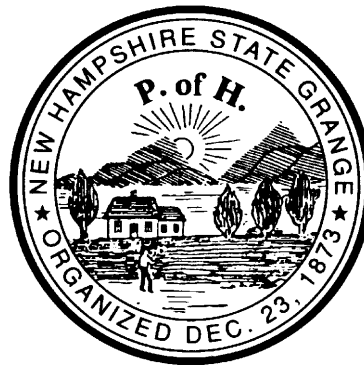


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**New Hampshire  
State Grange**  
*Of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry*



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Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary

## 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
2010	James Tetreault †	Arlington
2014	Christopher E. Heath†	Barrington

\* Deceased

† Present during Session

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**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
OF THE ORDER OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY  
Holiday Inn ~ Downtown Concord, Concord, NH**

The first day of the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual session of the New Hampshire State Granges was opened in the Sixth Degree with Worthy Master Robert Trombi and the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange at 8:30 am.

Officers present were:

Master	Robert Trombi
Overseer	Tricia J. Taylor
Lecturer	Matthew Clark
Steward	Adam Paquin-Varnum
Assistant Steward	Norman Brandt
Lady Assistant Steward	Sarah Leclerc
Chaplain	Kathy Yardley
Treasurer	Daniel P. Bascom
Secretary	Gerald J. Leclerc
Gatekeeper	Andrew Savage
Ceres	Jane Trombi
Pomona	Crystal Seward
Flora	Kerriann Nightingale
Executive Committee	Beth Merrill
	Christopher Heath
	Robert Haefner
	Mark Collins
	Anne Boisvert
Musician	Lester Gibbs

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

The Grange was then lowered to the Fourth Degree.

Steward Adam Paquin-Varnum announced Lynette Schaeffer, Chairman of the National Grange Executive Committee and President of the Illinois State Grange and her husband Don as our honored guests. The Assistant Stewards escorted Sister Lynette and Brother Don to the Master's station. Sister Lynette brought the greetings of the National Grange and encouraged us to ask her any questions we might have. She assured us that she doesn't bite... hard. She also congratulated the opening march performed by the State Officers and asked all to give them a round of applause. The Assistants then escorted the Schaeffers back to their seats.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

Master Trombi announced the Master Address Committee:  
Debra Patten, Donald Ross, and Ida Hutchins

## Reading of the Resolutions

### Resolution #1

Submitted by Hudson Grange # 11

Subject: NH State Grange Roster

### Resolution #2

Submitted by Antrim Grange #98

Subject: Conferral of Sixth Degree

### Resolution #3

Submitted by Claremont Grange #9

Subject: Hunter acquire landowner permission for use of hunting cameras, drones and tree stands on their property

### Resolution #4

Submitted by the NH State Grange Resolutions Committee

Subject: Committee to review State Bylaws

### Resolution #5

Submitted by Wingold Grange #308

Subject: Civil Asset Forfeiture

### Resolution #6

Submitted by Wingold Grange #308

Subject: Criminal Justice

### Resolution #7

Submitted by Wingold Grange #308

Subject: Qualified Immunity

### Resolution #8

Submitted by Wingold Grange #308

Subject: Domestic Vehicular Homicide

The Standing Rules for the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the rules with the vote being favorable.

Norman Brandt presented the report of the Agriculture Committee. He showed a video of the Barks Family Farm which is the recipient of the Century Farm Award. He also noted that the Young Farmer Award will be awarded to Slope Side Farm in Lancaster, submitted by Watatic Grange. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Diane Collins, Chairman of the Trustees of the Trust Funds was escorted to the Master's station to give her annual report.

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

Beth Merrill presented the report of the New England Grange Building.

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

Gerald J. Leclerc, Session Coordinator, presented his report.

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

Christopher Heath, Webmaster, presented his report.

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

15-minute break

Sister Lynette Schaeffer was escorted to the Master's station and spoke about how many State Granges are celebrating 150 years or slightly under or over. It really speaks of the Grange's dedication to agriculture.

11:00AM The gates were closed for the purpose of the annual Memorial Service under the direction of the State Chaplain Kathy Yardley.

Reconvened at 1:35

Past Master Beth Merrill introduced State Master Robert Trombi to give his annual address.

*The address was referred to the Master's Address Committee.*

Daniel P. Bascom, Treasurer, was escorted to the Master's station to present his annual report.

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

Gerald Leclerc, Secretary, was escorted to the Master's station to present his final report.

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

Tricia J. Taylor, Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee approached the Master's station to present the report of the committee.

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

Arthur Merrill, General Deputy approached the Master's station to present his annual report.

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

Matthew Clark, Lecturer, was escorted to the Master's station to present his annual report.

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

With no further business to conduct, the first day of the 149<sup>th</sup> annual State Grange Session was closed in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree at 3:40 pm.

### **Friday Evening**

An evening of fun and games ending with an Ice Cream Social under the direction of the State Lecturer and State Ceres was enjoyed by all those in attendance.

### **Saturday, October 29, 2022**

The second day of the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual State Grange Session was opened in the Fourth Degree by the Master, Robert Trombi and the officers of the NH State Grange at 8:30 am.

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

The Standing Rules of the session were read for information only.

Rachel Scanzani, Youth Director, was escorted to the Master's station to give her annual report.

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

Joann Brandt, Junior Director, was escorted to the Master's station with the Juniors present to give her annual report. Trevor Clark was presented with a Graduate Certificate from Junior Grange to Subordinate Grange.

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

Chris Heath approached the Master's station to give a report of the 2023 National Session Host Committee.

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

Hannah West, Editor of the Grange State Granger, was escorted to the Master's station to give her report.

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



9:30 am Election of State Officers:

Master:	Tricia J. Taylor
Overseer	Arthur Merrill
Lecturer	Matthew Clark
Steward	Norman Brandt
Assistant Steward	Andrew Savage
Lady Assistant Steward	Sarah Leclerc
Chaplain	Kathy Yardley
Treasurer	Daniel P. Bascom
Secretary	Mary West
Gatekeeper	Adam Terrell
Ceres	Gloria Davis
Pomona	Crystal Seward
Flora	Kerriann Nightingale
Executive Committee	Beth Merrill

Sister Lynette Schaeffer was escorted to the Master's station to give some facts about Illinois State Grange. She announced that they had a net gain in membership this past year. The state has 26 subordinates and 3 Pomonas. She also filled us in on the workings of the National Grange, especially with what's happening with the sale of the National Grange Building.

Anne Boisvert, State Grange Building Manager, approached the Master's station and gave her report.

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

Shawn Scanzani, Family Weekend coordinator, was escorted to the Master's station to present his report of Family Weekend.

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

Sherrill Bokousky, Grange Services Director, was escorted to the Master's station to give her report.

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

James Tetreault and Gloria Davis, Membership Co-Directors were escorted to the Master's station to present their annual report.

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

Kathy Yardley and Joyce Martin, Family and Community Committee Directors were presented to the Master's station and gave their annual report.

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

Recessed for lunch.

Reconvened at 1:35

Tricia J Taylor, Chairman of the State Executive Committee was escorted to the Master's station to present the 2022 ~ 2023 Income and Expense Budgets.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Income Budget. The vote was to accept as presented.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Expense Budget. The vote was to accept as presented.

Tara Sad, Chair of the Resolution and Bylaws committee was escorted to the Master's station to present her report.

Resolution #1 passed as amended.

Resolution #2 was defeated.

Recessed to prepare for the New Hampshire Grange Foundation Meeting.

3:00 p.m. The annual meeting of The New Hampshire State Grange Foundation was held.

Tara Sad, Chair of the Resolution and Bylaws committee was escorted back to the Master's station to continue her report following the Grange Foundation meeting.

Resolution #3 Passed

Resolution #4 Passed

Resolution #5 Defeated

Resolution #6 Sent back to the sponsoring Grange for clarification and resubmission next year.

Resolution #7 Sent back to the sponsoring Grange for clarification and resubmission next year.

Resolution #8 Defeated

Sister Sad was escorted to her seat and the committee was thanked.

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

Emilie Leclerc, Credentials chair, was escorted to the Master's station to present her report.

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

Debra Patten was escorted to the Master's station to present the report of the Master's Address Committee.

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

Gloria Davis was escorted to the Master's station to give the report of the Sesquicentennial Committee.

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

With no further business to conduct, the second day of the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual State Grange Session was closed in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at 5:00pm

### **Saturday Evening**

The Annual State Grange Banquet was held under the direction of State Ceres, Jane Trombi. A delicious sit-down meal was prepared and served by the staff of the Holiday Inn.

Following dinner, Kathy Yardley and Joyce Martin, once again honored a NH State Police trooper with the Trooper of the Year Award. This was presented to Trooper Samuel Provenza.

Jane Trombi then presented a "Quilt of Valor" to Ray Olivier. Mr. Oliver's name was submitted by the members of Concord Grange #322.

Christopher Heath kicked off the Sesquicentennial of the New Hampshire State Grange by Presenting Sarah Leclerc, Master of Hillsborough County Pomona #1 with the "Freedom Gavel." A proclamation was read and instructions were given as to how the gavel will travel around the state making its final stop at the 150<sup>th</sup> Session of The New Hampshire State Grange.

Master Bob Trombi and Ceres Jane Trombi presented Hannah West with an "Award of Appreciation" as she retires as the Editor of "The Granite State Granger." They also presented Lynette Schaeffer, Chairman of the National Grange Executive Committee and President of the Illinois State Grange and her husband Don with a few New Hampshire made gifts as a thank you for attending our session.

### **Sunday, October 30, 2022**

A Worship Service, under the direction of State Chaplain Kathy Yardley was held and enjoyed by those in attendance.

Following the service, Gerald J. Leclerc, Past State Secretary, installed the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange. Assisting were Installing Master Lynn Clark, Chaplain Pat Bailey, Marshalls Emilie Leclerc and Sarah Leclerc, and Musician Lester Gibbs. Master elect Tricia Taylor was presented to the altar for installation by her grandson Blaze.

Following installation. Master Tricia Taylor presented Bob and Jane Trombi with Assembly of Demeter sashes. The sashes were given from the family of the late E. Norris and Lillian Hall, Past Master and Past Ceres of the New Hampshire State Grange.

## 2022 MEMORIAL LIST

Marjorie Allen	Past Master Coheco Grange #81
Isabel Bartz	Past Master Bartlett Grange #104
Joanne Berry	Past Master Wicwas Lake Grange #292
Richard Currier	Past Master Blazing Star Grange #71
David Faist	Past Master Centennial Grange #185
Vernon Fisher	Past Master Cheshire Grange #131 and Past Master Ashuelot Grange #129
Shelly Hutoon	Wife of Past Master Rodney Hutoon, Past Member of the Safety and Ecology Committee Past Family and Community Committee Member
Dennis Hyde	Husband of Past Master Michelle Hyde, Mohawk Grange #217
Eleanor Lyons	Past Master Mohawk Grange #217
Annie Rice	Wife of Past Master Abbott Rice Wattanick Grange #327, Past Member of the Publicity Committee
Stanley Richardson	Past Master Pembroke Grange #111
Ralph Russell	Past Master Henry Wilson Grange #205, Past Master Eastern NH Pomona #2, Past Subordinate Deputy
Evelyn Schafer	Past Master Rochester Grange #86, Past Master Eastern NH Pomona #2
George Standley	Past Master Watatic Grange #36, Past Member of the Youth Committee
Patricia Torsey	Past Master Squam Lake Grange 258, Past State Young Couple

## AGRICULTURE REPORT

Brothers, Sisters, Delegates, and State officers alike, I stand before you to give my 2022 report.

This year started with great hopes and dreams within our committee, let's work on doing Agriculture programs that the Granges can modify and take home and apply it to their Granges. Let's work on a website that lists farms in New Hampshire. All great ideas and if implemented would have been a feat.

But let us now dwell on what we failed to do and move on. In February we did our yearly Farm and Forest and Garden Expo. Kids could harvest eggs from our chicken pen or pull up veggies from our various gardens make price tags and put them on the farm stand. We got to chat with many people with questions about Grange and Farming in general.

On April 13<sup>th</sup> I received an email from Bob Haefner introducing me to a gentleman that had contacted the Commissioner of Agriculture (Shawn Jasper) looking for his family Farm to be recognized for Century farm as his grandfather was 96 years old and had grown up on the property taking over the farm from his parents before passing it onto one of his children who passed it to one of his children. As we on the NH State Grange Agriculture committee believe that Grange is rooted in their own community I quickly replied to the gentleman and at the same time asked his local Grange of Harmony if they would like to investigate his family Farm to see if they think the NH State Grange should honor their farm with the Century Award. After many emails and conversations Harmony Grange was able to set up a date of July 8, 2022, to Award the award to Barks Family Farm in Sanbornton, NH. I have set up a little power-point to introduce you all to Barks Family Farm and I hope you will enjoy it. (Power Point presented.) We also have setup a display at Deerfield Fair this year on Types of Tomatoes and Potatoes. We were able to secure a blue ribbon and lots of educating.

The next event we have going on is in November. On November 12 we will be awarding the only New and Young Farmer award that was submitted to us for consideration. Slope Side Farm in Lancaster NH, submitted by Watatic Grange #36. They are not available to be here this year to receive it, but Watatic was able to set up a time and place to present it. As the venue isn't very large, we are going to limit the number of people being invited. If you would like to be invited, please see me some time during State Session if I have not already spoken to you. But at this time, I will introduce you to this farm and all it has done. (Another power-point presentation presented).

For those of you that have not had time to keep up with everything that has been published in the Granite State Granger, allow me to quickly update you on what has gone on in NH and around the country. Quickly as I think I can hear the State Master dozing off behind me. Let's Start with A as in Avian Influenza as of typing this report USA has had 47.73 million farm birds test positive for Avian Influenza with 830,000 of them being discovered in October alone (well pat when it was expected to disappear.) With only two farms or 400 birds total being found and euthanized here in New Hampshire, one in the spring (March) in Rockingham County and one in the fall (September) in Merrimack County with 75 wild birds testing positive this year.

With over 1 million Meat Turkeys, 10s of millions of egg laying hens and many meat chickens being euthanized you may understand why shortages and price increases are projected for the poultry market this year. With the war in Ukraine, and droughts in much of the world Grain shortages have been found, coupled with increases of gas prices the price of Grain for livestock has almost doubled since last year. Much of the prices going to middlemen and transportation companies. Even though there is much more to talk about I'm just going to give you a heads up on some problems on the horizon. First there is 1 disease not yet in USA but causing problems with pork outside of USA and can devastate the US pork industry if it is allowed in. There is a current Rabbit disease that has made it to USA rabbit hemorrhagic disease As of April 2022, RHDV2 has been confirmed in WILD RABBITS in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Oregon.

