovered a possibly cheaper format if we avoid election time and that is the roadside sign. I feel we could flood with our image with these easier. (Show samples)

I have made public appearances across the state speaking about Grange at Farmer's markets, old home days, suppers, fairs, parades and Northern Pass public hearings.

Each year I speak to you about our public image. The new Grange Soldier's Memorial is a good example. Kudos to the West Family on the article in NH to Do and Chris Heath for the WMUR Channel 9 segment. I have taken on a personal crusade with the NH State Grange plaque in Littleton commemorating the birthplace of our first National lecturer and Founding Father Richardson. I drove by this summer and could not find it due to brush and weeds. I have cleared it up, will paint the picket fence in the spring and am working with the real estate office who is selling the farm around it about getting the dead and falling trees around it cut down and hauled away.

There are two other public image boosters I would like us to consider. The 1<sup>st</sup> one I have stated before and still believe it would be good for us is giving pocket size leather bound U. S. Constitutions that cost less than \$1.00 and give them to high school civics classes in the Grange age group. We took an oath to uphold the Constitution and this is one way of doing it.

Another booster I would like to suggest is the documentary "Bullying" to be presented to our schools as a whole or shown in our halls open to the public. Having been the school scapegoat and been the victim of beatings, emotional taunts and attempted atrocities in the bathrooms, I know the lifetime of emotional and physical scars this leaves behind along with thoughts of suicide. There is not a school in the state that isn't dealing with this. I think this will look good in the eyes of parents and welcoming to youth.

Thank you for another great year and I look forward to working with you in the future on the growth of our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Tracy  
NH State Grange Outreach 2013

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Jane Trombie, presented her annual Lady Assistant Steward report

### **Lady Assistant Steward Report**

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Fellow State Officers, Brother and Sister Patrons,  
It's hard to believe that another year has passed and I am giving you another report as your Lady Assistant Steward. Time goes by way too fast!

I would like to share some of the highlights of my favorite grange activities this year. I enjoyed going to spring fling and learning about the history of the Eastern States Fairgrounds and the New England Grange Building. It was great to hear about all the current information the National Grange is putting out there to keep grange on the map and then having a chance to look at all the historical books and memorabilia from our grange past. If you missed this event, it is definitely something you should plan on attending next year.

Another highlight was the chance to witness the 1873 degrees in Elk River Minnesota at the Kelley Farm. It was an amazing undertaking by the National grange and the youth of the country who participated in the degrees. Seeing the working farm and stepping into the house where Oliver Hudson Kelley, our founding father, lived, was fascinating.

I always enjoy the time spent with friends around the campfire at Grange Family Weekend in Weare. It's a nice time to get together without the hustle and bustle of a tight schedule. We always hope more people will partake in this fun event.

I am looking forward to the NH State Grange Officers doing the 6<sup>th</sup> degree at National Grange next month.

Thank you again for electing me to serve in this office.

Fraternally submitted,  
Jane Trombi

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal*

Kathy Yardley, State Gatekeeper gave her annual report.

### **Gatekeeper Report**

Worthy Master, National Lecturer, Delegates and fellow Grangers all;

I have enjoyed my third year as Gatekeeper of the NH State Grange. After last year's state session I had the opportunity to travel to the National Grange Convention in Boise, Idaho. It's been quite a while since I attended a national session and I had a great time representing NH. I got to experience several "firsts" on this trip: my first visit to the state of Idaho, my first convention *not* as a youth member and my first and possibly only opportunity to serve as a court lady in the Seventh Degree. Being a court lady is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and not one for the faint of heart. I had to report to costume and makeup at 8:30am, then sit fully costumed and made-up until about 10:30 when we had our walk-thru rehearsal, then return to the make-up area until the degree started at 1:00pm. The other court ladies and I finally got on stage for the last 15 minutes of the degree. I can't remember the last time that I sat around for six hours with nothing to do while waiting for something specific to do! So, I taught myself how to crochet a square for a baby afghan. It came out pretty nice too – just ask my sister Beth! My other great experience was representing NH in the Evening of Excellence – not once, not twice, but THREE TIMES. Talk about a whole lot of Kathy!! I played a flute solo for the talent portion, gave my Northeast Youth Conference winning speech and did a sign-a-song with Beth. While it was a great honor to participate, it felt a little awkward to keep walking out on stage. It was probably a little awkward for the national lecturer too as he introduced me: "Representing the state of NH – this is Kathy Yardley". "Here's Kathy again". "And.... here she is again!"

Throughout the year I have participated in other grange events as well. I attended the Spring Fling event in April and the Grange Gathering Day Penny Sale and Lecturer's Talent and Variety show, where I played a handbell solo. I also served as an officer in three of the four degrees at the Degree Day in Hooksett. I also serve as a deputy and I enjoy working with the members of my assigned granges. Thank you to all the members of Arlington, Claremont, Croydon, Mt Pistareen, Peterborough, Prentice Hill and Warren Pond Granges for your kindness and patience and for allowing me to be a part of your grange journey.

Finally, as NH State Grange Gatekeeper I am in charge of the exhibit room here at state session; and, if you forget to turn off your cell phone and it goes off during session you owe me \$5.00!! Trust me – I am the Gatekeeper and you will not leave the room without paying me first.....!

Fraternally submitted,

Kathy Yardley  
Gatekeeper, NH State Grange

*The report was accepted and printed in the journal.*

Ann Boisvert Membership director presented her annual report

## **Membership Report**

The 2013 membership department year began as most do, with the first event being the Farm and Forest Expo in early February. The booth was designed around the theme “Thirty Years Showcasing Success and Innovation” since it was the thirtieth year of the Farm and Forest Expo. Our booth featured flashy signs on a timeline to show successes and innovations of the NH State Grange in the past thirty years. Thank you to Arthur Merrill for the research on this. The timeline ended with a display about National Grange coming to NH in November. There was also an interactive board made by Beth Merrill about the differences between agriculture in 1913 and 2013 and a balloon tree created by Norman Brandt which held many Grange balloons on sticks to give out to children walking by. We worked very hard on it and set up ahead of time more than once so we were ready to go. Unfortunately, Mother Nature was also ready to go that weekend, and the big blizzard reduced the usual attendance at the Expo drastically on Friday and shut it down completely on Saturday due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor. Thank you to Steve Tracy, Laura Ward, Stu Light, Chris Heath, Bob Haefner, and KeriAnn Heath who braved the storm on Friday to staff the booth. The people who did make the extra effort to attend the Expo in a snowstorm were very interested in the booths, including ours, so it made for a worthwhile event in spite of low attendance. Again this year, we won the Joseph Battles award for the top educational display, earning us a free booth space for 2014 Expo. The theme will be something like “Celebrating A Century of Farming, Forestry, and Education,” focusing on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Extension Service and the NH State Department of Agriculture. This should be a good match for us since the Grange was involved in the inception of both.

In May we had our usual Degree Day on the day before Mother’s Day. It was held at the State Grange Building in Hooksett in a purposeful attempt to make things easier for new Manchester Grangers to attend. Many thanks to the degree teams which were as follows: First Degree, deputies, Second Degree, youth; Third Degree, State Officers; and Fourth Degree, Suncook Valley Pomona and friends. Norman and Joann Brandt did the tableaus for all four degrees, and Lester Gibbs played the piano for all four. I would like to especially recognize the youth department who did a great job with the lunch preceding the degree and with their Second Degree team. This ended up being the only Degree Day for the year in our state due to the Kelley Farm Experience in July, the agricultural fair season, and the preparations for National Grange to be held in Manchester, all of which closely involved one or more of my committee members. There were several opportunities to see the Fifth Degree throughout the year, with five conferrals that I am aware of, none of which were organized by the membership department. I would like to point out that out, and remind everyone that just because we’ve been having a couple of state Degree Days each year recently, there is no reason why your Grange or a group of Granges in your area cannot do any or all of the first four degrees just as those Granges did the fifth. Degree work has certainly not been relegated to State events only.