RHDV2 has been confirmed in DOMESTIC RABBITS in all states with wild cases as well as Tennessee, New York, Kentucky, Mississippi, Minnesota, South Dakota, Georgia, Florida, and most recently found Connecticut.

At this time, we would like to thank everyone that has been helping us this past year and hope we will get more one this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norman Brandt and Adam Terrill  
Co-Chairman, Agriculture Committee

## **CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Worthy Master, Sister Lynette, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters,

It is again a pleasure to present the Credentials Report for the 149<sup>th</sup> State Session.

Masters	18
Delegates	22
Husbands of Masters	1
Wives of Masters	3
Total Delegates	44
Non-Delegates	28
State officers	All present
Deputies	12
Directors & Committee Members	36

Respectfully submitted,

Emilie Leclerc, Chairman

## **NH TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ENGLAND GRANGE BUILDING**

Worthy Master, National Delegates, State Officers, Delegates, and Patrons:

There were five meetings held this year in December, February, March, May, and June. All were Zoom meetings, with the June gathering being a hybrid meeting of members on site for the annual cleaning session and others from the region logging in via internet.

Tasks that the board addressed were appointing Noel Miller (CT) as Building manager, Dawn Percoski (CT) as the Crafts and Hand goods manager, and Barbara Giguere (MA) as the Needlework Contest manager, with Claire Logan (RI) staying on as the General Store manager; fundraising for and installation of a new, stone-coated steel roof system, warranted for 100 years at a cost of \$45,760. The roofing company allowed us to pay a deposit at the time of the job and the balance after this year's fair. NH State Grange donated \$1500 toward the roof project; considering a list of suggestions, submitted by youth members from Massachusetts, for improving the Grange messaging within the building. These suggestions were received with a varied response, but I hope the trustees will open their minds and hearts to adopt some changes and thus, involve younger members in the operation of the building, a necessity for its existence and survival. One suggestion we tried to adopt, but proved trickier than first thought, is to add Grange related décor items to the fireplace area. We could use some help in coming up with these display pieces, so are putting the call out for all you Grange historians to check your collections to see if you have something suitable that you would loan to the New England Grange Building.

Brother Trombi and I made the trip down to the NEGB in August to assist other volunteers in pricing handmade items for sale. We also delivered the New Hampshire needlework contest entries and the handcrafted donations sent in by our generous Grangers. This date usually incorporates the heavy lifting involved with receiving cases of jams, jellies, pickles, and sauces for the general store, but the delivery schedules this year didn't work out for that day, so I made a return trip the next week to help with that.

Due to a lack of manpower, the upstairs balcony and state rooms have been closed to public access for several years, but the trustees decided to make an effort this year to get enough volunteers so we could open it at least on Grange Day. Brother and Sister Trombi joined Arthur and I and together, we occupied the New Hampshire room so that fairgoers could see for themselves, "What is up there?" It was amazing to see and hear the delight expressed by the visitors for either: getting their first glimpse or finally getting a chance to revisit that area of the building. While meeting the public this day, we met a young couple from Dunbarton who expressed interest in becoming members, so we forwarded their contact information to Joe English Grange in New Boston. You never know how many Grange-growing seeds you plant any time you interact with non-members, even if you are more than 100 miles from home! Certainly, these state rooms are an under-utilized feature of our building that, with some assistance, we could develop more to help tell the Grange story to our visitors. Later, the four of us joined other Grange members and rode on the trolley in the Grange Day parade. This was a fun and easy way to participate, since management is still limiting marchers due to covid restrictions, and our trolley car followed the one occupied by the very talented Mardi Gras band that played lively music throughout the route.

The Rhode Island State Grange donated the quilt for the annual charity raffle, which raised \$5,633.50 for the Outreach Program (food pantries). In lieu of a set price for each ticket, we ask for donations only and the fair guests were generous this year, making this the most we've raised since starting this program in 2005, the year of Hurricane Katrina.

All revenues were up this year, across the fairgrounds and in our building. The sale of handwork and crafts took in \$21,743.86 and the general store earned \$18,041.88. We started the fair with an overabundance of knitted and crocheted hats, but sales were brisk thanks to a few blustery, cold days during the fair and then Manager Dawn divided up what was left and sent them back to the states to distribute to local charities. She reports, *"We sold almost all of the Christmas ornaments. Mittens were low to begin with, but they all sold. Most of the kitchen towels sold. We have 1 box of scrubbies left. All the catnip and most of the dog toys and items went.*

*I'll be putting together a list of items we would like to have for next year. Top on that list are bigger afghans. We had many people looking for more than the lap sizes. The quilts all sold at the higher prices. As long as they are quality, people did not mind the prices.*

*We seemed to have priced correctly as we didn't have to do mark downs. We also didn't have to pack large quantities away. Next year, all we will need to do is bring out the items and sort. There's no need to take out things for remarking, so we will be able to spend less time with the start up."*

We DO so much appreciate all your lovely handmade donations and hope for you all a fruitful, productive year that we may yet again benefit from your generous gifts of time and craftsmanship! Proceeds from these sales go to the maintenance and upgrades of the building.

The 2022 Big "E" had an attendance of 1,603,354, with six record-breaking days, one of which was an all-time high record of 177,789 fairgoers on a single day. Most of the attendees made the decision to go maskless this year, after being required to wear them inside buildings last year.

Can you help the New England Grange Building in 2023? We gladly accept donations of quality handmade, hand-crafted items to sell. Knitting, crocheting, baby items, pet items, hanging dish towels, scrubbies, greeting cards, hats, scarves and mittens, Christmas ornaments, woodworking items, etc. are all great additions to our sales table. Store set-up dates in late August and early September need volunteers. During the fair, which runs from September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>, we need volunteers to run the checkout counter (it's very low-tech, believe me!), supervise the quilt raffle table (it's Maine's turn next year to make the quilt and designate the recipient charity), do demonstrations, act as hosts in the NH state room on NH Day (Friday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>) and Grange Day (Sunday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>), attend Grange Day, ride on the trolley in the daily parade on Grange Day. There are plenty of small ways each member can contribute in a big way to help preserve the legacy of the Grange at the Eastern States Exposition.

Fraternally submitted, Beth Merrill, Robert Trombi, Tricia Taylor

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**



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

It is my pleasure to bring you the report of the NH State Grange Executive Committee. It has been good to have a full year of face-to-face meetings.

This year we have been busy updating or replacing some of the equipment at the NH State Grange Building. It has been outfitted with combined smoke and carbon monoxide sensors. The Thermostat has been replaced as it was not working well. Anyone who has been to the hall recently has certainly noticed the improved lighting. Brother Collins has installed the new LED lights in most of the building and there are a few more to go. We are hoping to have a new furnace installed before winter as the current furnace is not heating the hall very well. The AC stopped working this past summer, so it is a necessity – not only for us but also for our rentals. One Grange building has been sold and we are working on another. One consolidation has been completed and a second is in the works. If there is any way the State Grange can help your Grange grow and thrive, please reach out to us.

I would like to thank all the members of the Executive Committee for their time, energy, and willingness to work together for the good of the NH Granges.

Fraternally,  
Tricia J Taylor, Chairperson  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

## **FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, and Patrons all,

It is our pleasure to present the annual report of the Family & Community Services department. This has been another challenging year for New Hampshire Granges as we continue to navigate the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We recognize the difficulties that keep us from doing a lot of the activities and projects that we have done in the past, and we are grateful for the reports from Granges that have done their best to keep participating in our program despite these difficulties. To those granges and their Family & Community chairpersons we say, “thank you”, and ask that you congratulate yourselves and give yourselves a well-deserved pat on the back for your efforts.

We began our year with our planning session at Deputy School. We went over the program for 2022 and planned our first ever “Family & Community Day” to be held in May. We made a few changes to the baking contest, eliminating judging at the Pomona level and instead inviting all subordinate first place winners to bring their blueberry muffins to be judged at state session. We also decided to open the contest to junior grangers as well. After our planning meeting we shifted gears to work on our Glencliff Home project. We packed 120 gift bags of puzzle books, pencils, candy, tissues, and other goodies to be delivered to the residents at the Glencliff Home for the Elderly in Glencliff, NH. This year we decided to deliver the bags ourselves and asked Ida Hutchins to be our guide. We met her at the Baker’s River Grange Hall, and she gave us a guided tour of the area as we drove. When we arrived at Glencliff, the staff and residents were

happy to see us and very grateful for the gift bags. We are already preparing for this year's bags. If you or your grange would like to donate items for the bags, please let us know, we would welcome your support.

For something new we created a suggested quarterly activity for granges to do at their meetings during the year. The challenge was to create paper decorations using a different shape each quarter. For example, the first shape we asked you to try was a heart. Since it was the first quarter (January, February, and March) the hearts could be used for Valentine's Day, or you could arrange them together to make a shamrock for St Patrick's Day. We heard from a couple of Granges – Claremont Grange #9 and Hillsborough County Pomona #1 - who tried the challenge. Claremont Grange made several different decorations for different holidays and Hillsborough County Pomona put a picture of their members holding their creative decorations in the Granite State Granger. Were there other granges who tried this activity?

On May 21<sup>st</sup> we held our first ever Family & Community Day at the state grange building in Hooksett. Turnout was low, with a total of nine grangers in attendance. We began the day with a review of the Family & Community program and answered any questions that were asked. We had a short workshop on food safety, focusing on the different types of food allergens and on proper food storage, especially at grange functions. Our next workshop was on planning and presenting a community event. We chose to plan a public supper and went through all the steps that would be needed to make it a successful event. Just before lunch we held our first-ever chili cook-off. Everyone received score sheets, spoons and sampling cups and got to taste and evaluate each entry. We had four completely different types of chili, all of which were delicious! After the judging we enjoyed a delicious lunch of... more chili! (With corn muffins and brownies and ice cream for dessert). The winner of the chili cook-off was Kerriann Nightingale of Centennial Grange #185. Second place was Brian Twiss of Watatic Grange #36, and third place went to Roberta Mason also of Watatic Grange #36. It is safe to say that our first "cooking" contest was a success! Stay tuned for our next cook-off.... The afternoon's activities included a workshop on creating a community service booklet which was ably presented by Camilie Twiss from Watatic Grange. She talked about how to organize your grange's activities and present them in a clear and attractive way. We ended the day by making yarn crafts for the grange store at the Big E and we held a door prize drawing for a loaf of Gwen Yardley's homemade bread and a box of assorted brownies from Bellows House Bakery. Everyone went home well-fed and happy!

August 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline for needlework entries, and we received some very nice entries this year. Please be sure to look at them in the display room. There were a few changes to the rules this year and there will be a few more minor changes for 2023 as well. Here are the winners of the state judging for needlework:

Class A – Afghan

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Carole Hill – Rockingham Grange #183

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Beth Merrill – Antrim Grange #98

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Debbie Standley – Watatic Grange #36

Class B – Doilies

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Katherine UMBERHIND – Gilman Grange #1

Class D – 3-piece baby set

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Theresa Rousseau – Watatic Grange #36

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Debbie Standley – Watatic Grange #36

Class C – Embroidery

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Judy Boardman – Rochester Grange #86

Class E – Plastic Canvas

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rhoda Davis – Pembroke Grange #111

Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Joanne Janelle – non-member, Rochester Grange #86

Class J – Stuffed Toy

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Diane Rondeau – Watatic Grange #36

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Gail Turcotte – Rochester Grange #86

Class K – Baby Afghan

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Gail Turcotte – Rochester Grange #86

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Debbie Standley – Watatic Grange #36

Class L – Sewn Garment

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lois Enman – Rochester Grange #86

All first-place winners were sent on to the Big E for further judging, and NH had some winners there too! The winners are:

Class A – Afghan

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Carole Hill – Rockingham Grange #183

Class B – Doilies

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Katherine UMBERHIND – Gilman Grange #1

Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Joanne Janelle – non-member, Rochester Grange #86

Class L – Sewn Garment

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lois Enman – Rochester Grange #86

Congratulations to all of you on your fine work! We also received a lot of nice items that were delivered to the Big E for the Grange store. Our thanks go out to the grangers and grange friends of Rochester Grange, Watatic Grange, and Pembroke Grange who made all the wonderful mittens, scarves, dishcloths, scrubbies and other items. Thank you very much to Beth and Arthur Merrill who once again transported our needlework and store items to and from the Big E. In the three state grange categories of handicrafts, we had one entry in each category:

Quilts – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Evelyn Brown, Dorchester Grange #280

(Evelyn is 103 years young!)  
Woodworking – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Roberta Mason, Watatic Grange #36  
Other Crafts – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Roberta Mason, Watatic Grange #36

Granges seem to still be enjoying the Night Night Hugs project, we had several granges report making and giving them away. The same with the Mountain of Mittens project, some granges like the idea of giving them in their own towns and surrounding areas. We hope your grange is still taking part in the Dictionary Project as well, as this is an important way to support local schools and it is an easy project to do.

For the baking contest this year, we asked you to make blueberry muffins. We hope you had some fun with this contest and got to sample lots of tasty muffins. We chose to eliminate judging at the Pomona level and instead invite your subordinate grange to send its first-place winner to state session to vie for the top prize. This year's prize money has been generously donated by Bellows House Bakery from North Walpole, NH. Thank you very much for your kind donation. The winners of the baking contest are:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Kim Gonley, Bakers River Grange  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Mary West, Chichester Grange  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Brian Blackden, Concord Grange

I'm sure you all are eagerly anticipating next year's contest.... We have decided to challenge you to make a ROLL CAKE – in other words, a jelly roll, Swiss roll, roll cake, cream roll, roulade, or Swiss log. It's a type of rolled sponge cake filled with whipped cream, jam, or icing. Good luck – can't wait to see what you come up with!

This year more Granges were able to get back to working on community service projects. Most projects were the "tried and true" variety, which is great! Walpole Grange #125 fed their poll workers at election. Claremont Grange #9 chose to donate to local food pantries and shelters in lieu of putting on their annual Christmas turkey dinner. Concord Grange #322 put on their annual Christmas parade in honor of Dick Patten and installed a park bench in his memory. Wicwas Lake Grange #292 held a very successful open house, introducing attendees to the grange and providing informational tables dedicated to local craftsmen. Joe English Grange #53 gave a \$1000 scholarship to a local high school senior. Watatic Grange #36 supported a retirement home for nuns. It's wonderful to hear all of your efforts to support your local communities. We asked your chairmen to keep track of their community service hours and submit them with their year-end reports. The grange with the highest reported number of community service hours is:

Joe English Grange #53	5,000 hours
Lower Intervale Grange #321	2,653 hours
Wicwas Lake Grange #292	2,562 hours
Concord Grange #322	2,152 hours

The total number of hours reported was 19,378.5 hours! Great job, everyone!