The agricultural fair season was the next membership committee focus this year. Membership Department displays were set up at Stratham, Cheshire, Hopkinton, Hillsboro County, Rochester, and Deerfield. We had two different displays going: one featuring a goat made by Norman

Brandt, and the other featuring our timeline from the Farm and Forest Expo booth. We did quite well, receiving a first place at three fairs and Best of Show as well at Hopkinton. We also earned ourselves over three hundred dollars in prize money, enough to cover a second booth at the Farm and Forest Expo in 2014. I would like to encourage Fair Exhibits as a great way to get the Grange name out there and also a decent fundraiser for any local Grange. I hope to make up a packet to send out at the beginning of next fair season to give people the dates and forms and perhaps some tips.

The last event the membership department was involved in happened just this past Tuesday with the Department of Agriculture Centennial Celebration at the State House. We had a table set up on the State House lawn with a time line poster from State Grange Historian Richard Patten and some membership brochures and marketing pencils. It was staffed primarily by Norman Brandt who sat at the table all day on a hay bale he just happened to have in his truck when we forgot to bring any chairs and answered questions about the Grange from those attending the event and questions about the plants and trees on the State House lawn from tourists. He remains invaluable as a committee member, ever uncannily prepared for any situation which is thrown at him.

Finally, I would like to recognize the following twelve Granges for their effort in achieving a net gain in membership for the year beginning June 30, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013: Antrim, Arlington, Aurora, Centennial, Friendship, Londonderry, Lower Intervale, Mt Livermore, Park, Rochester, Sunapee Lake, and Wicwas Lake. Certificates are in your Grange packets. Please check out the membership display, which features these Granges as well as all of the Grange literature and brochures available from the membership department at no cost to you (within reason). I would of course also like to recognize the two new Granges begun with the organization of Manchester and the reorganization of Claremont. Keep up the good work everyone.

A special thank you to the members of my family and my committee for helping me out this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Boisvert,  
Membership Director

State Master Jim Tetreault presented each Grange with a net gain in membership with a certificate.

Manchester Grange was presented a check for \$200 from the National Grange new grange insensitive payment.

*The report was accepted and printed in the journal.*

Debra Patten Director of the Family Committee was presented to give her annual report.

## Family Services Report

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers and Patrons All:

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2013 Family Services report. It has been a very busy year for Family Services. A lot of effort has been put into the program this year in an effort to provide some great ideas for all granges.

I am so thankful to all the Granges who have done such great work this year. We began our year with filling bags of goodies for 120 residents of Glencliff Home. This is such a rewarding project. I have received many positive comments from the staff at Glencliff as to how much the residents look forward to these goody bags. We will continue with this project this year. Special thanks to Ida Hutchins for delivering these to Glencliff last December.

We continued our year with many letters and reminders to grangers to continue their projects and keep the knitting needles going for contributions to our Mountain of Mittens. Also many reminders to keep going with Needlework for the needlework contests. We had many entries in all categories. I was so pleased to have a first place winner in every category to send off for judging at New England Eastern States. The needlework entries were judged by a professional who is not associated with Grange. Believe me, she knew so much about all of these categories and was very qualified to judge. Special thanks to Kevin Belval and Mary West for referring her to me. There was some beautiful work done by many grangers. I am jealous because I have a tough time to sew buttons on. Thank you all for your participation.

The winners of the Needlework contest are as follows:

### Afghans

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joann Gandy – Watatic
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gail Turcotte – Rochester
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carol Hill – Rockingham

### Baby Afghans

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gail Turcotte - Rochester

This was a new category this year with specific size requirements. There was only this one qualifying entry.

### Doilies

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marie Hall – Gilman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Katherine Umberhind – Hampton Falls 1st
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeanie Houghton – Hampton Falls

### Embroidery

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dawn Hugron – Antrim
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wanda Boston – Pembroke
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gail Turcotte – Rochester

Plastic Canvas

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gail Turcotte – Rochester
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wanda Boston – Pembroke
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Fogarty – Somersworth

3 Piece Baby Set

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gail Turcotte – Rochester

Counted Cross Stitch

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marie Hall – Gilman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandra Fogarty – Somersworth
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gail Turcotte – Rochester

Latch Hook

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Leger – Winthrop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary West – Chichester
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Claire Gagnon – Hudson

Quilted Wall Hanging

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ruth Quinn – Watatic

Stuffed Toy

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gail Turcotte – Rochester
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Fowler – Wingold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Phyllis Aldrich – Blow-Me-Down

Adult Garment

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Stickney – Antrim
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte McGiver – Blazing Star
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Martha Fowler – Wingold

State Contests

Adult Garment – Sewn

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ruth Pelton – Hampton Falls

Other: Any other craft that didn't fall in another specific category

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joann Gandy – Watatic
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Doris Mercier – Blow-Me-Down
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gail Turcotte – Rochester

The first place winners of the New England contests were sent off to judging at Eastern States. Thank you very much to our Worthy State Master and others (I believe Beth Merrill as well) who helped me out by getting the entries safely to Eastern States. We were fortunate to have some winners at New England. They are as follows:

Afghans  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joann Gandy

Doilies  
3<sup>rd</sup> Marie Hall

Counted Cross Stitch  
2<sup>nd</sup> Marie Hall

3 Piece Baby Set  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gail Turcotte

Adult Garment  
1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Stickney

Latch Hook  
Honorable Mention Ann Leger

Stuffed Toy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gail Turcotte

Congratulations to all of these winners! Keep up the good work for 2014.

Speaking of Eastern States, I was so happy to get so many items to turn in for sale at Eastern States. I had many items – more than in the past – to turn in. Again many thanks to our State Master for delivering these for me. Thank you very much to all the Granges who donated items. The Baking contest this year was Coffee cake. Thank you to all the granges who participated. The lucky winners at their respective Pomona Granges have brought their winning entries to State Grange. Thank you to our judges. The winners are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Gwen Yardley, Cheshire County Pomona  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Bloom, Pemigewasset Valley Pomona  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rodney Huntoon Merrimack County Pomona

Next year's contest is No Bake Pies. I know it sounds odd to have a baking contest with a No Bake Pie. This was purposely chosen to hopefully include more members. Some members live in apartments or places that have no oven – just a stovetop. So I am in hopes this opens up opportunities to participate to more grangers. If you have any problem finding a recipe I have a cookbook with about 50 pages of No Bake Pies.

Our projects – Mountain of Mittens and Galoshes from Grangers are hopefully going to help warm the hands and feet of many children throughout our State. I am so hopeful for a volcanic eruption of mittens this year. As of the writing of this report I am uncertain how many pair of mittens we will get but I am hopeful for at least 500. The Galoshes from Grangers will hopefully

also be a big hit and it is hopeful we will collect at least 100 pair of boots to distribute throughout our State.

Thank you from the boom of my heart to all those who donated. Just think of all the warmth we are spreading!

Many Granges fulfilled their obligation and submitted the paper report form. So many of you did so much good work. For those of you who combined with Community Service and did a notebook Thank You! There were some awesome notebooks this year! For those of you who did a paper report the top three outstanding Granges for Family Service are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pembroke Grange
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rochester Grange
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Winthrop Grange

What would a speech be without mentioning money! We all hear it in our churches, other organizations we belong to and even at work. We all have to be budget conscious. The Family and Community Services committee tried with all our might to have a fundraiser with the Rada cutlery. This really didn't go over as well as we had hoped. We found out that many of our churches and other groups were also selling this cutlery. So we made enough to sustain what we needed for 2013 but we need to come up with something for 2014. I am very grateful to all granges and individual grangers who made donations to Family & Community Services. Because of these generous donations and a personal donation by one of my family members, we were able to accomplish our goals for 2013. I sincerely thank you very much.

In closing I would like to thank my husband, Dick, for his never ending patience with me and his constant guidance. I get on my broomstick quite a bit because I hate clutter but he holds his patience with me. Thank you to our State Master for your continued support as well. I want to mention a special thank you to my Mom and my Sister Elaine. Although they are not grangers they do so much to help me – putting packets together, filling goody bags for Glencliff, making trail mix – whatever I ask they are there to help.

Thank you to my committee – Ann Leger, Connie Carr, Virginia Clark, Doris Mitton, Pat Izzo, Cam Twiss, Shelley Huntoon and Sondra Farrell. We didn't ever seem to find a time that worked for all of us to get together to meet other than at Deputy School last December but we did talk over the phone and email to keep in touch. Hopefully 2014 will bring us together more often. Thank you for keeping in communication with your granges and with me.