Some Granges have also been able to hold their community awards nights, honoring deserving teachers, police officers, firefighters, and other local heroes. We also hope you are remembering the grange's agricultural roots and considering an agriculture or young farmer award while also keeping an eye out for potential Century Farm Award winners (even though that is the agriculture department's award, it doesn't hurt to give them some info if you can). At the banquet tonight, we will once again be honoring a NH State Police trooper with the Trooper of the Year Award. It will be presented to Trooper Samuel Provenza.

We were happy to see a nice number of reports submitted this year. Hillsborough County Pomona #1 was the only Pomona Grange report we received this year. With a total of 65 points, 1<sup>st</sup> place Pomona report goes to Hillsborough County Pomona #1.

Subordinate Grange report winners are:

1 <sup>st</sup> place – Wicwas Lake Grange #292	420pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Watatic Grange #36	400pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> place – Rockingham Grange #183	395pts
4 <sup>th</sup> place – Joe English Grange #53	340pts

Kudos to those Granges who submitted their reports in booklet form! Give yourselves a pat on the back!

1<sup>st</sup> place booklet once again goes to Watatic Grange #36. It will be going on to National Grange for judging there.

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Joe English Grange #53

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Concord Grange #322

4<sup>th</sup> place – Wicwas Lake Grange #292

Honorable mentions – Antrim Grange #98 and Rockingham Grange #183

In closing, we would like to thank everyone for their support of the Family & Community Services program. Your enthusiasm and ideas are most gratefully received. Thank you very much!

Fraternally submitted,  
Joyce Martin and Kathy Yardley,  
Family & Community Service Co-directors

## **FAMILY WEEKEND REPORT**

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Brothers, and Sisters all,

Family weekend was held July 29-31, 2022, at Davidson's Countryside Campground in Bristol, New Hampshire. The NH State Grange took over seven campsites with sixteen people staying for the weekend and another two visitors for the day on Saturday. The annual potluck dinner on Saturday night was delicious as always. With many laughs, games, and food there was never a shortage of fun throughout the weekend. There were campfires with lots of stories and memories.

Family weekend will be held again next year at Davidson's Countryside Campground the weekend of July 28-30, 2023! Make your reservations directly with the campground now to be able to reserve your site. We will again have our potluck supper at 5:30 for all of those in attendance either during the day or for the weekend. With campgrounds filling fast in the spring, please make your reservations early.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shawn Scanzani  
Family Weekend Coordinator

## **GENERAL DEPUTY**

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters:

This is my final report as your General Deputy. First, I would like to thank the Worthy Master for giving me this opportunity to serve in this capacity. I also would like to thank and recognize the twelve Brothers and Sisters who travelled throughout the state this year to visit Granges. Jane, Dan, Matt, Andrew, Sarah, Tricia, Norman, Mark, Chris, Beth, Jim, and Ida.

One year ago, as we gathered, there were 39 Subordinate Granges in New Hampshire. On November 6, 2021, Beth and I went to Landaff and were present when Mount Hope Grange #77 voted to close after 145 years. Maybe you read an article about this Grange in the NH Union Leader that said, "Television, and the Lawrence Welk Show in particular, may have played a role." There were twelve members present, but the decision to close had already been made. Their minds were made up. Could we, as a State Grange, have done more to help them so they wouldn't have closed? Many times, I think, just someone visiting will make a Grange think twice. Someone else who cares about them, listens to their problems, give them some ideas, let them vent their frustrations. Sometimes those frustrations are with the State Grange. They believe the State Grange doesn't care.

On June 30, 2022, Golden Rod Grange #114 of Swanzey, after existing 136 years, consolidated with Arlington Grange #139 in Winchester. Presently, Meriden Grange #152 is in the process of consolidating with Blow-Me-Down Grange #234 of Plainfield.

From reports received, ten Granges own real estate valued at between \$31,000 and nearly \$400,000. I believe there are six or seven other Granges that own real estate; however, no reports were received. Several Granges are still not meeting, having stopped more than two years ago at the beginning of the pandemic. This State Grange must do something to get these Granges active again.

At least twelve Granges took in new members. Hopefully, next year that number will increase. Granges were asked what they are doing to reach out to all their members. Responses ranged from sending meeting minutes via email to all members, Zoom meetings that allow those who are unable to attend in person, Facebook posts, and others.

Granges are active in their communities by holding Meet the Candidate nights, cleaning up roadsides, donating dictionaries via the Dictionary Project, planting and sharing community gardens, organizing and/or participating in Old Home Days and town festivals, hosting farmer's markets, producing Grange Fairs, awarding scholarships, assembling food baskets, assisting needy families, entering parades and fair exhibits, collecting, and distributing gift cards, and many more.

After looking at all the reports received and adding all the scores, the number one Grange for 2022 is Antrim Grange #98. This busy Grange took in five new members AND conferred the First Degree, both of which are awarded high points on the score sheet.

### **Pomona Granges**

One year ago, there were eight Pomona Granges in New Hampshire. Today there are still eight Pomona Grange in New Hampshire. I thought about ending my remarks about Pomona Granges there, then I thought better of that. According to the by-laws of the New Hampshire State Grange the duties of the General Deputy include reporting the condition of each Grange. So, here it is.

There is one Pomona Grange that has not "gathered" in at least three years or held a legal meeting in six or seven years. Another Pomona held one meeting this year. We find yet another met twice, but only once with a quorum. Two more Pomona's met three times with quorums with never more than nine members present. This next Pomona met four times, each with a quorum, having nine to eleven present. The seventh Pomona met five times, four with a quorum and never more than nine present. That brings us to our last Pomona holding four meetings with an attendance ranging from thirteen to twenty members present.

So, in conclusion, there is just one Pomona Grange that met the minimum requirement of four times, with the required quorum each time, and enough members present to fill the officers' chairs. The others are just limping along, meeting because the by-laws say they should.

It appears that one new member joined a Pomona this year.

Have the Pomona Granges in New Hampshire outlived their purpose? What is their purpose? There is not a Pomona in the state that is doing anything, according to the reports, to assist the Subordinate Granges in their district. When was the last time your Subordinate Grange had a visitor from your Pomona who was not also a State Grange official? I believe it is time, probably past time, for this State Grange to take drastic action. Close all Pomona Granges. When members join a Subordinate Grange and are obligated, they should also be obligated in the Fifth Degree. The Fifth Degree should be conferred at State Grange at least every other year. Some action must be taken. This is one thought. Or do we continue to allow Pomona Grange to stumble along, doing nothing until they all die a slow, lingering death. It's your call.

Fraternally submitted,  
Arthur Merrill, General Deputy  
New Hampshire State Grange

## GRANITE STATE GRANGER

Worthy Master, Delegates, Guests and Grangers All,

I'll begin with the thank-you's. My daughter Mary West and her husband Kevin Belval have folded, wafered, and labeled thousands of papers this year. Without them the paper would never make it into the mail. My daughter Anne Boisvert has solved computer problems, formatted PDF files, and transported bundles and boxes of newspapers from the printer to the post office and all stops in between. State Secretary Jerry Leclerc has printed labels and helped to keep the mailing addresses up to date, The State Master and State Grange Directors have provided their quarterly columns which make up the backbone of the paper. Beth Merrill and Renee Mercier-Gerritsen have provided much needed copy with their chronicles of events and building restoration at Antrim Grange. I also thank all the individuals who sent in Grange and personal news and announcements this year. You fill in all the little spaces and give the GSG its meaning and purpose,

This year I would like to add a special thank-you to Kevin Sweet at the Commercial Department of the Concord Monitor. For many years he has toned the photographs and set the GSG up for printing. He manages to fit my little paper into his print schedule at the busiest of times. His cheerful voice over the telephone lets me know that all my problems will be solved.

This is my swan song – my last report as Editor of the Granite State Granger. I will put out one more issue in December to complete the year 2022, and then I am finished. The December issue give new officers and directors a chance to introduce themselves and allow the highlights of this convention to be reported to the membership at large. The paper is mailed at the beginning of December, so I will need your contributions by the middle of November. Let's make Volume 52, number 4 a good one.

As far as I know, no one has come forward to replace me. In some ways this a good thing. I have been hinting for a while that the current format of the GSG is not working as well as it did in the past. Twenty-five years ago, a newspaper format was the wave of the future. Today it is more of a wave of the past. If the members of the New Hampshire State Grange want to have a printed periodical message, there is someone out there who will make it happen in a way that is new, fresh, and exciting.

It occurs to me that a swan song should be sung: (tune "I'm Going To Leave Old Texas Now")

I'm going to leave the GSG.  
It is no place for the likes of me.  
For twenty-five years I did type and fold,  
And now I'll stop, cause I've grown too old.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannah West, Editor, Granite State Granger



## GRANGE SERVICES REPORT

Worthy State Master, State Officers, Honored Guests, Delegates all. I am here to present my annual report for the Grange Services Committee. On a personal note, I will tell you that this has been a difficult time for me as I have gone through a family loss that I didn't expect when I took on this position.

So, as a director of this committee, I will tell you about a team that supported me, gave me time to get caught up and stood with me. I give you my thanks for all your efforts. The work you did was to spread the information about the Educational Loan Fund, processing scholarship applications, preparing the application forms, setting the due dates, and sharing with granges the need for help with education. Lois and Pat have kept the scholarship schedule on track with great skill. The scholarship information and forms were prepared and are also available to all on our state grange website.

The members of the Grange Services team are:

Lois Enman	Patrice Lawlor	Linda Phelps	Debra Standley
Haven Haynes	Esther Herrick	Ida Hutchins	Lester Gibbs

We met in July to review the scholarship candidates and determine the final awards. I can report that we were able to present five scholarships this year to the candidates. These awards will help each student with some of the costs they have.

I also want to thank all granges who have supported the Education Loan Fund. Your contributions to this fund are very beneficial to a student in college. In this way you have helped a student to be able to pay for part of their tuition or buy books or help with school costs they need.

We do have grange services available on the National Grange Website that grangers can take advantage of. There are some benefits that have been used such as car rental, prescriptions, and hotels. We will be getting a brochure to send out to all granges in 2023. I am looking at what we could do in 2023. One of the next goals for this department would be to look for other areas of grange services available to us in New Hampshire.

Thank you,  
Sherrill Bokousky  
Grange Services Director

## JUNIOR REPORT

Good morning. Our State Junior Grange is still going strong. We have currently 24 on the books. If you have children or grandchildren that would benefit from Junior Grange. we would love to have you join us at Junior Grange.

My theme for 2023 is “Teach and Raise Us Up”. National Junior Theme is “Raised Right Here”.

Junior Fun Day was held Feb 19 in Hooksett with 2 Juniors present with many adults and youth joining at lunch. Georgiana and Connor rolled the soft molasses cookies out and cut them so we could cook them. Once cool we frosted them and put sprinkles on. Lunch was corn chowder and hot dogs’ chips and cookies. We worked on the Popsicle stick craft for the Big E and decorated them. The Youth were working on decorating sugar cookies and the juniors joined in with them.

The Grange bowling held by our State Lecturer, Matt Clark, was enjoyed by 9 Juniors this year. Bowling winners were ages 4-9 - Jared Clark, Ages 10-12 - Jacob Scanzani and Ages 13-14 - Seth Clark, congratulations to all. Thank you, Matt.,

June 3, I fell in the backyard and broke my right arm. That ended up with a brace until September 14 so depended on Norman and others to drive me to my appointments.

How many read the Granite State Granger? I put in some articles as the year went on. Did anyone check out Benson’s in Hudson.

I received no entry in the Big E Junior craft contest this year from New Hampshire and the Northeast Juniors. The Junior Department had no entry in Stratham Fair, but we did a Deerfield display this year receiving a blue ribbon and a copy of the photo is in our display.

We have six Juniors graduating this year. Four were Charter Members: Caden Lynch, and Alayna (Grace) Twiss of Watatic Grange, Laura Schwarz, of Wicwas Lake and Trevor Clark of Walpole also Cole Enman of Rochester Grange and Isabell Brandt of Wingold Grange. This leaves us 18 members and already we have two new ones just taking the Junior Degree. We must keep working to teach and grown the Juniors for our future.

In closing, I want to thank our Worthy State Master, Bob Trombi, for all his support with the Junior activities this year. Of course, parents, grandparents and grangers are an important part of our program as without them, we could not travel and attend Junior activities or even grow new Youth and our future.

I hope you go the extra mile and bring in Junior Grangers. If your grange is having trouble getting 7 members at a meeting these juniors can count as attending but can’t vote. You can make a difference today, tomorrow, and always.

Fraternally submitted,  
Joann Brandt,  
Junior Director

## LECTURER'S REPORT

Worthy Master, State Officers, National Rep., brothers, and sisters all,

Ladies and Gentlemen this is your captain speaking. We are about ready to take off and travel back in time to the end of state session 2021 and from there travel through the year to present with the Clarks. Please sit back relax and enjoy the ride.

Our first stop on the adventure is October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, after the events of State session, Lynn and I worked to finalize the plans for our trip to Wichita, Kansas for National Convention. Some of you may not understand but trying to pack clothes for four boys, Lynn, and myself in as few bags as possible is a hard thing to do. Not only have enough clothes but pack them so we don't have to unload the vehicle completely at every stop. I am so glad my wife is a planner and takes care of that. It's finally time to pick up our rental vehicle. Apparently premium SUVs are very popular at this time of year as that is what we booked; but there were none available in the entire northeast in the rental company, so instead we had a Ford Transit 15 passenger van. After removing the back seats, we had plenty of room for all our luggage. Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> we are off for a 9 plus hour drive to Cleveland, Ohio. Sunday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> found us at the Great Lakes Science Center located on the shore of Lake Erie between FirstEnergy Stadium, Home of the Cleveland Browns football team, and The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

After exploring the science center, we found a mall (because the Clarks love shopping). We found the Lego store which gave us something to do that evening while at our hotel. Monday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> the adventure continued with a 9 plus hour drive to St. Louis Missouri. Time for dinner, what do we do? Lynn asks, "Doesn't your friend Justin live in the area? Time for a detour. Hey, Justin, how's it going? It's been good seeing you and your family and catching up over dinner. Now we must continue to our hotel for the night." Tuesday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> we visited the Gateway Arch; glad I got to check this off my list of places to visit. After looking around and taking the 630 ft trip to the top of the Arch we had dinner and then went to the movie theater and saw Clifford the Big Red Dog. Wednesday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> time to finish the adventure to Wichita with about 7 hours of travel.

While at National Convention we attended session, workshops, the Peterson Farm Bros concert, general tour, which included a candy store, the junior tour, and Evening of Excellence where Lynn, Trevor, Seth, and Jared represented NH. A great time was had by all. Time to travel home. Sunday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> found us traveling 14 plus hours back to Cleveland Ohio. During the drive we ran into snow which I feared we would. Monday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> time to finish the trip and get home. It was so good to be home.