Fraternally submitted,

Debra Patten, Director  
Family Services for NH State Grange

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

State Secretary Gerald Leclerc gave the report for Wayne Turcotte State Grange Webmaster

### **State Grange Webmaster**

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

The New Hampshire State Grange website has been updated as the information has been provided to the webmaster. There have also been some subtle changes to the appearance of the website. New webpage's have been created as requested by various Departments.

I would like to remind the Directors to include the State Grange Webmaster in their distribution lists, so that I will receive current information that can be posted on their webpage's. I also request that the Directors view their webpage's periodically to ensure that the posted information is correct and current. The NH State Grange website cannot be kept up-to-date if I do not receive the information.

This year I added links to Google maps that show the location of the State Grange Building. If you click on either the picture of the State Grange building or the address below it, you will be taken to a map with the location of the State Grange building indicated thereon and from there you can click on "get directions", enter your current location and get directions to the building.

I would like to remind everyone that the National Grange has provided us with guidelines for websites and social media sites connected with the Grange. I ask those Granges who have their own website or social media site to review the National Granges guidelines, available on the home page of the New Hampshire State Grange website, and ensure that their site complies with the rules. You can send information, to be posted on the website, to me at [webmaster@nhgrange.org](mailto:webmaster@nhgrange.org) or mail to

Wayne Turcotte,  
107 Oak Hill Rd.,  
Barrington, NH 03825

Fraternally submitted,  
Wayne Turcotte Webmaster, NHSG

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

The master thanked Wayne for his efforts and his expertise in the webmaster duties.

Richard Patten Community Service Director was presented to give his annual report.

### **STATE COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT**

Worthy National Representative from the State of South Carolina, home to confederacy, home to the University of South Carolina Gamecocks who defeated my favorite team in college football, so I dedicate my favorite song this time of the year. As most people know today is Game Day and it wouldn't be right if I wasn't in my football finery. Please forgive my funny or lack of

funny nature. Every year, Sister Ann Leger is an alumna of the University of Michigan and at game day this year, I found another Michigan fan from Manchester Grange.

Worthy State Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates, Patrons All,

2013 has been another great year for Community Service in New Hampshire. The committee has worked very hard to promote the community service program in the Granite State.

I have been very pleased with the reports by Granges on the many projects they are doing in their community the amount of volunteer hours has been astonishing. I am so proud of the volunteerism by you and the members of your Grange. To bring a smile to someone's face who didn't expect a card or gift, helping your community by adopting a spot to beautify it, assisting with another organization to help make an event successful is wonderful and lastly the gratification of knowing you made a difference in someone's life gives you a feeling that is hard to describe. It was truly amazing how much volunteer work is being accomplished by our members. Whether it was having a public supper to raise funds for a community project, help a family in need, or building/repairing the Grange Hall or Town Hall. It was nice to see Granges working with another Grange or another community organization.

We got to work right away filling Christmas stockings for 11 homeless veterans at Liberty House. We filled them with all kinds of little gifts, McDonald's gift certificates, and a movie ticket. I was told they veterans who live were so happy that someone remembered them. Every time they card a greeting card they were hung in their room. I sent greeting card to all residents at the house for every special holiday or celebration such as Christmas, New Year's, and Valentine's, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Veteran's Day. I tried to write a note on each one, hopefully they read my writing. I also appreciate the Granges who sent cards to them or Tilton Soldier's Home.

This has been a very busy year for community service. On the State Level, at the Recognition Awards, I had expressed an interest in having a memorial at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. Little did I realize with heartfelt thanks to last year's firefighter of the year donating his 50/50 raffle winnings and a donation from the Membership Promotions. I was so pleased that we are able to honor our Grange Veterans with a lasting Memorial. I would like to thank everyone who came to the dedication. Many thanks to the Concord VFW Post for providing colors. I hope this could become an annual tradition honoring our fallen heroes. I donated flowers for the Memorial, which would be later planted in the Memorial Garden. I would like to thank Perry Brothers Monuments in Concord which did the designs and got it delivered in early May.

The Grange Day at the Fisher Cats Ballpark proved to be a success with more patrons and friends coming to enjoy the Fisher Cats on a beautiful Saturday evening. What an honor to be on the field unfurling the giant United States Flag before the game. I have reserved Saturday, August 16 at 7 p.m. with Fisher Cats vs. Akron Aeros has been chosen with the Grange doing the 50/50 raffle. This will be a fundraiser for the Grange. I am looking for someone to coordinate this as I personally can't another year.

In today's society, people of all ages are struggling to make each day worthwhile. What a great feeling of accomplishment when you know someone has enjoyed a meal when otherwise their plate would be empty. Fill an Empty Plate has been done in many Granges this year. Can you imagine sitting down to a full meal with dessert and beverage and a few miles down the road, someone has nothing in their plate to enjoy? Hopefully Granges will continue to support this project in 2014.

One of the new additions to our program was the Dictionary program. This is an excellent project and I hope Granges will continue to work with their schools in their community to provide the third grade students with dictionaries. It is a joy to go into a school and explain the Grange or show the dictionary and the longest word in the back. The boys and girls all have some great stories and the thank you cards we receive. They are wonderful to read. I hope if the Granges feel they can assist a neighboring town, private school whether it is a charter, religious, or project second start. If your Grange needs assistance in securing funds to purchase them or schools in your area, please let me know. I would be very happy to assist you.

I was very pleased with the Granges donating Teddy Bears to their local emergency services in their community or a neighboring town. Children as well as senior citizens enjoy receiving a teddy bear to help them through an emergency situation. I hope Granges will continue this project in the New Year. For many years, the Grange was the leader in donating teddy bears to their local officials to help children deal with a trauma situation.

I am very pleased with Granges honoring individuals in their communities. These people put their lives on the line everyday regardless which profession we may be talking about. When they respond, they have no idea what kind of a situation they are going into. The individuals will be honored Saturday night and I am sure you will be pleased where these people come from. The judges were wondering if we could add this or that because it is difficult to have a person being judged against a group or volunteer who is retired against someone who is working vice versa. I hope to have these changed somewhat next year. I hope the Granges will continue this in their program and honor someone or some group for all they do. I can't thank Anne Louise Boisvert for all the help she has extended helping with the banquet tickets. I have made some changes to this program next year which will be explain fully in their packets.

Debbie and I told Granges they could combine their reports in the booklets they are submitting. What wonderful and I mean wonderful booklets we got. The judges had a difficult time and I mean, difficult. They spent several hours reading and reading again the reports. They are so impressed with what was submitted. You should be so proud of you and your members for all the community service and volunteerism you completed. Please keep up the great work. There will be a slight change in the programs for next year so it will be easier for the Granges. Debbie and I have been working on a new combined report form that should be easier for everyone.

Thank you to all Granges who made a donation to the Community Service Committee. As you know we share the same budget with Family Activities and unfortunately it doesn't go far. We tried a fundraiser with Family Activities selling the Rada Cutlery. In past years when Sister Marion Jones was selling the knives they went like hot cakes. However, this year I found many small towns were selling the same things. Debbie will give you more information in her report.

Some Granges initiated outstanding projects in their communities. Some of these were projects that a community could no longer support while others may have been due to a Board of Selectmen or State Government Agency feeling it didn't have the funds to maintain a certain place. In reality it's a project that benefits people who needed this continued.

The results in this recognition section are:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Dorchester Grange - "Going Places"

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Hampton Falls Grange - Star Kits

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Blow Me Down Grange - The Attic

4<sup>th</sup> place: Lower Intervale Grange - Cleaning Headstones

Honorable Mention: Chichester Grange - Heifer International Project

Honorable Mention: Winthrop Grange - State Rest Area Part 2

I realize that many don't have the time or energy to do a booklet. However in order to be considered for an award from the National Grange, community service booklet must be submitted. The winning report has been sent to National Grange for judging.