Our second stop was our first grange event for the year, our annual bowling day on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lakeside Lanes. We had 29 adult bowlers and 9 junior bowlers as well as others who came to support. The following is a list of the winners:

Grange Team Winner –

Wingold Grange – Andrew Savage, Norman Brandt, Lawrence Brandt, Lucia Savage

Women Class A

1<sup>st</sup> Brenda Spaulding

2<sup>nd</sup> Lucia Savage

3<sup>rd</sup> Hannah Rogier

Men Class A

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Savage

2<sup>nd</sup> Matthew Clark

3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Twiss

Women Class B

1<sup>st</sup> Goldie French

2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Leclerc

Men Class B

1<sup>st</sup> Norman Brandt

2<sup>nd</sup> Wilber Heath

2<sup>nd</sup> Becky Rogier

Women Class C

1<sup>st</sup> Beth Merrill

2<sup>nd</sup> Ava Twiss

3<sup>rd</sup> Becca Schilke

Men Class C

1<sup>st</sup> Blaze McMullen

2<sup>nd</sup> Shawn Scanzani

3<sup>rd</sup> Emmanuel Twiss

Junior – overall winner

Seth Clark

I am pleased to announce that the 2023 bowling day will be Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, starting at 12 noon. The price will be \$16 for adults and \$12 for Juniors. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Our third stop was another Grange event held on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> where we found a group of grangers gathering at the State Grange building for the Grange month event. Jim Tetreault presented a membership workshop, and I presented a workshop looking at the Lessons We Learn contest from the Lecturer's program. A penny sale was also held. The talent showcase had three entries this year. This year's best of show was Aurora Farrell.

Our fourth stop yielded multiple stops at some family events. January found Seth starting his training for the Junior Swamp Bats baseball league. He started playing games in the beginning of April and from that time we were on the road almost every weekend for baseball. The end of April I started coaching for Seth's Greater Keene team. We made it to the championship game for the spring league. Seth was chosen for the 12U All-Star team. They played in four tournaments this year and I assisted in coaching during two of those tournaments.

Our fifth stop, in May, I traveled with Trevor and Seth to Pennsylvania for a class trip. We went to Black Rock Retreat in Quarryville right in the heart of Amish country. I was in heaven seeing the horse and buggy traveling the roads and passing the farms watching them do their field work with horses. This was a good time for me to bond with my boys. This was an educational trip as there was some classroom time during the day. The kids got to dissect a frog, learn how to geocache, how to track animals, and studied a creek to see what lives in it. We attended the performance of "David" at Sight and Sound Theatre. This was a live stage performance with live

animals about the life of King David from the Bible. I also found a toy store in the area that carries a lot of the diecast collector's items that I collect so I had to stop.

Before we took off again, on June 17<sup>th</sup> I started a new position at DOT. I accepted the Safety and Environmental Coordinator position based at the district 4 office in Swanzey. Now instead of being in a patrol section overseeing the everyday work by the crew I am now in the office and in charge of training, accident investigation, workers comp claims, injury reporting, and field visits to ensure the work is being done safely. Even though this position does not involve plowing snow I have volunteered to help this winter due to being short staffed.

Our sixth stop occurred August 20<sup>th</sup> when the Clark adventure took us to Florida. We flew out of Hartford CT and landed in Orlando FL about two and a half hours later. After picking up our luggage and waiting for Lynn to get through the line for the rental vehicle we made our way to the parking garage to get the rental van we booked. We made it to the parking spot and discovered that there was a Chevy Suburban parked in the spot. Thank you for the upgrade. We loaded up the rental and headed to our hotel about three hours later than we hoped. We visited SeaWorld, Magic Kingdom, Typhoon Lagoon, Animal Kingdom, Epcot and Hollywood Studios. We did have a couple non-park days where we found ourselves at Disney Springs (shopping, because the Clarks love shopping), many mini-golf courses as well as the Crayola Experience (where we got to play and create). On August 31<sup>st</sup>, we were back on a plane heading home. The weather was hot and humid, and we did have small showers and storms almost every day. This vacation was a much-needed break from our busy lives to enjoy spending time as a family. We made some great memories and had lots of fun. We look forward to seeing where our next adventure takes us. We have enjoyed sharing our adventures with those on Facebook and will continue to do so.

Our final stop brings us back to State Grange where I am once again pleased with the entries that came in this year. Please make sure you take a look at the work that was done by our members. The following is a list of the winners:

### **Art Contest**

#### **A. Coloring Page**

1<sup>st</sup> – Claire Lebel – Wicwas Lake

2<sup>nd</sup> – Deena Harper – Wicwas Lake

3<sup>rd</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic

#### **B. Painting**

1<sup>st</sup> – Marie MacDonald – Joe English

2<sup>nd</sup> – Linda Holbrook – Joe English

Junior (10-14) – 1<sup>st</sup> - Mallory Enman - Rochester

#### **C. Collage**

1<sup>st</sup> – Edith Jennings – Joe English

2<sup>nd</sup> – Amy Mansfield – Joe English

3<sup>rd</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic

## Photography Contest

- A. Give it Your Best Shot!  
1<sup>st</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Chris Heath - Centennial  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Carol Hill - Rockingham
- B. Precious Moments  
1<sup>st</sup> – Chris Heath - Centennial  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Brian Twiss - Watatic  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Kim Durand – Wicwas Lake
- Junior (10-14) – 1<sup>st</sup> - Laura Schwarz – Wicwas Lake
- C. ‘Tis the Season  
1<sup>st</sup> – Chris Heath - Centennial  
2<sup>nd</sup> - James Jacobs - Rochester  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Jane Trombi - Walpole

## Creative Writing

- I. Poetry  
1<sup>st</sup> - Judy Bailey - Rochester  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Claire Lebel – Wicwas Lake  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Sharon Evans - Dorchester

## Lessons We Learn

Class C: Both Essay and Scrapbook Page  
1<sup>st</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Cam Twiss - Watatic

## Create A Card Contest

Category I - Recycled

Class A: Thinking of You

1<sup>st</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic

Class B: Birthday

1<sup>st</sup> – Beth Merrill - Antrim

2<sup>nd</sup> – Cam Twiss - Watatic

3<sup>rd</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic

Class C: Christmas

1<sup>st</sup> – Beth Merrill – Antrim

2<sup>nd</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic

Category II – Computer Generated

Class A: Thinking of You

1<sup>st</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic

Class B: Birthday

1<sup>st</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic

Class C: Christmas

1<sup>st</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic

Category III – Hand Stamped and/or Decorated

Class A: Thinking of You

1<sup>st</sup> – Jane Trombi - Walpole

2<sup>nd</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic

3<sup>rd</sup> – Beth Merrill - Antrim

Class B: Birthday

1<sup>st</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jane Trombi - Walpole

3<sup>rd</sup> – Beth Merrill - Antrim

Class C: Christmas

1<sup>st</sup> – Jane Trombi - Walpole

2<sup>nd</sup> – Cam Twiss - Watatic

3<sup>rd</sup> – Roberta Mason - Watatic

Since we have now landed, please be careful opening the overhead bins as items may have shifted during our flight. As we travel home to our local granges, please encourage each other to participate in meetings, contests, and events, because without participation and interest in growing our grange, we will not grow. I look forward to seeing what this next year brings.

Respectfully submitted.

Matthew Clark

Lecturer

## STATE MASTER'S ADDRESS

State Officers, National Representative, and all Patrons of Husbandry:

Welcome to this 149th session of the New Hampshire State Grange. I am grateful to be standing here giving this report. Please bear with me as I might stumble a bit.

Thankfully this past year has been better in terms of the pandemic. Most Granges have gotten back to normal and are meeting in person on a regular basis. There are some Granges that have not met since the pandemic hit, and if they choose not to meet now, they should be closed or consolidated. "The Pandemic" is no longer a valid reason to "just not meet".

Jane and I were honored to represent NH at the National Grange Convention last November in Wichita, Kansas where Jane served as Chair of the Grange Growth Committee, and I served on the Citizenship and Taxation Committee. There were many resolutions discussed and voted on as well as election of officers. It was exciting to be a part of such an important process. We were also able to have Deputy / Leaders School in person last December. It makes such a difference when we can have everyone together.

Last year, one of my goals was to have more resolutions presented at State Grange. At Leader's School in December, I gave all Deputies information to be presented to Granges at their spring instruction in an attempt to encourage increased participation in the resolution process. Unfortunately, as of this writing, only two resolutions have been received by the State Secretary. This is an issue, not only in NH, but nationwide. National President Betsy Huber wrote in The Patrons Chain newsletter on October 21st, saying: "While State Sessions are full of fun, fellowship, food, and contests, an important purpose is to discuss and set policy for our organization for the next year. So far, it's been a bit disappointing to see very few resolutions coming to National Grange from the State Sessions already held. I'm sure your members are not happy with everything going on in Washington and your State Capitols! Your membership in the Grange gives you a greater voice than you can possibly have as an individual voter. We should take advantage of that power and use it to change things we don't like. The resolution process is how we do that.

It's too late this year to write and consider resolutions to send to National Grange but make some notes while you're engaged in those discussions at your Sessions about issues you can address throughout 2023 to present next year. It's never too early to start working on those resolutions!" With the National President addressing this subject, it is clearly not only a NH issue, but ideas for addressing Legislative issues cannot be allowed to fall by the wayside. Addressing issues for the public good is a big part of the Grange legacy. Remember that resolutions don't just have to deal with Grange topics, but issues in communities, but state or national topics as well. I am sorry to say that I was unable to appoint a new Legislative Director for 2022. This position needs to be a person who has knowledge of what is happening in our State House as well as the National Legislature. I am hopeful that this position can be filled with someone willing to go the distance and keep our grangers in the know.

Another goal I had was to be sure all Granges were reaching out to those members they do not see in person. The Fall Deputies report asked how and what Granges were doing to reach this goal. Unfortunately, the General Deputy reported that the only outreach was emailing them about a meeting or sending them the minutes. My suggestion had been to talk with those people in person, send them a personal email asking them to join you or send them a card and to ask them why they are not coming to Grange meetings. After your members were contacted, then discuss at your meeting the answers received to see what can be done to make your meetings a place everyone wants to be at.

It is time once again that the By-laws of the NH State Grange should be read over carefully to verify that what is there is currently needed. This is something that should be done every few years. My recommendation is that the State Master appoint a committee to review the by-laws and write resolutions for any changes needed to be brought to the 2023 State Grange Session to be voted on by the delegates.



This past year I received requests from two Granges about consolidating. One Grange was on the verge of having their charter pulled, but instead decided to consolidate with a nearby Grange. In both circumstances they were unable to have a quorum to make the vote, so in one circumstance I made the decision to consolidate them. The other Grange was waiting to hear they were accepted for consolidation. I feel there are many more Granges that need to think about consolidating due to lack of members or not even holding meetings. It's not something any of us want to think about, but the number of Granges in our state is dwindling. What can we do to help these Granges get back on their feet? Can a committee be appointed specifically to go to Granges that are having these difficulties? Can the rest of us as dedicated Granger's step in to help them figure it out? I do not have all the answers but feel it is something that needs to be dealt with.

In December there will be a very important position to fill. Hannah West is stepping down as Editor of the Granite State Granger. She has been in this position for 26 years and has done the very important job of keeping our members informed of what is going on and what has happened within our organization. Let's all applaud Hannah for her dedication and years of service. Do we have someone who is willing to fill those shoes?

Can you believe that next year is the Sesquicentennial of the NH State Grange? Our organization has been a prominent presence in NH, being involved in local communities for the betterment of society for 150 years! Think of all the lives that have been touched during those 150 years. Let's make next year a special one while we toot our own horn with all that has been done in our state. Our annual session in 2023 needs to be the best ever. A sesquicentennial committee was formed, but unfortunately two of the members have had to resign. We need interested members who are willing to go the distance to plan celebratory events and make next year's State Grange Convention a one to remember. If you are this person, please see Gloria Davis.

As mentioned in my article in the Granite State Granger, I have decided not to run for a second term as your State Master, nor will I seek a position on the Executive Committee due to health issues. With those health issues being short term memory loss and reading difficulties, I also suggested to the Executive Committee that we not hold the Sixth Degree this year. I know there are several members who are disappointed in this decision, as Past State Master's could have stepped in to take my place. So, my apologies to those of you who felt we should have had the degree this year.

There is much to be done in our organization, and I feel that I am currently not up to that task. I would have liked to have done more this past year to address the issues I have stated above, and I wish I could continue in this position to take on those tasks, but do not feel I am up to it. I would like to thank the members of the New Hampshire State Grange for your support and especially the State Officers and Directors for standing beside me and helping me through my term. With special thanks to my family, especially my Wife Jane, for helping me along this challenging path!

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Trombi  
Master, NH State Grange

## **MASTER'S ADDRESS COMMITTEE**

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

We want to commend the work, dedication, and team spirit of the State Master.

We agree you have had a difficult term with the pandemic and your health condition, but you persevered and led the State Grange through it. Granges who are continuing to use the pandemic as an excuse and consequently not meeting should be consolidated or closed so members of those Granges who wish to continue active membership can continue their membership.

We agree and commend you on your efforts to have the deputies communicate to all Granges of the importance of submitting resolutions to State Grange. There should be encouragement for each Grange to submit at least 1 resolution. We encourage the appointment of a Legislative Director to give report and guidance on the happenings and knowledge of State and National topics. In turn, there should be resolutions that move forward for National Grange consideration.

Communication is key to the success of the Grange. We strongly urge every Grange to communicate with all members. We agree with the State Master that communicating via a general email or just sending minutes is not sufficient to keep the Grange going. Members need to be aware of what the Grange does and be encouraged to attend. Personal phone calls and cards are a way to do that. Every Master should send periodic letters through the Secretary to all members informing them of what the Grange is working on. There are members in all Granges who are unable to attend due to health or distance, but it doesn't mean they don't want to hear what is happening in their Grange. And email is not the answer. There are many who do not have email access.

We agree that the By-Laws need to be reviewed and it is the hope of this committee that the resolution that was submitted will result in the formulation of a By-Laws Committee.

We urge the State Grange to formulate an Outreach committee with members in all corners of the State to meet with struggling Granges and offer support and/or encourage consolidation rather than simply letting the Grange close and losing all the members.

We sincerely applaud Hannah West for her dedication for 26 years to the Granite State Granger. We know her family helped her with the mailing, but Hannah made sure we have all been informed of what is happening in the State Grange. We hope there will be someone to step forward and rise to the challenge of trying to fill her shoes.

We agree it is important to celebrate our Sesquicentennial anniversary in a big way. To accomplish this, we encourage others to join the committee and ensure this celebration is one that will create community awareness and wonderful memories for all of us! The conferral of the sixth degree is important to many of our members. While we understand the personal challenges you have faced, we encourage future State Officers to ensure the Sixth Degree is performed annually and if there is an officer unable to be prepared for his/her part, a

suitable replacement step in for them. It is important for Grangers to not lose touch with the degrees of our order.

We commend your work Worthy Master and wish you the very best.