Subordinate Grange Reports in Booklet Form:

First Place: Joe English Grange #53 of New Boston

Second Place: Concord Grange # 322, Concord Heights

Third Place: Hudson Grange #7

Fourth Place: Antrim Grange # 98

Honorable Mention: Pine Grove Grange # 298 of Bath

Honorable Mention: Chichester Grange # 132

The number one booklet has been sent to National Grange for further judging.

The Judges were so impressed with the books submitted, however one comment that seemed in unison was make sure all items submitted dealt with community service projects. Some had photos of State Session, Grange halls, Grange meetings, etc. Please show the projects that you worked on. That's what the judges needed to see.

I was pleased with the Pomona reports that were received. I realize that in many cases the Pomona Granges may not have as many members to participate as the Subordinate Granges.

First Place: Merrimack County Pomona # 3

Second Place: Hillsborough County Pomona #1

Third Place: East Rockingham Pomona # 11

The single page Subordinate Grange Reports received were in some cases very informative. Although these were not in booklet form, I appreciate the time Grangers took to write out what their Grange did this year.

The following were judged and received ribbons and prizes

First place, Dorchester Grange # 280

Second place: Mohawk Grange # 217

Third place: Lower Intervale Grange # 321

Fourth place, Manchester Community Grange #

I would like to thank Norman Brandt for placing a display at Deerfield and Rochester Fairs. As of today, we have not received any financial prizes for our displays.

I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU TO Ann Boisvert, Director and the Membership Promotions for their assistance with the tickets for the State Grange banquet tickets for the honorees. It is a great way to say thank you for the wonderful job they are doing every day.

The Community Service Committee is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive during National Grange on Friday, November 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. I am hoping that as many patrons will support this. There is an urgent need for blood donations.

In closing, thank you Worthy State Master Jim Tetreault for the confidence you have placed in me to do this position. Community Service has been my life for 45 years. I enjoy it when I can help someone.

I would like to thank the members of my committee: Dale MacDonald, Fran Everard, Haven Haynes, Jr., Rhoda Davis, Lynn Clark, Judith Chase, Robbie Izzo, and Norman Brandt.

Thank you to my wife Debbie for her advice and assistance in getting the new programs ready and discussing how to make it easier for the Granges to submit their yearly reports.

We may not agree on things, but we are there to support each other.

I look forward to continue serving you as Director for Community Service in New Hampshire.

Don't forget You Can Make a Difference in your Grange, Family, and your Community!  
In closing, I would like wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous and healthy 2014.

I am pleased at this moment to introduce one of Hero's who can't be with us tonight. I would like the Worthy Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward to please bring Lyman Gilmore to the Masters Station. Lyman cannot be with us tonight, so I am pleased to present him with the 2013 Community Citizen of the Year.

Fraternally,  
Dick Patten, Director for Community Service  
NH State Grange

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in journal.*

Grange recessed at 11:55  
Reconvened at 1:30 pm

Beth Merrill 2013 National Grange Regional Director was called upon to report on the 2013 National Grange Session.

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brother and Sister Patrons:

Dr. Robert H Schuller, noted pastor, author, and motivational speaker, said “The only place where your dream becomes impossible is in your own thinking.” About 25 years ago, during the wonderful visioning sessions that occurred during the Getaway Weekends sponsored by our State Grange Youth Committee at the time, one of the ideas that was brought forth was that the 2013 National Grange Convention should be held in NH, as a sort of 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance of the last time National Grange came to our state. As is typical today, the enthusiasm of that youth group was not matched by that of our Grange leaders at that time. The idea lost momentum, and laid dormant for a number of years – until National Grange initiated a new process of moving the convention around the country equally among five regions. Lo and behold, under this new system it turned out that the 2013 session was scheduled to be held in the Northeast Region. The idea was reborn - with more energy than ever before! Here we are today, just a couple weeks away from welcoming our fellow members from all across the nation to what we hope will be a glorious and successful event!

Dr. Schuller also once said, “It takes but one positive thought when given a chance to survive and thrive to overpower an entire army of negative thoughts.” How true this has proven to be! In just two weeks, a number of us will be moving into the Radisson hotel in Manchester to start setting up for the convention. Kerriann Nightingale Heath will be in charge of the Host Region Office, a daunting task for any member let alone someone as new to the Grange as she is. I have every confidence that Kerriann is up to the challenge and that our operations will be run with a firm hand disguised by an amazingly sweet and welcoming smile! The hospitality suite will be

supervised by Diane Collins and Gloria Davis, who are grateful for the Pomona Granges in our state that responded to their call for help by making plans to provide food items and beverages that are needed to provide refreshment to our visiting brothers and sisters. Some Granges opted to make a monetary contribution, also much appreciated, not to mention a number of members who have volunteered to help out in the hospitality room on Thursday of convention.

On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the officers and delegates of the National Grange will arrive and begin their arduous duties as the decision-makers of our Order. They will spend Sunday evening and all day on Monday meeting in committees, reviewing several hundred resolutions that the State Granges have submitted for consideration this year. On Monday evening, we will reward them with the traditional Host Banquet, under the guidance of Ann Leger and Tricia Taylor. We are expecting about 200 guests for this event. In keeping with our convention theme, “How Sweet It Is!”, and thanks to the donations of maple syrup by members and maple producers from almost every state in our region, this will be the first of three meal events that will give sample size bottles of maple syrup or molded maple sugar as table favors. Brother Marty Boisvert has been most helpful in his willingness to assist us in preparing, mixing, and rebottling the special, one-of-a-kind blend of maple syrup for our visiting members.

On Tuesday morning, the officers and delegates will get their one chance of the entire week to leave the hotel premises and see a little of our state. Tour director, Chris Heath will guide them first to our State Grange Building to enjoy a Sugar On Snow pancake breakfast, provided by Manchester Community Grange, and then on to the Anheuser Busch plant in Merrimack for a tour of the brewery and the Clydesdales’ stable. This is a quick morning tour only, as everyone has to be ready to officially open the business meeting in the Seventh Degree at 2:00. The opening will be the first time during convention when you will see some of the decorations that our flower Chairman, Kim Bascom will be arranging for us.

The Salute to Agriculture breakfast will open the days’ activities on Wednesday. Co-chairs Bob Haefner and Tara Sad have gone above and beyond the call of duty and have pounded the pavement to solicit from NH farmers and producers all the food that will be served making this an all-NH meal. And they have assigned their guest speaker, former NH Agriculture Commissioner, Steve Taylor, with the task of combining three of his NH Humanities Council programs on sheep, cows, and the Grange into one half hour speech. Can’t wait to hear it!

One of the events that has been the most arduous, yet exciting, to plan this year is the Idea Fair, which opens on Wednesday afternoon for an exclusive showing for delegates and officers and then opens up for the world to see Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Idea Fair Chairman, Kathy Yardley and her trusty assistant, Ellen Weist have worked tirelessly to present an opportunity for all Grange members to learn, network, craft and enjoy the ongoing exhibits, vendor displays and workshops made available for your benefit. One of the special displays will be a unique painted curtain featuring Grange symbols, which the town of Hancock is loaning us, as well as a background curtain provided by Wicwas Lake Grange as examples of the conservation work offered by Curtains Without Borders. Thanks to Mark Collins and Steve Durand for constructing the framework with which to display these large exhibits.

After some encouraging, we were able to coax the staff at the National Grange headquarters to create a special registration fee of \$5 per person per day to view our Idea Fair for anyone unwilling or unable to pay the regular \$30 registration fee. This \$5 registration fee will not allow you to enter any other venue of the convention, but if you have a few hours that you can come to convention on Thursday through noon on Saturday, I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to see the best that National Grange, the Northeast Region and New Hampshire has to offer. Or better still, plan to come on Friday from 10 – 3 and be a donor at the Blood Drive being headed up by Brother Dick Patten and you will receive free admission into the Idea Fair. A detailed schedule of workshops being offered is available on the NH State Grange website and I urge you to check it out and invite your members and friends to look, as well!

Here is a quote from Dr. Schuller for Kathy and Ellen to keep in mind as we all nervously approach the day when we make all these plans come to life... "I'd rather attempt to do something great and fail than to attempt to do nothing and succeed." In my estimation, the two of you rock!