Respectfully submitted  
Master's Address Committee

Deb Patten, Donald Ross, Ida Hutchins

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Worthy Master, Brother, Sisters, and Honored Guest:

It is with Pleasure that Sister Gloria Davis and me deliver the report of the NH State Grange Membership Committee as Co-Directors.

Last year at State Grange in Keene the Membership Committee was pleased to have sponsored the Hospitality Room.

In addition to the Hospitality Room last year, we sponsored the following events:  
The New Hampshire Farm and Forest Exposition held in February at the Double Tree in Manchester this booth was sponsored by both the Membership Committee and the Agriculture Committee. The Theme for the event was "Growing Stronger Together" We won a 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon on our booth. Thank you all who helped and manned the booth this year. This is one of the best opportunities that we have promote the Grange. I personally have not attended this event, but I want to thank Gloria, Normand, and Adam for the hard work they put into this promotional event.

An event that I was very excited about this year was a new event. During the month of February, we held a Zoom Membership event. This event was held from 7-8PM each Wednesday night. We created a series of worksheet asking question about Grange Membership, your own individual Grange, and your commitment to the Grange. I was pleased that we had a total of 40 in attendance at the month-long event.

If you have any suggestions for a topic for this year's event, please give them to myself or Gloria Davis,

Monthly Membership calls: After our monthly event we held a monthly membership call during the month of April and May, attendance at each of these meetings was 8 members.

On April 29, 2022, the Membership Committee provided a workshop in conjunction with the State Lecturer on promotion and in depth looks at our Grange and at us as members.

## STATISTICAL REPORT:

### Subordinate Membership

Close of 2nd quarter 2021 39 Subordinate Granges  
November 2021 Mount Hope Grange #77 surrendered its charter

Close of 2nd quarter 2021	1032 Members
Close of 2nd quarter 2022	951 Members
Loss of	81 Members

### Pomona Membership

Close of 2nd quarter 2021	363 Members
Close of 2nd quarter 2022	340 Members
Loss of	23 Members

Fraternally submitted,  
Jim Tetreault and  
Gloria Davis -Co Director  
NH State Grange Membership Committee

### **2023 NATIONAL SESSION HOST COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers, delegates, Pink Sash family members, brothers and sisters patrons all.

I am here to provide you with a report of the 2023 National Session Host committee. Your host committee along with members of the Northeast Connection committee have been very busy working on planning and organizing the 2023 National Convention. Our teams have been having quarterly meetings to discuss and plan all the many activities that will be happening. As you may know, our region is hosting the session at the Sheraton at the falls in Niagara Falls, New York, November 14th through the 18th.

New Hampshire is responsible for providing three different items for the ditty bags that will be distributed to the National Grange officers and staff, delegates and attendees at the National Session. This committee is looking for suggestions of items that could be donated or purchased to help fill these bags. We are asking for three distinct items and a quantity of 400-450 each to be provided. If anyone has ideas or knows where we might get these donated from, please let me know as soon as possible so I can secure them before the session and transport them to the facility to be assembled.

New Hampshire is also responsible for hosting the session and staffing the hospitality room on Thursday. The food items, at this time, we will be distributing must be individually wrapped and we are not allowed to have any hot items. We are looking for volunteers to assist with manning the room and helping with other host responsibilities. Typically, this is three to four people in the

hospitality room and two to three people to help in other locations. If you are interested in helping, please let me know so I can put you on the list.

Please remember that we have 2023 convention shirts for sale in the display room. The t-shirts are ten dollars apiece and the long sleeve shirts are fifteen dollars each. The funds raised from the sale of the shirts goes to help support the region in hosting the session. Once the inventory is gone, there will be no more ordered. All shirts are the same color, but we have sizes ranging from medium to triple extra-large.

Once I have more information about the session and where we are in getting volunteers, I will ask the webmaster and the editor of the Granite State Granger to print that information for all.

It has been a pleasure to serve on this committee and I am looking forward to a successful 2023 National Grange session.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Heath  
2023 NH National Session Host Committee representative

## **RESOLUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master, National Representative, and Brother and Sister Patrons all,

It is with pleasure that I present the 2022 Resolutions Committee report on behalf of the Committee. I want to thank the members – Sister Jozi Best and Brothers Bob Haefner and Jim Tetreault – for agreeing to participate on the committee.

We had only one resolution submitted to the committee this year, which, while not what we had been used to seeing in the past, is one more than we received last year. The committee met via Zoom on October 24 to discuss this resolution, suggest editorial changes, and to vote on whether or not to recommend it for passage by the delegates.

*Resolution # 1*  
*Submitted by: Hudson Grange #11*  
*Subject: New Hampshire State Grange Roster*

**WHEREAS**, A Roster with contact information for State Officers, State Team Members as well as selected officers and committee chairpersons for Subordinate and Pomona Granges as well as Junior Grange Leaders is prepared annually by the State Secretary. and

**WHEREAS**, The State Secretary is bound by the State Grange By-Laws with sending two copies of the Roster to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange as well as the Junior Leaders. and

**WHEREAS**, the intended use of the roster is for communication purposes, between State, Subordinate and Pomona Granges such as knowing meeting nights, times and locations, as well

as to know who to send an invitation to for a Special Meeting event such as Home Economics Night, Youth Night, Past and Presiding Officer Night. and

**WHEREAS**, many of these Special/Event Meetings are either not being held or invitations are not being sent so the need for a printed copy of the roster is not beneficial to the Granges. and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to print and mail the 2022 Roster was roughly \$900. and

**WHEREAS**, with today's technology and the ability to place the information gleaned from the Roster onto the State Grange web site, leaves one to question, does each Grange need two copies?

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Article VIII, Section 7, Division 4 of the NH State Grange By-laws be changed to,

“The Secretary shall also keep ~~and publish~~ annually a complete Roster. It will contain the names and numbers of all Junior, Subordinate and Pomona Granges in the State. It will also list the names, addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of the Master, Lecturer, and Secretary of each. It will also list the Leaders of Junior Granges. **The Secretary will submit the completed Roster to the Web Master by the last day of December for submission on to the New Hampshire State Grange web site. She will send a copy to the Master and Secretary of each Subordinate and Pomona Grange and to each Junior Leader on or before the first day of February. One printed copy will be provided to a Subordinate, Pomona or Junior Grange leader at no cost by using the Supply Department order form. One printed copy will be provided to a State Officer or Team Member upon request at no charge.** The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of this Grange and other duties as generally devolve upon the office.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if this resolution passes, it will take effect with the 2023 Roster.

How it is currently printed in the By-laws

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The Committee discussed the merits of the proposed Resolution and noted that the purpose was to reduce the number of rosters sent to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges to one from two, noting that the information on the rosters was accessible on the State Grange website, and available through the Master's. The committee agreed.

There were, however, some editorial changes that were suggested, and these were voted on and accepted unanimously.

***The resulting vote on the amended resolution was unanimous in favor.***

The amended Resolution brought before the delegates read as follows:

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**WHEREAS**, the intended use of the roster is for communication purposes, between State, Subordinate and Pomona Granges, such as meeting nights, times and locations, as well as a Special Meeting event such as Home Economics Night, Youth Night, and Past and Presiding Officer Night; and,

**WHEREAS**, many of these Special/Event Meetings are either not being held or invitations are no longer being sent, so the need for a printed copy of the roster is not necessary for the Granges to have; and,

**WHEREAS**, the cost to print and mail the 2022 Roster was roughly \$900; and,

**WHEREAS**, with today's technology and the ability to place the information gleaned from the Roster onto the State Grange website, it puts in question the need for each Grange to have two hard copies.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Article VIII, Section 7, Division 4 of the NH State Grange By-laws be changed to:

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**The Motion was amended by the changes noted highlighted in gray above. This amendment passed. The resulting amended motion was seconded and passed with a show of hands.**

I wanted to quote from National Grange President Betsy Huber’s recent article in ‘The Patron’s Chain’ newsletter entitled ‘Use your voice in the resolution process’ *“While State Sessions are full of fun, fellowship, food, and contests, an important purpose is to discuss and set policy for our organization for the next year. So far, it’s been a bit disappointing to see very few resolutions coming to National Grange from the State Sessions already held. I’m sure your members are not happy with everything going on in Washington and your State Capitols! Your membership in the Grange gives you a greater voice than you can possibly have as an individual voter. We should take advantage of that power and use it to change things we don’t like. The resolution process is how we do that.”*

The number of resolutions submitted have dropped precipitously recently, and the Resolutions Committee is here to help you through the process of developing and writing them. Contact us and we will be there to help.

The following resolutions were submitted following the deadline, and so the committee didn’t have the opportunity to meet, discuss and vote on them. So, I will be presenting them to the delegates for their vote without recommendation.

*Resolution 2  
Submitted by: Antrim Grange #98  
Subject: Conferral of Sixth Degree*

**WHEREAS**, it has been announced that the NH State Grange will not confer the Sixth Degree this year, and,



**WHEREAS**, the Granges and members in New Hampshire were not included in making this decision and,

**WHEREAS**, many members look forward to the Sixth Degree conferral each year, regardless if there are actual candidates and,

**WHEREAS**, it has been evident in recent years that the traditions of Grange ritual are swiftly eroded as a result of easing routine degree work and,

**WHEREAS**, participation in the exemplification of the Sixth Degree is one of the General Duties of all State officers (NH State Grange Bylaws, Appendix Q, pg. 48),

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the NH State Grange confers in full form the Sixth Degree each year at State Session, or at a special session called for that purpose.

**This resolution was defeated.**

*Resolution #3*

*Submitted by: Claremont Grange #9*

*Subject: Hunters acquire landowner permission for use of hunting cameras, drones and tree stands on their property*

**WHEREAS**, landowners strive to protect their properties, livestock and other animals, family and themselves; and,

**WHEREAS**, many landowners open their land to hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts; and,

**WHEREAS**, landowners need to know who are enjoying activities on their land for safety and liability reasons; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is often a need for landowners to communicate specifics of one's property, such a crops, trees, livestock, enclosures and structures to local and state governing agencies, insurance companies and such;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Hampshire State Grange and its delegate body support legislation by their New Hampshire State Legislators that requires prospective users of game cameras, tree, stands, and drones to acquire permission of the landowners for such usages with complete knowledge of and adherence to all rights and laws set up concerning such equipment;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the NH State Grange Legislative Committee update its Legislative Policy Handbook with this new policy.

**This motion passed with a show of hands.**

*Resolution # 4*

*Submitted by: The NH State Grange Resolutions Committee*

*Subject: Committee to Review State Bylaws*

**WHEREAS**, The Bylaws of the NH State Grange have not been updated as a package in a number of years; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that organizations review and update if necessary their bylaws every three to four years; and,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the State Master appoint a by-laws committee to review and update the State Grange by-laws.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Committee bring the recommended changes to the bylaws before the delegate body for approval at the 2023 State Grange Session.

**Motion was passed by a show of hands**

After having noted the existing text in the bylaws which read ‘She will send a copy to the Master and Secretary of each Grange...’ and being surprised to see that the pronoun ‘she’ was used, it was decided that it is time for a review of our bylaws. To that end, Jim Tetreault has proposed the resolution that you have before you now. The Resolutions Committee supports this resolution.

*Resolution #5*

*Submitted by: Wingold Grange #308*

*Subject: Civil Asset Forfeiture*

**WHEREAS**, Civil Asset forfeiture laws allow police to seize property, money, or assets if police merely believe it is connected to criminal activity. Police do not have to file charges or even establish guilt in these cases before seizing and keeping property and there is no limit to what police can seize; and,

**WHEREAS**, Civil Asset forfeiture was implemented during prohibition to curb bootleggers; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is no proof that Civil Asset Forfeiture has ever stopped or slowed down any bootleggers; and,

**WHEREAS**, assets can be forfeited if someone is found guilty of a crime without the use of Civil Asset Forfeiture, and it is very expensive to defend forfeited assets in court; and,

**WHEREAS**, an officer can use Civil Asset Forfeiture without charging a person for a crime; and,

**WHEREAS** there are no consequences for an officer with Qualified Immunity who uses Civil Asset Forfeiture for ill reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been an increase of Civil Asset Forfeitures since the 1980s; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Hampshire State Grange support any legislative effort put forth to limit or eliminate the use of Civil Asset Forfeiture; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to National Grange to be supported by the Grange as a whole.

**The motion was defeated on a show of hands.**

*Resolution #6*

*Submitted by: Wingold Grange #308*

*Subject: Criminal Justice*

**WHEREAS**, the courts have trouble keeping up with all the cases that come before them; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lady Justice holds a double edge sword symbolizing that justice cuts both ways; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is expensive to defend yourself from accusations that may not be true.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NH State Grange support legislation that would require the prosecuting party to pay all costs of a trial if the defendant is found not guilty, or if the case is dismissed

**Move to send back to originating Grange for clarification was seconded and the motion passed.**

*Resolution #7*

*Submitted by: Wingold Grange #308*

*Subject: Qualified Immunity*

**WHEREAS**, it is common knowledge that absolute power corrupts absolutely; and,

**WHEREAS**, Qualified Immunity was implemented by the supreme court in 1967 without any precedent before said date; and

**WHEREAS**, it was implemented in a way that allows it to cover any action that is done by a civil servant as long as there has not been a ruling on the same matter prior to 1977; an,

**WHEREAS**, this prevents courts from rectifying actions that could be otherwise be considered illegal if they weren't protected by Qualified Immunity; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NH State Grange support changes to Qualified Immunity to limit or eliminate it by legislative means; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to National Grange to be supported by the Grange as a whole.

**Motion was made and seconded to send the resolution back to the originating Grange for clarification.**

**Motion passed.**

*Resolution #8*

*Submitted by: Wingold Grange #308*

*Subject: Domestic Animal Vehicular Homicide*

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire currently has laws that address dogs and cats being struck by motor vehicles; and,

**WHEREAS**, drivers should always be in control of their vehicle

**WHEREAS**, if you hit a person with your car, you can be found guilty of vehicular homicide; and,

**WHEREAS** wild and domestic animals are attracted to roads for salt, food and easy travel; and,

**WHEREAS**, if a driver hits a wild animal, the driver is automatically at fault and,

**WHEREAS**, domestic animals are an important part of their family's life;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Hampshire State Grange support legislation that states that owners of domestic animals hit b motor vehicles shall be free of fault for any legal or civil liability pertaining to such incidents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this legislation stipulate that the driver of said vehicle is automatically at fault for any incident and will be required to make restitution to the owner of the domestic animal.

**Following discussion, the motion was defeated by show of hands.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Chair, Resolutions Committee

## STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worthy Master, National Representative, Pink Sash Family Members, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters all.

This is my tenth report to you as your State Secretary. In looking back at what has happened in the past ten years I'm concerned about our future. Let me share with you the opening of my first report in 2013.

*The condition of the Granges in New Hampshire are 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.*

Now let's come back to the present!