Wednesday evening is one of two times during the week that almost everyone at the convention attends the business meeting portion of the convention and the National Master almost always plans a special guest or presentation during that time. This year, we will observe the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jr. Grange. Sister Joann Brandt is in charge of activities and a tour for the Jr. Grangers on Friday and Saturday of the Session.

Thursday will be a busy day for all NH Grangers, as that is the day that we are charged with providing the necessary volunteers to carry on the events of the day. Kerriann Heath has been making the list of folks who have offered help as deputies, registration personnel, hospitality servers, Idea Fair assistants, and whatever else is needed during the day. You, too, can have a part in helping NH shine by asking Kerriann to add your name to her list.

Thursday is also the day of the Youth and Non-Delegate tour, which Matthew Clark has been coordinating with the NH Food Bank, Anheuser Busch, the State House, and the McAuliffe Shepard Discovery Center. Many thanks to Wicwas Lake Grange and several others who have made donations to help us underwrite the cost of the tour for our young Grangers.

The second time of the convention when the meeting room at session is filled to capacity is on Friday morning, when the best of our nation's youth officers open the session. We were excited and proud when we learned that Matthew Clark will represent us on this team as Master and Lynn Clark will serve as Chaplain. Also representing the Granite State on Friday at the Evening of Excellence will be Jordan Durand as our talent winner and Davi Penny who will actually be competing as our Regional Public Speaking best of show winner.

Saturday, the final day of the convention will have our NH State Officers conferring the Sixth Degree under the leadership of our State Master, James Tetreault, the artistic direction of State Flora, Ann Leger, and the technical expertise of Assistant Steward pro tem, Mark Collins. NH cast members for the Seventh Degree will be Priest Archon, Daniel Bascom; Priest Conductor, Arthur Merrill; trumpet girls Davi Penny, Emilie Leclerc, and Jordan Durand; marching candidates, Stuart Light and Tara Sad; and soloist, Sharon Bradley. And of course, too many to

list here, but we can't forget to mention the 100 plus NH Grangers who will observe the Seventh Degree as candidates, thus helping our State Master to fulfill his bold pledge at last year's convention to provide that many candidates from NH. What a terrific way for us to end the week in our own home state. You are the only ones that can make this happen, so please encourage all the eligible members in your home Grange to come to Manchester, on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to take the degree!

And if you are not already proud to be a Granger, if you spend an evening at the Celebration Banquet, which is the final event of the convention, you are guaranteed to be inspired to go home and work even harder next year to grow our Grange and let the world know how special our organization really is!

Kerriann and I have this wish list, necessary to finalize our best plans for the convention.

- Anyone and everyone is encouraged to bring a pair of mittens, a hat, and/or a scarf to add to the 12 foot high mitten tree that will be a focal point of the registration area during the session. Many thanks go to Mark Collins who designed and built the giant wooden tree structure that will support and display this bounty. At the end of session, all these items will be divided into seven piles and distributed among the seven states in our region so that they can be donated to needy shelters, agencies and schools as a service project in the name of the National Grange.
- Pumpkins! Since pumpkins, which is NH's state fruit, is prominently featured on our official convention logo, we would love to have lots of pumpkins on hand to use as decoration throughout the hotel. Not being allowed to decorate with corn stalks nor hay bales limits us a bit on our seasonal décor, but if we have enough pumpkins about, perhaps the lack of other traditional decorations will not be so evident. If you have access to one or more of these fruits and have room in your car to transport it, please bring them along!
- Raffle tickets! Raffle tickets are on sale here this weekend for the Host Region raffle fundraiser, the winners to be drawn. The prizes on display here this weekend are just a tiny sample of what will be raffled off on Saturday of the National Convention. Each of the seven states has been asked to provide a basket containing products from their state. I saw NY's basket earlier this week, and they really went all out to fill their [laundry] basket to the brim. We are still adding items to our basket, and will gladly accept any you can solicit for us from local artists, producers, or manufacturers. And you can especially help us out by buying tickets! The more NH tickets that are sold, the greater the chance that someone from our state will win the prizes. After having seen NY's basket, I KNOW that I do not want to have to pack all those items to ship to any member who may have flown in to the convention.

- It's getting down to the wire, but there still might be time to find some more items to add to the gift bags that will be presented to every member who pays the full registration fee at the convention. So far, NH will add shortbread cookies from Bellows House Bakery, goat soap samples from Alpine Angels and granite rock candy from Winsome Forge. Does anyone else have any suggestions or contacts with other companies that might be willing to contribute up to 600 items for our registration bags?
- If anyone was planning to get a room at the Radisson for Wednesday or Thursday evenings, especially, and hasn't yet done so – it's too late now! However the Radisson is working in partnership with the Country Inn and Suites in Bedford to help accommodate the overflow of guest rooms, at our same special rate, and will provide shuttle service between the two hotels.

As you have heard throughout this report, that is, if you are even still listening, we have an army of people who are making a contribution to make this the best National Grange convention ever and I'm so proud to work with each and every one of you!

In closing, here is one last quote from Dr. Schuller. "Some people are at the top of the ladder, some are in the middle, still more are at the bottom, and a whole lot more don't even know there is a ladder." Hopefully, this over-lengthy report has eliminated you all from the last category and you are now free to choose whatever rung of the National Grange convention "ladder" you wish!

Fraternally submitted,

Beth Merrill, Chair  
 Northeast Region Host Committee  
 147<sup>th</sup> National Grange Convention

*The report was printed and ordered printed in the journal.*

Pete Pompper was called upon for his message.

The Assistants escorted Tara Sad to the Masters station to present the report for the resolutions and bylaws committee:

National Representative, Worthy State Master, Officers, Delegates and Patrons all,

First, let me say what a great pleasure it has been to attend this State Convention and spend the past two days with my fellow Grangers.

I am honored to serve as chair of the Resolutions Committee. I want to thank the other members of the committee – Bob Haefner, Mary West and Scott Burns – for their hard work and wise counsel in our review of these resolutions. I also want to thank all of the granges who submitted these resolutions for our deliberation here today.

Since the members of the Resolutions Committee live in towns at great distances from one another, and meeting in person would be costly and inconvenient, we decided to take advantage of modern technology by holding our meeting via conference call. This worked a treat. I want to thank our Worthy Secretary, Gerald Leclerc, for getting the resolutions to us in good time.

Now, for the resolutions. I will read each resolution, present the recommendation of the committee, and then the Worthy Master will open the floor for discussion and debate.

*Resolution #1 ~ Submitted by: Watatic Grange #36  
Subject: Statement of Tolerance*

**WHEREAS**, the Order of Patrons of Husbandry has always opened its doors to members of any and all fraternal or agricultural persuasions; and

**WHEREAS**, humans are entitled to their lives and liberty, and should be able to think and communicate as they please, as these issues are connected with a sense of liberty, and;

**WHEREAS**, promoting diversity recognizes the positive aspects of individual differences of all people and the beneficial effects that this can have on an organization. Therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hampshire State Grange amend its bylaws to include wording which indicates that it: respects and welcomes as members people of all color, race and ethnic or national origins, of each sex regardless of marital status and sexual orientation, their ability or disability, religious, legal and political views.

*At the original meeting of the committee, we voted unanimously in favor of this resolution on Tolerance as written. However, Mary West had since noted that the format of the resolution does not comport with the formatting of the NH State Bylaws, and therefore will have to be edited before it is adopted.*

*Delegates voted to send this resolution back to Watatic Grange #36 for rewriting and proper placement of the dialogue.*

*Resolution #2 ~ Submitted by: Sunapee Lake Grange #112  
Subject: FDA Complete Its Review of Triclosan ~~and Ban it~~*

**WHEREAS**, the FDA is many years overdue in completing it's review of Triclosan, and

**WHEREAS**, it has been proven to not be beneficial and in fact has been proven to be detrimental to animal and human life, and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC does not recommend its use;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NH State Grange go on record encouraging the FDA to complete its review ~~and ban it~~, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if this is passed by the NH State Grange a copy of this resolution go on to National Grange for their consideration.

*The committee noted that the review on the safety of the product has not yet been completed by the FDA. The committee recommends amending the resolution to instead urge the FDA to finish their review. The vote was unanimous in favor of the recommendation.*

*Delegates amended the resolution to remove “and ban it”. Resolution passed as amended.*

Session recessed at 4:45 pm to prepare for the banquet and will reconvene at 9:30 pm

### **Saturday Evening**

#### New Hampshire State Grange Banquet “We Honor Our Heroes”

Welcome: Kevin Belval, Master of Ceremonies  
James Tetreault, State Grange Master

National Anthem – sung by Nathaniel Smith

Opening Prayer – Matthew Clark, State Chaplain

Presentation of Awards  
Robert Haefner, State Grange Legislative Director  
Legislator of the Year – Guy Comtois

Richard Patten, State Community Service Director  
Educator of the Year – Karen Mienheimer  
Retired Veteran – Howard Towne & Wayne Harper  
Active Military – Carryl Davis  
Public Service – Mary Baxter  
Citizen of the Year – Dennis Gaudette, Town of Bath  
Granger Volunteer Award – Bob & Cheryl Correllus  
Granger of the Year Award – Mildred Ingham  
NH State Grange Founders Award – Marion T. Jones  
Correctional Officer – Daniel Webster  
Police Officer – Robert Stafford  
Fire Fighter – Rick Riendeau  
First Responder – Sam Provenza  
Lifetime Achievement – Tim Acerno & Karen Wadsworth  
NH State Police Officer – Trooper Michael Schumann

Vocal selections sung by Nathaniel Smith

Closing Remarks – James Tetreault, State Master

Session Reconvened at 9:30 PM

Robert Haefner continued with the Resolution and By-laws committee report:

*Resolution #3 ~ Submitted by Sunapee Lake Grange #112  
Subject: Pomona Study*

**WHEREAS**, Pomona's were a late but integral part of the Order and

**WHEREAS**, Pomona's are struggling to find a reason to be,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a study committee research the earlier, stronger years of Pomona's to find a reason and make suggestions through a report to the next Annual Session of the NH State Grange making suggestions such as abolishment of Pomona's to required membership in Pomona's to attain and keep the higher degrees. This committee should be appointed by the State Master and State Overseer.

*This resolution would set up a study committee. Bob Haefner noted that there had been a study committee on this very subject when Beth Merrill was Master. Therefore the committee recommends not taking a position on this resolution and notify the members that a study was done several years ago. (As an aside, should the resolution be adopted as written, the committee asks that the misplaced apostrophes be deleted.)*

*Delegates voted not to pass this resolution.*

*Resolution #4 ~ Submitted by Chichester Grange #132  
Subject: State Grange Awards Banquet*

**WHEREAS**, our communities are filled with public servants who are well-deserving of recognition and

**WHEREAS** traditionally the State Grange has awarded these men and women for their service at the State Grange Banquet, and

**WHEREAS**, the State Community Service Department has limited funds to spend and many worthy endeavors to spend them on,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that each Grange, or State Grange Department whose community service award nominee is selected for state level recognition pay the banquet ticket fee for their award recipient and one guest.

*The committee recommends passage of this, but suggests that it be amended to add that if one of the State Grange departments gives an award, they will be responsible for paying for the banquet tickets. For example if Legislative & Agriculture gives an award, that committee would pay for the ticket. Unanimous in favor.*

*Delegates voted in favor of the amended resolution.*

*Resolution #5 ~ Submitted by Arlington Grange #139  
Subject: Annual Licensing Fee*

**WHEREAS**, the National Grange has invested much time, energy and financial resources into protecting the name Grange through trademark infringement, and

**WHEREAS**, these cases have caused a financial hardship on the National Grange drawing funds from areas that promote growth, and

**WHEREAS**, The National Grange has entered into numerous trademark agreements with business throughout the country, enabling them to use the name Grange in a positive and progressive manner, and

**WHEREAS**, The National Grange manages and protects its trademarks primarily for the benefit and use of Grange chapters in raising funds and promoting their social, cultural, educational and civic programs that benefit their community.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Digest of Laws of the National Grange Chapter 4 Article XVIII section 4.18.2 (D) be added as follows:

4.18.20 (D) Subordinate Granges shall be assessed an annual Charter Licensing fee of \$25.00 payable to the National Grange no later than July first of each year. Pomona Granges shall be assessed an annual Charter Licensing fee of \$25.00 payable to the National Grange no later than

July first of each year. State Granges ~~with~~ entitled one delegate to the National Grange shall be assessed

an annual Charter Licensing fee of \$50.00 payable to the National Grange no later than July first of each year. State Granges ~~with~~ entitled two delegates shall be assessed and Annual Charter Licensing

fee of \$100.00, payable to the National Grange no later than July first of each year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, these funds be reserved for trademark/Legal enhancements.

*Submit without recommendation and let the delegates decide. Unanimous in favor of no recommendation*

*Delegates voted in favor of the amended resolution.*

*Resolution #6 ~ Submitted by Peterborough Grange #35, Manchester Community Grange #359, Walpole Grange #125 and Antrim Grange #98  
Subject: GMO Food Labeling*

**WHEREAS**, the Grange recognizes that consumers have the right to receive accurate and thorough information about the products they feed to their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential long-term risks to public health, the environment and the future food supply from genetically engineered products are largely unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, safety studies on genetically engineered products are limited because biotechnology companies generally prohibit their cultivation for research purposes in seed licensing agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, some independent peer-reviewed research that has been done on genetically engineered crops has revealed problems with liver and kidney functions in rats; deformities and neurological problems in vertebrates; and lower nutrition content in pesticide-resistant Roundup Ready crops; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the United States Department of Agriculture to ensure that genetically engineered crops are safe to grow, the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that genetically engineered products will not harm the environment and the Food and Drug Administration to ensure that genetically engineered food is safe to eat; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States federal agencies that regulate genetically engineered products, including crops and animals, have not yet enacted a comprehensive plan to adequately oversee and monitor genetically engineered products; and

**WHEREAS**, farmers who produce organic or non-genetically engineered crops run the risk of crop contamination from nearby genetically engineered crops; and

**WHEREAS**, farmers who unintentionally grow patented, genetically engineered seeds or who harvest crops that are unintentionally contaminated with genetically engineered traits could lose marketing options and face costly lawsuits; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2012 Mellman Group poll found that 91% of American consumers wanted all genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ~~Peterborough Grange #35, Manchester Community Grange #359, Walpole Grange #125 and Antrim Grange #98~~ support mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered products; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the ~~NH State Grange~~ support legislation in favor of GMO labeling in NH; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Grange support GMO labeling on the national level.

*The committee does not recommend except for removal of the first 'Resolved' section (3 through 7) should the body decide to pass the resolution. Unanimous in favor of the recommendation.*

*Delegates voted in favor of the amended resolution.*

*Resolution #7 ~ Submitted by Stratford Grange #238  
Subject: Readable Print in Telephone Directories*

**WHEREAS**, the population of northern New England is aging and not all people have Internet access and,

**WHEREAS**, the residential listings in the telephone directories are printed so tiny they cannot be read without special magnification,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Hampshire State Grange sends a letter to Fairpoint's telephone directory printers Super Media-Marketing Department 10200 Dr Martin Luther King Highway Suite North St Petersburg FL 33716 on behalf of its members and neighbors requesting larger print in their telephone directories.

*The committee recommends this resolution. Unanimous in favor of the recommendation.*

*Delegates voted in favor of the resolution.*

*Resolution #8 ~ Submitted by Concord Grange #322*

*Subject: Affiliate Dues*

**WHEREAS**, ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO ORGANIZE A Granges at the State House to have a presence at the State House and,

**WHEREAS**, there are currently 20 Grange members serving as State Representatives, State Senators or Legislative Aides and,

**WHEREAS**, it is hopeful we can continue efforts to organize the Grange at the State House and,

**WHEREAS**, the main problem was the assessment of dues causing some of the prospective members to forego the State House Grange for financial reasons because they are paying full dues to their home Grange,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, a committee consisting of the State Master, 3 members of the Executive Committee, 3 representatives of the State House Capital Grange meet to discuss the cost of affiliate dues to not only the State House Capital Granges but to other Community and/or Subordinate Granges as well as Pomona Granges in the State and if need be,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a resolution be submitted to National Grange to alter the affiliate dues policy to enable Grange members to assist neighboring Granges as affiliate members without incurring dues to the member as a result of dues assessed by the State and National Granges.