The condition of the Granges in New Hampshire are as follows:

Subordinate Granges:

We began the year with 39 Subordinate Granges and a membership number of 1032. In November 2021 Mount Hope Grange #77 Surrendered its charter after 145 years of service to the Landaff community. Golden Rod Grange #144 after 136 years of service to the Swanzy community consolidate with Arlington Grange #139. This leaves us with 37 Subordinate Granges and a total membership of 951, a loss of 81 members.

The largest Subordinate Grange in the State is Wicwas Lake Grange #292 with 82 members.

Pomona Granges:

We began the year with a total of 8 Pomona Granges with a total membership of 363. As of June 30, 2022, we have 8 Pomona Granges with a total membership of 340 leaving us with a loss of 23 members.

The largest Pomona Grange in the State is Pemigewasset Valley Pomona #18 with 71 members. The total Pomona membership number may be lower simply because no reports have been received from Northern NH Pomona #5 and Mascoma Valley Pomona #7 for more than a year.

## Junior Membership

Close of 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	
Blazing Star #71	2 Juniors
Centennial #185	3 Juniors
Chichester #132	1 Junior
Golden Rod #114	2 Juniors
Hudson #11	2 Juniors
Rochester #86	2 Juniors
Rockingham #183	1 Junior
Wingold #308	3 Juniors
Total	16 Junior

## Graduated in 2022

Caden Lynch and Alayna Twiss	Watatic #36
Ezra Kling	Blazing Star #71

Congratulations to the Graduates and to the Subordinates that received them. Let's remember that the Juniors are our future.

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

### 1~ Silver Star Certificate

Annette Lemieux	Rochester Grange #86
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### 1~ 30 Year Seals

### 1 ~ 35 Year Seals

### 3~ 40 Year Seals

### 1 ~ 45 Year Seals

### 3 ~ 60 Year Seals

### 3 ~ 65 Year Seals

### 2 ~ 70 Year Seals

### 3 ~ 75 Year Diamond Certificates

Myra Driscoll	Gilman Grange #1
George Stearns	Rochester Grange #86
Albert Smith III	Harmony Grange #99

The month following State Session is the second busiest time of the year for the secretary's office with completing the Journal and putting together the new Roster. I'm happy to report that both the Journal and the Roster were completed by December and ready for distribution with the fourth quarter mailing.

The 2021 NH State Grange Roster If your Grange has already sent the information in for the 2021-2022 Roster, thank you if not please remember the deadline is November 1st.

The Journal of Proceedings for the 148th Annual State Grange Session was completed and ready for distribution by leaders' school in December. Having the journal completed quickly remains a priority to me so that those wishing a copy would receive one while the session is still fresh in their minds. The Journal was placed on the website for anyone to see. Any Granges can have a hard copy sent to them; all they need to do is request one. If a member would like a copy, one will be provided to them for the cost of printing and postage. This past year 2 Granges requested a copy of the Journal, and one member requested a copy. I remain positive in thinking that many members went to the website to read the Journal.

As usual, at the end of each quarter, a packet was sent to each Pomona and Subordinate Secretary with information for the members, as well as the usual report forms. I can't stress enough how important it is to complete the reports and send them in on time. This past year has seen many more Granges meeting on a more regular basis which has helped with receiving reports and membership numbers in a timelier fashion. Some Granges are not meeting. Unfortunately, there are still a couple of Pomona's and one Subordinate Grange who are not current.

During my report last year, it was announced that the Honor Secretary program was going to be reinstated this coming year and would start with the December 2022 report.

At This time, I would like to recognize the following Secretaries for completing the requirements to become an Honor Secretary:

Frances Everard	Eastern NH Pomona #2
Carolyn Ross	East Rockingham Pomona #11
Gerald Leclerc	Hillsborough County Pomona #1
Ida Hutchins	Pemigewasset Valley Pomona #18
Hannah West	Suncook Valley Pomona #12
Beth Merrill	Antrim Grange #98
Larisa Grant	Arlington Grange #139
Ida Hutchins	Barker's River Grange #290
Wilber Heath	Centennial Grange #185
Mary West	Chichester Grange #132
Glen Eldredge	Coheco Grange #81
Esther Herrick	Concord Grange #322
Barbara Pratt	Crown Point Grange #65
Donald Ross	Gilman Grange #1
Darlene Sellars	Harmony Grange #99
Gerald Leclerc	Hudson Grange #11
Donna Eisenhard	Jeremiah Smith #161
Edith Jennings	Joe English Grange #53
Laura Ward	Meriden Grange #151
Rhoda Davis	Pembroke Grange #111
Lois Enman	Rochester Grange #86
Cindy Harvey	Rockingham Grange #183
Joy Perkins	Tuftonborough Grange #142
Jane Trombi	Walpole Grange #125

Kathie Twiss  
Monica Bennett

Watatic Grange #36  
Wicwas Lake Grange #292

During my report last year, I had reported that the State Master had received a letter from a concerned member regarding things that we as a State Grange could improve on.

There were two items that I felt I was in violation of. The first is “State leaders need to respond to emails and phone calls in a timelier manner” This past year I returned calls and responded to e-mails within the first 24 hours of the and leaving messages when needed.

The second, “Documents should be reviewed on a regular basis and noted at the bottom when last revised or reviewed so members will know if they have the current form.” Now every form used in the Secretaries Department has been reviewed or amended and the date that this revision or review was done is included at the bottom of the form. The several copies of the newly revised forms were sent to each secretary and were placed on the secretary page of the website.

This past year the supply list was updated with the new pricing reflecting the changes made by National Grange for some of what they provide. This was sent to all secretaries. The supply department continues to fill and send orders. I have noticed this past year has not been as busy as in previous years and wonder if Granges are not using the forms. A big area of slow down seems to be in the Membership Awards. The list that I reported on earlier is one of the shortest lists to date during my time as State Secretary. I would encourage the Secretaries to look at your membership and make sure that those who are due for a membership award receive them. I have noticed in the database that there are some past due recipients.

As is customary, an evaluation form has been included in the packet regarding this session. Please take a few moments to complete it. I am looking for any feedback about the session, positive and constructive. As you can see some changes were made this year because of comments and suggestions made on the forms last year. This year I am asking very direct questions to gain your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas on specific topics. As you can see from looking around the room, attendance at session as well as other events is getting smaller. Please take the time to give honest and constructive feedback to the evaluation. I will be sending a similar questionnaire to all Grange households asking them some of the same questions and asking for suggestions as to how we can become a stronger organization and what can we offer to make them want to be more involved.

As I stated in the beginning, this is my tenth report as State Secretary, this is also my last as I will not be seeking re-election to the office of Secretary.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this position and will cherish the memories, friendships, and the experiences that I have encountered. Of all the titles that I have held in the last 39 years as a pink sash wearer, this has been the most rewarding.

I would like to thank Past Master’s Jim Tetreault and Chris Heath as well Master Robert Trombi for placing the trust and confidence in my abilities and allowing me to perform the duties of this office.



I would especially like to thank Dan Bascom, State Treasurer for all the support, guidance, and reminders over the past ten years. Brother Dan, I have a fun fact to share with you. Do you realize that as of October 23, 2022, I have written 1438 orders on the Treasurer.

I would like to thank George and my daughters Sarah and Emilie for their never-ending love support and assistance throughout the years. You have been my sounding boards and confidence boosters when things weren't going as planned. Sarah was my proofreader and word fixer. And was always there when dad had an issue with the computer. And of course, there is Emilie who stepped up to the plate and took on the responsibilities of the Chairman of the Credentials Committee. I'm sure you will all agree she has done an outstanding job in this position greeting all to session and helping.

I would like to personally thank each Pomona and Subordinate Secretary that I have had the pleasure of working with over these last ten years for the time they take in their busy lives performing the duties of this office and for working with me to keep the members informed and membership records accurate.

This has been an incredible ride, but the time has come to let someone else take on this position. I wish for my successor much success in this position. As the installation charge states that the duties of this "office are most arduous of all"

I look forward to continuing my Grange journey and seeing where it takes me.

Respectfully Submitted, (for the final time)

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
New Hampshire State Grange

## **SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Welcome Brothers, Sisters, and Honored Guests

The quilt raffle is done. The winner is Jacque Cottle from Antrim.

There are four committees working on the 150<sup>th</sup>.  
They are Banquet, Youth, Juniors, and Fairs.

The travel gavel went to Hillsborough Pomona #1 to start its trip across the state for the next year.

Thank you to Jerry for the work you did with the quilt and the Logo.  
and to Crystal for your work on the committee.

See you all next year.

Gloria Davis

## SESSION COORDINATORS REPORT

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

It is again a privilege to present to you the report of the Session Coordinator,

Welcome back to the Holiday Inn Concord Downtown. The last time the session was held here was 2013 James Tetreault was Master.

This certainly has been an interesting year regarding planning the session. For some reason just when you think you have it all in place, something happens and it's back to the drawing board. You will hear more about this later in the report.

When I contacted The Holiday Inn to set up this session, I was informed that due to tentative event already scheduled for Thursday we may not be able to meet during our normal time. A month later when I contacted the Hotel about Thursday, I was told that we could now have the space requested.

Several emails were exchanged with the sales manager regarding the contract, Room rates, the hospitality room, etc. As I we were about to finalize the contract the Hotel Representative informed me that there was an event scheduled for Saturday so we couldn't have the Ballroom. She forgot what the original time frame was.

As a result of this confusion on her part I was offered the weekend following the requested time at half price. Given that we were running out of time and other places were not available the Executive Committee approved the date change and location. So here we are.

In April we usually do a walkthrough of the facility in order for us to work with the staff and share with them what we need and for the Stewards and Graces to measure the space and start planning the meeting space and court. This is also the time Ceres works with the caterer to start planning the banquet. Unfortunately, this did not happen as the representative was having family issues and needed to tend to them and she was working mostly remote.

Earlier in the report I said, " just when you think you have it all in place, something happens and it's back to the drawing board"? Well in late august I received an email from the NEW Sales Manager informing me that the former repetitive was no longer at the Holiday Inn

This seems to be the trend as this is the fifth time during my time as the Session Coordinator that the salesperson left just before the event. I'm beginning to think it's me.

I met with the new representative and finalized the event. Call me crazy but we will be signing the contract with the Holiday Inn Concord Downtown for the 2023 session for October 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

I would like to thank the Stewards, Graces, Sound Crew, and anyone else who helped prepare the

meeting and display space for the session. So much happens behind the scenes and those responsible need to be commended for all their efforts.

In closing I would like to thank the members of the NH State Grange for trusting me with this important responsibility. Many hours are spent preparing for this event to make sure all attendees have a great Grange experience. Please complete the survey form to let me know if there's something you would like to see or do at the session.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Coordinator  
New Hampshire State Grange Session

## **STATE GRANGE BUILDING MANAGER**

Somehow, I suppose in part due to the expenses involved, the Executive Committee of the State Grange has supervisory privileges over the State Grange Building Manager. It hasn't always been the most amicable or functional arrangement and in recent years I have been assigned a liaison to help make sure I am aware of what they expect me to do or what is being done by them that affects me. Those dynamics took an abrupt turn when I became my own liaison following last year's election. It turned out to be a good year for that to happen, as there was a lot to be dealt with and therefore especially important that everyone be kept in the loop.

### Chapter 1: Eight loud alarms

In February, the Hooksett Fire Department called State Secretary Jerry Leclerc to set up an assembly permit inspection for the State Grange Building. Clearly that meant that someone new was in charge of that, since I usually have to chase someone down to have that done. Sure enough, some new regulations appeared to be in place, specifically applying to the issue of smoke and CO2 detectors. In order to get our assembly permit renewed, I purchased and installed eight new detectors, all of which can "talk" to each other and to anyone who is unlucky enough to be in the hall if a problem arises. Rather than just one of the three previously installed detectors going off, now all eight will go off at once and tell you to evacuate the building immediately as well as announcing very, very loudly where the smoke or CO2 has been detected. This could of course be helpful if there is an emergency as there is zero chance that you would be left unaware. If you accidentally burned some toast, however, you may find yourself needing to explain your mistake to several neighbors who may also evacuate since that's how loud the alarms are. Together you and the neighbors may need to run several miles away and hope your hearing returns. Actually, your best bet if there is not an actual emergency would be to put in the earplugs you have of course been carrying for just such an occasion, bravely walk toward the detector in the location announced, and press the "silence" button.

### Chapter 2: The Air Conditioner

You know that week where the heat index was at least 100 for several days in a row? Fortunately, in this area of the country, that narrows things down to one week. At any rate, near the end of that week, the church contacted us to say that the air conditioner had not been working well and that one of their members had investigated the problem and found that the blower

downstairs was frozen solid. A technician from Eastern Propane who usually services the air conditioner came out and told me that we were low on coolant and there were enough small leaks in our considerably past its prime system so that refilling the coolant was no longer a long term solution. He said it was past reasonable repair, and we needed a new air conditioner. He also recommended we consider replacing the furnace at the same time as he had noted its condition when he went downstairs to look at the blower. At that time, I began investigating the possibility of a replacement HVAC system.

### Chapter 3: The Furnace

In early October we were again contacted by the church to let us know that the heat wasn't working either. This time I called Dead River Company who is now our oil company since the owners of LaVallee Oil retired and sold the business to them. A technician came out to look at the system and immediately zeroed in on the blower being the issue. Remember the blower that had been frozen up when the air conditioner was failing? It turns out that both systems use the same blower... huh. I should have seen that one coming. I returned from picking my daughter up from school to find the following hand-written analysis by the technician: "The capacitor on the blower motor was bad, so I put a new one in. The blower motor is also bad. To get the correct motor, I need to pull the blower. The screws for this are so rusted and deteriorated I cannot remove them without breaking them. After that the unit is so rusted, I may not be able to resecure the blower after repairs. I also need the blower out to make sure the heat exchanger has not been damaged due to the current issue. We need to speak to someone prior to spending \$2000 or more on a unit that you may want to update instead." It was a fine polite note that basically said, "do you really want us to try to fix this thing?" I had mentioned to him up front that we were looking into replacing the whole HVAC system. At that point I redoubled my efforts to get replacement quotes. In the meantime, two large room space heaters with built in thermostats have been providing enough heat to manage at this time of year. Two Saturdays ago, Executive Committee approved one of the three quotes I got, and a new furnace and air conditioner is scheduled to be installed by Ethical Home Pro this coming Monday. Conveniently, the company that checks the fire extinguishers for the year is able to stop by then as well.

### Chapter 4: The Usual Stuff

Orkin Pest Control continues to monitor the building quarterly to keep tabs on pest activity such as the mice and carpenter ants. Issues dealt with included a few mice, one vole, and a nest of bald-faced hornets. Beth Merrill continues to clean the building regularly. The building has gotten considerably more use in recent months after a couple of years with almost no rentals due to Covid concerns. A few other small issues were dealt with such as getting the back door lock fixed as a screw had broken inside the mechanism and replacing a few outdoor lightbulbs and one motion light fixture. The most noticeable difference at the building is the change to LED lights throughout. The difference is striking. Thank you to Mark Collins for your assistance with that process.