It is hopeful this could be accomplished before the next Legislative session begins in January.

*The committee decided to make no recommendation waiting to hear a discussion on the pros and cons. Unanimous in favor of no recommendation*

*Delegates voted not to pass this resolution.*

*Resolution #9 ~ Submitted by Concord Grange #322  
Subject: State Grange Legislative Policy*

**WHEREAS**, we currently have members of the Grange serving as State Representatives in the New Hampshire General Court and,

**WHEREAS**, Legislative issues have always been important to the Grange and,

**WHEREAS**, throughout the years the Grange has voted on resolutions presented to the State Grange Delegates regarding Legislative issues to be submitted the National Grange and /or NH Legislature,

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the elected Grange members of the State Legislature meet with the State Grange Legislative Committee to review past Legislative policies of the State Grange to inform current Grange members serving in the Legislature where the State Grange stands today on legislative issues and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to discuss past changes made and update our policies so Grange members in the Legislature will know where this organization stands on various issues.

*The committee supports the resolution, but asks that the it be amended to allow for meetings either by e-mail or conference call. Unanimous in favor of the resolution as amended*

*Delegates voted not to pass this resolution.  
Resolution #10 ~ Submitted by Stratford Grange #238  
Subject: GMO vs non-GMO*

**WHEREAS** the Grange teaches “faith in God” and promotes love of the Earth, healthy community and family life and these premises help us gain membership and we are admonished by Iroquois Indigenous Elders to decide whether the decisions we make today will benefit our children seven generations into the future and,

**WHEREAS** the agricultural world has learned the error of it’s ways of fighting to change Gods ways as in the Dust Bowl and we are returning to heritage breeds and heirlooms seeds to regain the nutritional value we have lost as in wheat or rice found in the pyramids which was much more nutritious than today’s and we are learning by way of the Earth Changes that “it’s not nice to mess with Mother Nature” and that we are not better than God nor are we God, and

**WHEREAS** the earth’s population is becoming a cancer to the earth and the famine is God’s way of keeping that in healthy check and some states have done a study finding that they can grow 90% of their needs within state with healthy, natural non GMO’s and

**WHEREAS** there is more and more proof that GMO’s are making us sicker and weaker as we ingest these GMO’s that do not belong in the human body creating new diseases and

**WHEREAS** our Declaration of Purposes state “We are opposed to such sprit and management

of any corporation or enterprise which tends to oppress people” as GMO promoting businesses do and us when we try to play God by changing the food and ways shared withal of us equally by

Creator rather than a few entities “owning” seed, etc thus having the possible power to control the world’s food supply like the dwindling world fuel supply.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Grange take a strong non-GMO stance.

*The committee does not recommend this resolution. Unanimous in favor of not recommending*

*Delegates voted not to pass this resolution.*

*Resolution # 11~ Submitted by Rochester Grange # 86*

*Subject: US Government Shut Down*

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has allowed the United States Government to be shut down twice in the last 20 years and,

**WHEREAS**, this affects all citizens of the United States either directly or indirectly, and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress needs to be held accountable for their inactions;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that all United States Congressmen be fined a days pay for each day the United States Government is shut down. Thereby making them accountable for their actions, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the money raised from the fines be put toward reducing the National ~~defieit~~, debt and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be passed on to the United States Congress for immediate action.

*The committee had no time to meet and adequately review this resolution, and therefore makes no recommendation.*

*Delegates voted not to pass this resolution*

*Resolution # 12~ Submitted by Claremont Grange # 9*

*Subject: Animal Cruelty*

**WHEREAS**; the Grange at local, state and National levels, has always stood for and supported wise and humane animal husbandry practices; and

**WHEREAS**; wish and humane animal husbandry practices are necessary to encourage the growth, health and productivity of farm animals; and

**WHEREAS;** the health and productivity of farm animals is vital to the success of agricultural business; and

**WHEREAS;** the success of agricultural businesses is directly related to the number of families able to continue farming; and

**WHEREAS;** farming and agricultural businesses are critical to the health, growth and economy of our country: and

**WHEREAS;** cruelty, negligence, abuse and other inhumane treatments of animals are completely contrary to the above principles; and

**WHEREAS;** prompt reporting and identification of such harmful acts and situations to proper authorities could quickly stop them;

**WHEREAS;** simultaneous reporting and identification of all evidence with agreements that this evidence shall be maintained in its original, uncut, unedited condition for a specified length of time is essential,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** that the NH State Grange support legislation that requires that witnesses shall report any and all cruelty to livestock (as is defined in NH RSA 427:38) or to poultry within 48 hours to proper law enforcement authorities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that witnesses shall be required to report the existence of any and all evidence to proper law enforcement authorities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that such evidence, in video, photographs, etc.. shall be kept original, unedited for 60 days; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that the National Grange shall support similar legislation at National levels.

*The committee recommends this resolution.*

*Delegates voted in favor of the resolution.*

Thank you all again. It has been an honor to serve as chair.

Fraternally submitted,

Tara Sad, Chair  
Resolutions Committee

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Kevin Belval was called upon to give the report of the Master's Address Committee:

The Master's address Committee would first like to thank our worthy Master Jim Tetreault for all the time he has committed to the New Hampshire State Grange over the past year, not to mention all the miles he has traveled.

The Grange Growth Team has taken great steps forward this year to set a strategy for growing our Grange. In one year they have created a promotional kit, and new brochures. All these efforts are to be applauded. We encourage continued support of the Growth Team by Granges at all levels.

The offer of a getaway to northern New Hampshire is a creative approach to recruiting new members. With 1800 members in the state, there is no reason that there can't be 2000 cards to pull from at next year's state session.

We celebrate the creation of Manchester Community Grange #359 and the reorganization of Claremont Grange #9 and the revitalization of Upper Coos Pomona #14. This is a lesson that, with enough effort, growth is possible.

We would like to echo the Masters call for Out-Reach Deputies.

The continued training of our leaders for Grange Growth should be a priority and we encourage all members to take advantage of these opportunities.

We would like to thank all those who shared their stories on how Grange is more than just attending meetings.

It was wonderful to see the Grange covered in main stream media. We should all keep our eyes open for similar opportunities. We would like to thank State Overseer Christopher Heath for his efforts and attention to details.

It is good to see that New Hampshire is once again a distinguished Grange with Antrim Grange #98 and Rochester Grange #86 leading the way. It is also great to see the Junior Grange formation is underway under the leadership of Joann Brandt.

The Grange Growth Team Members are encouraged to link with the Youth Committee members to help spread the Grange message through modern communication platforms, as used by our youth who will be our future.

The partnership with the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance "Seven to Save" could be a useful tool for Granges needing assistance with maintenance of their halls. New Hampshire State Grange has come a long way since National Grange last visited one hundred years ago. We have much to be proud of and we encourage all members who can to attend and give their support at National Session next month.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Belval, Chairman, Steve Durand, Stuart Light, Dorothy Haskins & Linda Lauer

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

The Credentials Committee presented their report

Worthy Master, National Representative, Pink Sash Family and Grangers:

The report of the Credentials Committee is as follows:

TOTAL VOTING DELEGATES

Masters	28
Wives of Masters	8
Husbands of Masters	6
Delegates	<u>41</u>
Total Delegates	83
State Officers	21
Deputy's	17
Committee Members	17
Non-delegates	70
Special Guests	10

The members of the Credentials Committee would like to thank the State Secretary for the privilege of serving for the 2013 State Session.

Fraternally,

Francine Leclerc	Emilie Leclerc
Lynn Clark	Linda Neilson
Rachel Scanzani	Sarah Leclerc
Kerriann Heath	

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

Beth Merrill, Past State Master presented James Tetreault with a gift as a memento of their time together attending the Mater Conferences.

Lynn Clark installed Beth Merrill as a member of the State Executive Committee.

With no further business to conduct the bible was closed and the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of The New Hampshire State closed at 10:25 PM.