I will close with an excellent note I found on the door of the State Grange Building just over a year ago thanks to the church which uses the space twice a week. I forgot to include it last year in my report, and it was too good not to be included somewhere. "You Didn't Miss the Rapture. The Service Has Been Postponed Until Next Sunday. – The Pastor"

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Boisvert, Building Manager

## STATE TREASURER REPORT

Worthy Master Bob Trombi, National Reps Lynette & Don Schaeffer, Fellow State Officers, Brother's, and Sister's all.

We have an unsung hero in our midst, she has dedicated many, many, many years of her life to Grange and I am sure she will continue to do so for many more years to come. So, I would like to dedicate this report to **Hannah West** as she retires as **Editor in Chief** of the Granite State Granger. Thank you so much Hannah.

What a difficult past couple years we have had. Still trying to recover from covid (some Granges are still not meeting) and now inflation is affecting us all. Gas, food, and heating oil prices are ridiculous, and investments are at an all-time low. Our operating fund has gone from \$293,000.00 on December 31, 2021, to \$226,000.00 on September 30, 2022. If we don't have to touch this money it will hopefully rebound in the future. With that said some money will have to be used to pay for the new heating system at the State Grange building.

We ended this past year with a deficit. For the first time since becoming Treasurer ten years ago, I had to withdraw \$ 5,000.00 from principal to help pay outstanding bills. I expect next year will end in a deficit as well with unexpected expenses with the State Grange building. To help compensate for the additional costs the State Executive Committee has increased rental fees.

I am still very frustrated with dealing with the IRS. I cannot get a clear 990 filing for Wingold Grange even though we have received a letter from the IRS reinstated their nonprofit status. They don't have enough help to upgrade their computer logs. I hope as they rebuild their workforce this will change soon. With that said, I have completed 990 filings for all other Grange's, and they are included in your packets.

This past week I had a request to investigate the incorporation status of a Grange. In doing so I found out back in December of 2020 I had sent out letters to 6 Granges that had still not filed. This is supposed to be done every 5 years. These 6 Granges still have not filed and have lost their incorporation status. I am willing to work with this Grange to get their status updated. As for the other Granges, unless you request my help you will be on your own.

I have completed the IRS paperwork for our account Hennessey & Vallee PLLC and have dropped it off to them to complete our IRS filing. I will not bore you with the financial figures as they will be printed in the journal. Speaking of the Journal of Proceedings my pages are completed and are included for the Secretary to add. If any of you have questions or concerns, please see me after the meeting.

It has been a pleasure working with State Secretary Gerald Leclerc, as he is retiring this year, I will miss working with him. Yes, we have had our ups and downs but together we have helped

keep the Grange afloat. If I am reelected this year, I will endeavor to help the new secretary with getting their feet wet and will help keep them on track.

Last, I again would like to thank Kim for putting up with all my ranting and raving when the accounts don't balance with the bank statements. Usually, I have transposed a number incorrectly and it just takes me awhile to find it. Thank you all for your confidence in me.

Fraternally,  
Daniel P. Bascom  
State Treasurer

## **TRUSTEES OF THE NH STATE GRANGE TRUST**

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters, Patrons all.

The Trustees of the NH State Grange will be having their annual meeting on Saturday, October 29, 2022.

I am saddened and concerned to report that there were no requests submitted this year. I hope that with the financial struggles that are coming upon our members that the message of help being available gets to those that are struggling. The Trust funds are available for personal care, comfort, welfare, and wellbeing. If you have questions, please contact any of the NH State Grange Trustees for assistance.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Collins, Chairman

Ann Leger, Secretary

Rhoda Davis, Trustee

Joy Perkins, Trustee

Virginia Blackmere, Trustee

## **WEBMASTER REPORT**

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers, delegates, Pink Sash family members, brothers and sisters patrons all.

As another year comes to a close and the start to an exciting new year is ahead of us, we should all be proud Grangers to belong to this organization that is celebrating its 150th birthday. This past year has seen many of our Granges getting back to regular meetings and back to some normalcy. As your webmaster, I have done my best to keep the website up to date and relevant for what has been happening throughout the year. Even though this was easier this year, it was

still a struggle to get information from the departments to post on the website. A big thank you to those directors and officers that often-supplied dates and events to post. I also want to thank every person who has provided positive and negative comments concerning the website. Without this input, I would not have ever known about what was good and not so good with the site. Again, thank you for passing along the corrections that needed to be done for the website.

I was able to complete the Past State Master's page for the website. In case you haven't seen it, it can be found on the home page under the heading "About the Grange" under the link "Past Master's". As for the second section containing the digital photo gallery on the Grange buildings, past and present, of the State of New Hampshire. This project has turned out to be a much bigger project than first envisioned. Transcribing all the supporting information for the pictures has been a daunting task but I am working diligently to get this completed. Unfortunately, I am a slow typer and making these new pages is taking a long time. My goal is to have these pages completed by February 1st, 2023. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the conversion of these into digital format, please let me know and I can get you started with assisting immediately.

It is still my goal as webmaster to have members, directors and officers send material, information, programs, and notifications that are coming up to be implemented into the website. This past year, I still found myself reaching out to people to get information for the web site. Searching through programs and letters to find information that the Grangers in New Hampshire need or want to know about things that were happening. In a perfect world, all the news and information, that's fit to be printed, would arrive in a timely fashion so that it can have maximum exposure on the site so that everyone who is looking for the information can find it. The best way to get information to the webmaster is via email sent to [webmaster@nhgrange.org](mailto:webmaster@nhgrange.org) Providing information in face to face conversations or over the phone can often be lost and is not an accurate way to get the information onto the website.

Thank you, Worthy Master, for the opportunity to serve the organization in this capacity. Thank you to those members who have supported the site by providing information and corrections.

Respectfully,  
Chris Heath  
NH State Grange Webmaster

If members go to the website and nothing looks like it has changed since the last time they were there, they may need to refresh the page(F5) to see the new content. If this doesn't work you can try a different browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari, or a myriad of other browsers available). If a different browser doesn't work, you may have to clear the cache of the browser. If you're not familiar with how to do this you can use any search engine([Google.com](http://Google.com), [msn.com](http://msn.com), [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com) or many other ways to search the internet) to locate directions on how to clear the cache. Every time the website is updated, the "last updated" field on the first page shows the last date it was updated. If this date reads anything older than the current year, you most likely are using old data from the website.

## YOUTH REPORT

Worthy Master, State Officers, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters all,

It is with pleasure that I present this report today. Each year we try to bring to our members a variety of programs and activities to help keep us young and active. Developing these programs brings youthfulness and promise for our future.

A small but excited group gathered on a cold, February day for our annual Winter Youth Rally. Combined with the Junior Department we spent the afternoon indeed by cookies. Juniors made delicious cookies and then we joined together to decorate cookies. With a little friendly competition in mind some inspiration from the day cookies reflected hobbies, the season, and our Grange life and symbols. Congratulations to Emilie Leclerc of Hudson Grange for her winning cookies. While we were unable to secure our intended guest speaker for a workshop about how to use social media to support our work as grangers, we spent the afternoon working on Project Night Night community service projects. Several blankets were sent to the Rochester area for distribution and two more for the Nashua area.

The Grange Knowledge Test is a long-standing tradition where we can all show off a bit of our own unique knowledge of our founding principles and modern leaders and programs. Once again, the Knowledge Test was available for all to partake in at the Winter Youth Rally. I would like to congratulate all the participants on their willingness to give this a try. This year the person with the highest score was Beth Merrill of Antrim Grange.

As the course of the spring continued big plans for our June Youth Rally were underway. I owe a special thanks to Kevin Belval for his efforts to create a great day of adventure in our planned scavenger hunt right here in Concord. Unfortunately, with fewer than fifteen people confirming their attendance for the day, the tough decision to cancel the event was made. I plan to try again with this event again next year. I ask that all youth chairmen please share with your grange any information you have about upcoming events.

I worked with Youth Directors of the other Northeast States to try to create a way for us to come together this summer for a day of drill competitions, workshops, and activities. Communication and participation challenges in the late spring put the plan on hold. However, these conversations were incredibly valuable in providing insight to what other states are doing and reaffirming our own desire to continue to host events for our region. I am hopeful that we can get this exciting event off the ground for the coming year.

This year we introduced several new contests. There were no entries this year in the social media contest. Please see the amazing entries in the exhibit room. I am hopeful that we will have even more entries next year! Congratulations to the following winners:



Poster Contest

1st: Roberta Mason, Watatic Grange

Wreath Contest

Category A - Holiday / Seasonal

1st: Roberta Mason, Watatic Grange  
2nd: Emilie Leclerc, Hudson Grange  
3rd: Gerald Leclerc, Hudson Grange

Category B - Grange

1st: Roberta Mason, Watatic Grange

Category C - Open

1st: Roberta Mason, Watatic Grange

Your participation and feedback is crucial to our future. The Youth Committee and I aim to provide you a program that you want to participate in. If you have ideas or suggestions for how we can help you, please join us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Scanzani

Youth Director

New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting  
Saturday, October 16, 2021

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Tricia Taylor, Mark Collins, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. by Chairman, Tricia J. Taylor.

The minutes of August 21, 2021, and September 7, 2021, were reviewed and corrected. A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the minutes of both meetings as amended. The vote was favorable.

Master's Report: With the recent developments in the Master's health, the Overseer and PM Christopher Heath, will perform the duties of the Master at State Session that he is not comfortable doing.

The Master received the following communications:

- Letter from Past State Treasurer, Gail Turcott regarding NH Trustees of Trust Funds, and the Blaisdell Fund
- Letter from Arlington Grange #139 informing the committee of their intent to sell their Grange Hall. Looking for assistance from the Executive Committee.

- Letter from Mount Hope Grange #77 informing the committee that a meeting is being held on November 2, 2021, to vote to surrender their charter.
- Letter from a concerned Granger regarding some concerns she has about Grange procedure and the future of the organization.

Secretary's Report: An overview of the preparations for State Session was given, Granges that are not eligible to vote at session have been informed and must bring past reports and payments to session to have their Grange represented.

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the report of the Master and the Secretary. Vote was favorable.

Treasurer's Report: The income and expense reports were distributed, review and discussed.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the Treasures report. The vote was favorable.

The Treasurer presented the Proposed 2021-2022 Income and Expense Budgets. Both were reviewed line by line and changes were made. Following the review, a motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to approve the budget and present it to the delegate body. The vote was favorable.

#### Old Business:

- Granite Grange Hall: The secretary did a tour of the building and found the structure to still be in good condition. There are still many items in the kitchen, the main hall as well as in storage spaces. Arrangements need to be made to remove the items and put the hall and land on the market. A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to sell the property for \$350,000. After some discussion a motion was made Mark Collins and seconded by Chris Heath to amend the motion as follows: to sell the property for fair market value. The amended motion was voted favorably. Wilber Heath suggested that the State Secretary contact Sam Wasp as he volunteered his services with selling Halloween Grange Hall. He is familiar with some of the working of the National and State Granges.
- Halloween Grange Hall: The check for the sale of the Grange Hall and property (\$69,936.32) has been forwarded to the Treasurer.
- The rental agreement between The State Grange and The Baptist Church has been signed. A money market for the original deposit paid when the first lease was signed has been set up.
- Granite State Grange Hall: The purchase and sales agreement has been finalized and once all parties agree the signing of the papers will take place. This should be done before the next meeting.

#### New Business:

- Rockingham Grange: 12 NEW members have been obligated and there are still 8 more applicants in waiting.

- Arlington Grange: After some discussion Mark Collins volunteered to assist Arlington Grange with the selling of their hall. He will keep the committee informed as things progress.
- Concerned members letter: after reviewing the letter in more detail, it was decided that at Leaders School, the letter will be shared with those present and reasonable accommodations be made for each.
- Mascoma Grange Minute Books: The Historical Society are no longer in need of the books and would like to have them go someplace else. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to give them to the New Hampshire Historical Society. Vote was favorable.
- The Treasurer and Secretary signed the money market account this morning and a new credit card account was opened with TD Bank.
- Aurora Grange has Pomona dues from members of Northern NH Pomona and doesn't know what to do with them. The secretary will contact them and have the dues sent to State Grange.
- Electrician: The lights in the dining area as well as other areas need to be looked at. Beth will work with Ann Boisvert to see about getting this taken care of.
- Floors in the State Grange Building: The question of when the last time was the floors have been re finished (scrubbed and waxed) came up and it was noted that this needs to happen. A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to have the floors stripped and waxed in April. After some discussion the vote was favorable. Quotes will be requested before the work is done.

Deputy/Leaders School will be held on December 11, 2021, at the State Grange Building beginning at 9:00 am. A letter and full schedule will be sent after State Session.

12:16 pm Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to close in Public Session and open in Executive Session. Vote was favorable.

12:34 Returned to Public session.

Next meeting will be at the close of session on Saturday afternoon.

Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 12:40 pm.

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

New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting  
Saturday, October 23, 2021  
Fireside Inn & Suites ~ Keene, NH

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Tricia Taylor, Mark Collins, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm. By Chairman, Tricia Taylor.

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to appoint Tricia J. Taylor as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Vote was favorable.

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia to appoint Gerald Leclerc as Secretary of the Executive Committee. Vote was favorable.

Motion was made by Gerald Leclerc and seconded by Mark Collins to grant authority to Beth and Arthur Merrill to officially close Mount Hope Grange #77 if a quorum is not present at the November meeting. Vote was favorable.

Next meeting will be Saturday December 11, 2021, at Deputy School at the State Grange Building.

Motion was made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Beth Merrill to adjourn. Vote was favorable. Meeting closed at 3:50

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

New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting  
Saturday, October 16, 2021

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Tricia Taylor, Anne Boisvert, Gerald Leclerc

Absent: Robert Haefner, Mark Collins, Daniel Bascom

The meeting was called to order at 2 pm. by Chairman, Tricia J. Taylor.

General Deputy Arthur Merrill installed Anne Boisvert as member of the Executive Committee.

The minutes of the October 16, 2021, and October 23, 2021 Executive Committee meetings as well as the minutes of the final day of the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Session were reviewed and corrected. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Trombi to accept the minutes of all meetings as amended. The vote was favorable.

Master's Report: Robert Trombi gave a summary of the events of the recent National Session. He did report that the delegates at the session did vote in favor of selling the National Grange Building.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the Master's report. The vote was favorable.

Secretary's Report: Gerald Leclerc reported that only two Subordinates and two Pomona Granges are behind in reporting. He also gave a summary of the State Session and plans for the 2022 session.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Trombi to accept the Secretaries report. The vote was favorable.