## Subordinate Granges 2013

## Tabular Statement

Subordinate Grange	Number	Membership 6/30/12	Membership 6/30/13	Real Estate	Total Assets	Average Attendance
Antrim	98	29	30	\$ 87,400.00	\$ 97,808.29	8
Arlington	139	26	30	\$ 108,700.00	\$ 113,662.60	9
Aurora	235	34	34	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 71,200.00	10
Baker's River	290	20	17	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 35,149.52	8
Blackwater	152	41	39	na	\$ 111,268.38	8
Blazing Star	71	45	45	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 221,454.93	8
Blow-Me-Down	234	29	25	\$ 398,800.00	\$ 700,921.00	9
Brookline/Wilton	211	-				
Centennial	185	28	28	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 19,536.00	11
Chichester	132	45	44	na	\$ 18,580.36	8
Claremont	9	0	17	na	\$ 170.00	12
Coheco	81	23	20	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 10,838.72	5
Concord	332	32	32	na	\$ 21,753.01	13
Crown Point	65	36	33	na	\$ 15,457.56	7
Croydon	357	16	16	na	\$ 2,247.14	8
Daniel Webster	100	44	43	na	\$ 8,327.78	7
Dorchester	280	19	22	na	\$ 35,991.82	7
Friendship	110	8	9	na	\$ 14,100.00	7
Gilman	1	29	29	na	\$ 232,531.11	9
Golden Rod	114	17	16	na	\$ 17,233.99	6
Grafton Star	60	19	19	na	\$ 3,560.48	4
Granite	7	30				
Granite State	149	-				
Halestown	287	18	18	na	\$ 11,549.52	4
Halloween	317	13	12	\$ 124,600.00	\$ 127,620.15	4
Hampton Falls	117	51	49	na	\$ 10,998.92	8
Harmony	99	47	47	na	\$ 9,261.10	16
Henry Wilson	205	25	26			9
Hinsdale	358					
Hooksett	148	17	16	na	\$ 20,830.46	6
Hudson	11	29	30	\$ 273,520.00	\$ 334,386.23	11
Jeremiah Smith	161	23				
Joe English	53	30	30	na	\$ 12,249.92	10
Lake Shore	128	16	16	na	\$ 54,969.19	7
Londonderry	44	40	71	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 129,906.36	22
Lower Intervale	321	27	37	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 33,188.53	13
Manchester Community	359	0				
Meriden	151	-				

Mohawk	217	50	49	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 69,697.11	12
Mont Calm	70	26	24	na	\$ 12,078.01	6
Mount Hope	77	40	34	na	\$ 6,664.61	10
Mt Livermore	288	17	20	na	\$ 9,563.77	8
Mt Pistareen	145	19	18	\$ 199,300.00	\$ 265,106.09	6
Park	249	32				
Pembroke	111	31	30	na	\$ 9,519.03	7
Peterborough	35	33	23	na	\$ 5,060.39	13
Pine Grove	298	27	27	na	\$ 8,016.42	11
Pleasant Valley	272	-				
Prentice Hill	257	24	23	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 13,337.06	9
Riverhill	346	-				
Riverside	137	18	15	na	\$ 6,871.06	
Rochester	86	53	65	\$ 192,300.00	\$ 222,149.16	14
Rockingham	183	20				
Somersworth	264	22	22	na	\$ 3,950.00	9
Stratford	238	14	14	na	\$ 5,585.57	7
Sunapee Lake	112	24	27	na	\$ 42,072.15	9
Tuftonborough	142	29	24	\$ 202,600.00	\$ 208,610.42	11
Walpole	125	60	60	na	\$ 8,278.61	10
Warren Pond	47	14	14	na	\$ 3,125.00	
Watatic	36	19	19	na	\$ 3,408.79	7
West Thornton	253	35	34	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 20,737.51	8
Wicwas Lake	292	69	85	\$ 156,400.00	\$ 169,396.19	33
Wingold	308	69	69	na	\$ 14,376.57	12
Winthrop	315	20	19	na	\$ 4,408.62	7
Total	64	1671				
Average						
Granges Included in calculation	64	57				

**New Hampshire State Grange  
Income Budget 2013-2014**

	<b>Proposed 2012-2013</b>	<b>Actual 2012-2013</b>	<b>Proposed 2013-2014</b>
<b>Invested Funds</b>			
Income	5,064.17	5,064.17	5,380.72
Withdrawals from Principal	<b>zero</b>	<b>zero</b>	<b>* zero</b>
* see Grange Growth			
<b>Special Invested Funds</b>			
Defunct Grange Accounts	1,553.51	1,702.51	1,191.77
<b>Other Budget Income</b>			
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	3,470.00	3,562.00	3,470.00
Donations	0.00	270.00	200.00
Dues & Fees	37,250.00	40,734.90	37,014.00
Eastern States/ Blueberry Pie	1,400.00	1,500.00	1,400.00
Grange Growth			5,000.00
National Grange Session Assessment	1,700.00	1,445.00	1,739.00
NE Connection Session Assessment	874.00	722.50	869.50
Operations - Fund Raising	3,950.00	1,321.50	1,500.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i> Donations	800.00	465.00	800.00
State Grange Building Use	2,200.00	1,750.00	2,000.00
<i>State Grange Building Fund</i> <i>Donations</i>	100.00	550.00	250.00
State Session	3,800.00	6,892.00	4,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees	90.00	190.00	500.00
Spring Fling	250.00	435.00	300.00
 Total	 62,501.68	 66,604.58	 <b>65,614.99</b>

**New Hampshire State Grange  
Expense Budget 2013-2014**

	<b>Proposed 2012-2013</b>	<b>Actual 2012-2013</b>	<b>Proposed 2013-2014</b>
Accounting Services	2,700.00	1,600.00	2,500.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pomona	3,470.00	3,470.00	3,470.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00	376.00	376.00
Bulk Mail Permit	190.00	200.00	225.00
Department Expenses			
Family & Community Services	650.00	650.00	700.00
Grange Services	150.00	150.00	150.00
Historian * submit bills by quarter \$50			200.00
Lecturer	600.00	600.00	600.00

Legislative/Agriculture	475.00	475.00	550.00
Membership	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00	100.00	100.00
Youth	600.00	400.00	400.00
Junior		200.00	400.00
Defunct Grange Acct		32,481.44	
Deputies Expenses	3,375.00	3,834.48	3,500.00
Dues-National Grange	15,192.00	15,900.00	15,400.00
General Deputy Expenses	225.00	305.40	225.00
Grange Growth		300.00	5,000.00
Leader's School- December	100.00	100.00	100.00
Legal Fees	500.00	934.97	500.00
Master's Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Farm & Forest Expo	605.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	2,200.00	2,279.14	2,300.00
Info Director	40.00		
Website	0.00		
Miscellaneous	50.00	2,237.60	50.00
National Session Assessment	1,767.00	1,768.00	1,768.00
NE Connection Assessment	883.50	884.00	884.00
Office Equipment	0.00		500.00
Operations - Fund Raising	40.00		
State Grange Building	6,500.00	7,512.13	6,500.00
State Session	3,678.55	5,516.87	3,500.00
State Session Deposit	500.00	500.00	500.00
State Session Sound System			300.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	3,987.13	3,718.17	4,000.00
Secretary Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees- National	22.50	47.50	125.00
Spring Fling	360.00	537.77	375.00
State Grange Insurance	2,271.00	2,456.00	2,475.00
State Grange Other Building Insurance	1,814.00		0.00
State Grange Other Building Expenses	580.00	233.03	0.00
	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>
Supply Department	0.00	637.87	0.00
Treasurer Expenses	500.00	500.00	500.00
Community Service Awards - National		250.00	
Totals	62,501.68	99,155.37	<b>65,173.00</b>
<b>Non Budgeted Expenses</b>			
Set up Defunct Acct - Contoocook		20,439.45	
Contoocook loan & expenses		12,190.99	
Growth Fund - Junior seed money		300.00	
Miscellaneous - personal Sec'y		476.30	

Misc - funeral flowers	82.50
Misc - Sandy Hook Angel Fund to CT	405.00
Misc - NH Grange Foundation donation	100.00
Misc - Hinsdale check from National	200.00
Misc - CC late fees	96.42
Misc - Checks NH Grange for NECon	128.00
Misc - Curtains without Boarders	400.00
State Grange Building - oil tank	2,154.46