Treasurer's Report:

- Paperwork for the annual audit is near completion and will be sent.
- Income and Expense Reports will be presented at the next meeting

Old Business

- Church Lease: A copy of the signed lease has not yet been received from the Pastor of the Baptist Church. Tricia will contact the Pastor and have him send a signed copy.
- 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Session: With the minutes from Saturday's session being approved the Journal is now complete and ready for distribution. The Secretary will notify the Granges.
- Granite State Grange Hall: The sale was finalized, and the funds turned over to the State Treasurer.
- Henry Wilson Grange Hall: The sale was completed in September and the balance of \$22741.50 has been turned over to the State Treasurer.
- Storage Shed: Jerry still needs to contact the check with the town of Hooksett if there are any requirements for such a structure on the property.
- Mount Hope Grange: With a quorum present, Mount Hope Grange voted to close on November 6, 2021.

New Business:

- Farm Bureau Representative: Wilber Heath will be asked to continue in this roll.
- Morgan Stanley Representative: Motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to appoint Mark Collins as the Representative from the State Grange. Vote was favorable.
- Northeast Connection: A bill has been received for the T-shirts for the 2018 session in Vermont. Payment of this will be held off until the Treasurer returns in May so he can further investigate.
- Agate Account: The State Grange has an account for the Agate (Past Master's Organization). The Agate has not met for several years; therefore, no deposits or withdrawals are being made. It was suggested to close the account and donate the fund to the Educational Loan Fund or the State Grange Trust account. After some discussion it

was voted to table this so that Anne Boisvert the most recent President can contact other officers and get more information

- Received a letter from the NH Charitable Trust accepting our request to merge the Blaisdell Trust into the NH State Grange Trust.
- NH State Grange Trust: The terms on the committee for Diane Collins, Ann Leger, Joy Perkins, and Daniel Bascom expire in 202. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Trombi to re-appoint them for another 3 years. The vote was favorable.
- State Grange Building: There have been some concerns with the thermostat and some of the lights. Anne Boisvert will investigate both issues and report back.

Next meeting will be February 24, 2022, at 7:30 at the State Grange Building.

A motion was made by Gerald Leclerc and seconded by Christopher Heath to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 3:20 pm

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

New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 24, 2022  
State Grange Building

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Tricia Taylor, Anne Boisvert, Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, Gerald Leclerc

Absent: Daniel Bascom

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. by Chairman, Tricia J. Taylor.

Bruce Gatchell, Master of Rockingham Grange #183, and Charles Goodspeed, asked to meet with the Executive Committee. They are currently working on a renovation plan for their Grange Hall which is an historic building in Epping. Some of the concerns they brought up were conducting a capitol campaign to raise funds and are there any guidelines that they need to be aware of. Also, if Rockingham Grange should close in the distant future would there be a way of returning the building to the town.

Pastor Jeff Smith and his wife were present at the meeting as part of the Liberty Bible Baptists Church lease agreement with the State Grange, which states that the Executive Committee and the Church meet at least twice a year. The lease was reviewed, and the terms were accepted.

The minutes of the December 11, 2021, meeting were reviewed, and corrections were made. A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the amended minutes. Vote was favorable.

- Master's Report: Robert Trombi and Tricia Taylor both attended the Presidents Conference held in South Carolina. Both gave highlights of what was discussed.
- Northeast Region will not be having a Leaders Conference this year but one is being planned for 2023.

A motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Master's report. The vote was favorable

A motion was made by Robert Trombi and seconded by Bob Haefner to pay for some of Tricia's expenses to attend the conference. The vote was favorable.

#### Secretary's Report:

- Subordinate and Pomona Granges behind in reporting
  - Claremont #9
  - Golden Rod 114
  - Mt Livermore #288
  - Stratford #238
  - Northern NH Pomona
  - Mascoma Valley Pomona
- Plans are underway on developing a Quarterly Report form that can be sent via email. The Secretary will be contacting a few Granges to pilot the program before it is rolled out for all. Mark Collins will help with creating the Google Account.

A motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Robert Trombi to accept the secretary's report. The vote was favorable.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Income and Expense reports were sent via email for all to review

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The vote was favorable.

#### Old Business:

- Granite Grange Hall: the hall needs to be cleared of Grange property and records. A clean update needs to be set and once completed the hall will be listed with a local Realtor.
- Storage Shed: The State Secretary will go to Hooksett Town Hall and ask about building permits and what we need to do to put a storage shed on the property.
- Agate Account: Anne Boisvert will place a notice in the GSG suggesting that the funds be transferred into the General Fund.

- State Grange Building: Anne Boisvert has an electrician who can install the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors required by the Hooksett Fire Department.
- Hebron Grange Property: Paperwork for giving the small parcel of land to the town of Hebron has been prepared and Chris Heath has been given the authority to sign the documents.

New Business:

- Golden Rod Grange has requested to consolidate with Arlington Grange. Minutes from each Grange are needed, one from Arlington Grange voting to invite Golden Rod Grange to consolidate and one from Golden Rod Grange voting to accept the offer.
- A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Robert Trombi to have Anne Boisvert have the combo smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed. Vote was favorable.
- Request from Hudson Grange along with a copy of their annual budget requesting funds from their escrow account to pay annual insurance. A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to grant the request. The vote was favorable with Gerald Leclerc and Robert Haefner abstaining.
- New England Grange Building at the Big E: The building needs a new roof and each state is being asked to donate \$1500. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to donate the requested amount. The vote was favorable.
- Meriden Grange Hall: Robert Hafener spoke of a recent conversation he had with Steve Taylor during which the current condition/ significant disrepair of the Meriden Grange Hall was discussed. The General Deputy will be in contact with the Grange.
- State Grange Building Thermostat and Light fixtures: It is believed that the thermostat is not working properly and needs to be replaced. A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to have the building manager have a new thermostat installed. The vote was favorable. Discussion was held on the advantages to switching the light fixtures to LED for better lighting and for energy saving. A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to authorize Mark Collins to replace the fixtures. The vote was favorable.

Next meeting will be held May 26, 2022, at the State Grange Building at 7:30 pm.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

The meeting was closed at 10:00 pm.

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



New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 26, 2022  
State Grange Building

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Tricia Taylor, Anne Boisvert, Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. by Chairman, Tricia J. Taylor.

The minutes of the February 24, 2022, meeting were reviewed and corrections made. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the minutes as corrected. The vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- Golden Rod and Arlington Grange Consolidation: The minutes from Arlington Granges meeting voting to invite Golden Rod to consolidate and the minutes from Golden Rods meeting accepting the invitation have been received. The final vote is to be taken at a June meeting and the consolidation will be official as of June 30, 2022.
- Held a State Officer and Directors ZOOM Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Departments announced upcoming events and the schedule for State Session was discussed.
- State Master Robert Trombi announced that due to health issues he will not be seeking a second term as Master.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the Master's report. The vote was favorable.

Secretary's Report:

The following Granges are currently behind in reporting.

- Mt. Livermore Grange #288 (5 quarters behind)
- Pine Grove Grange #298
- Stratford Grange #238 (5 quarters behind)
- Mascoma Valley Pomona #7
- Northern NH Pomona #5

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the Secretary's report. The vote was favorable.

Treasurer's Report:

- Income and Expense reports were reviewed, and the treasurer entertained questions.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The vote was favorable.

Old Business:

- Meriden Grange Hall: There are some concerns that the town has about the condition of Meriden Grange Hall and it being an eyesore to the community as well as not a good reflection on the Grange. Robert Haefner received pictures of the building to give examples of its deteriorating condition. Meriden Grange currently reports only 10 members on the roll and not meeting. State Master Robert Trombi will send a letter to the members of Meriden Grange informing them that the Grange is being closed.
- Granite Grange Hall: An inventory has been completed. State Secretary Gerald Leclerc will contact a realtor to begin the process of selling the building.
- Storage Unit: The town of Hooksett has been contacted and there are restrictions as to where the storage unit can be placed. Because there is a street in the front of the building and a street in the back of the building the unit can only be placed on either side of the building and cannot extend beyond any corners of the building. A building permit is required before the unit can be installed for a cost of \$50. A property map was obtained so we can ensure that the unit is placed within our property.
- LED Lights: Mark Collins is in the process of replacing the light fixtures and will be completed by early July. He will submit a bill for the cost of the fixtures.
- Internet Service: Christopher Heath will be contacting Consolidated Communications concerning the spotty internet service we are receiving. This is a speed issue and may require a price increase. A motion was made by Gerald Leclerc and seconded by Robert Trombi to authorize Chris to move the service to a level that will work for the Grange Building. The vote was favorable.
- Arlington Grange Loan: The last payment on the loan was 10/2017 and the Grange still owes \$1500. Arlington Grange will be notified by the chairman that payments need to be made. Note: due to the pandemic, Arlington Grange lost income from the groups that normally rented on a regular basis.
- Morgan Stanley: Dan Bascom, Tricia Taylor and Mark Collins will make a visit soon.

#### New Business:

- State Session: The hotel contract has been signed and deposit paid for the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session at the Holiday Inn ~ Downtown Concord. Session will open on Friday morning. Granges have been asked to take some time during their May meetings to discuss State Session and to suggest changes and or additions to what is usually done. Also asking them what activity would make them want to attend the session. Currently no suggestions have been received.
- Some discussion was held regarding State Session and ways to increase attendance. Several attempts have been made from the State secretary's Office and no suggestions have been received. One more attempt will be going out with the June Quarterly letter. The topic of the Degree was discussed and that many of the attendees leave after the afternoon session is completed on Saturday. Should this be a different evening, different time of day? The committee was reminded that the degree was conferred on only one candidate last year. A motion was made by Gerald Leclerc and seconded by Robert Haefner to omit the conferral of the Sixth Degree for the 2022 Session ONLY. The vote was favorable with one nay and one abstention.

The next meeting will be August 29, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the State Grange Building.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Marck Collin to adjourn.

The meeting closed at 9:25 PM.

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

New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, August 29, 2022  
State Grange Building

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Tricia J. Taylor, Anne Boisvert, Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. by Chairman, Tricia J. Taylor.

The minutes of the May 26, 2022, meeting were reviewed and corrections made. A motion was made by Robert Haefner and seconded by Christopher Heath to accept the minutes as corrected. The vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- Meriden Grange #151- received a letter from the Master of Meriden Grange #151 stating their intent to consolidate with Blow-Me-Down Grange #234. Blow-Me-Down Grange will be meeting on September 13, 2022, to vote to invite Meriden Grange to consolidate with them.
- Granite Grange Hall: Reported that there was a recent break in at the hall. Rick Bailey was asked to go and close up the point of entry. Ann Boisvert and Mark Collins will go and check out the interior of the building and remove any Grange property that remains in the building.

Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the Master's report. The vote was favorable.

Secretary's Report:

The following Granges are currently behind in reporting.

- Mohawk Grange #217
- Mt. Livermore Grange #288 (6 quarters behind)
- Pine Grove Grange #298
- Mascoma Valley Pomona #7
- Northern NH Pomona #5

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the Secretary's report. The vote was favorable.

Treasurer's Report:

- Income and Expense reports were reviewed, and the Treasurer entertained questions.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented. The vote was favorable.

#### Old Business:

- Storage Unit: Anne Boisvert will go to the Town Hall and ask for a variance for the storage unit and will report back at the next meeting.
- Agate Account: The remaining balance from the Agate account will be transferred to the Dictionary Project.
- State Grange Internet: Chris has been in communications with Consolidated regarding the plan that we are currently paying for. It is felt that we need to increase the service level to the next tier. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Robert Haefner to go to the next level on internet service. The vote was favorable.
- Arlington Grange Loan: due to the lack of rental income that Arlington Grange received prior to the pandemic, they are behind on repaying the loan that they received from the State Grange. It was agreed to hold off on loan payments from Arlington Grange as they are in the process of selling the Grange Hall and will pay the loan off after the sale of the building.

#### New Business:

- GSG Editor: Hannah West, Editor of the GSG announced in her 2021 report that she would be retiring as Editor of the GSG after the December 2022 issue has been placed in the mail. Discussed the possible replacement for the position. It was suggested that an ad be placed in the September issue of the GSG asking if anyone is interested in this position contact the State Master.
- State Grange Building A/C and Furnace: Some discussion was held on the current condition of the HVAC system in the building. Anne Boisvert reported she was informed of many recommendations for repairs of the system following a recent service call. As a result, Anne will be looking into a new HVAC system as well as a split system and will report back at the next meeting.
- Dead River Oil: Dan received a communication from Dead River offering a pre buy for the up-coming heating season. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Chris Heath to accept the pre buy offer. The vote was favorable.
- Thompson Memorial: Secretary Gerald Leclerc reported that he traveled up to the Thompson Marker in Littleton on Memorial Day weekend to spruce up the marker and plant some flowers. The delegate body vote at the 148<sup>th</sup> session that the care of the Thompson Memorial will be in the hands of the State Officers.
- 2022-2023 Income and Expense Budgets: Treasurer Dan Bascom presented the first draft of the 2022-2023 budgets. Each line was reviewed and some revisions were made. The final version will be presented to the committee at the next meeting for approval and then presented to the delegate body you're the final approval.
- Defunct Grange Account: A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to transfer the interest of the Defunct Grange account to the General Fund. The vote was favorable.

- Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to allow the outgoing Master contact Donald Whittum (our legal counsel) to get a notice of intent. The vote was favorable.

Next meeting will be Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm followed by State Officers rehearsal.

Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Robert Trombi to adjourn. The vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 10:10 pm.

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

## **FOUNDATION MEETING**

Good afternoon, fellow Grange members as well as members of the Grange Foundation Board. I bring my annual President report to the Board Members as well the Officers, delegates and members of the NH State Grange.

This year we approved two \$5, 000 scholarships, we awarded one scholarship this year. If you know anyone who advancing to secondary education the criteria is as follows:

**Post-Secondary:** student enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education leading to a degree

**Continuing Recertification:** enrolled in a program to meet requirements of re-certification for a licensed position

**General Equivalency Diploma:** for the cost of classes or testing for a GED diploma

**Adult Education Enrichment:** course, seminar or program designed to improve skills

**Farm Internship and Agricultural Program:** an informal education program related to farming or agribusiness

Something new as many of you know, the State of New Hampshire has approved gambling. Part of the mission of these casino's is to provide charitable monies for 501c3 entities. The Grange Foundation has approved its first opportunity to take advantage of this money to help a local Grange with rehabilitation of their Grange Hall. If your Grange owns its own hall and would like to apply using the Grange foundation tax identification number let us know, that is part of the mission of the foundation, to assist with funding for Grange halls.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Tetreault, NH Grange Foundation President

### New Hampshire State Grange Expense Budget 2022-2023

	Proposed 2021-2022	Actual 2021-22	Proposed 2022-23
Accounting Services	1,850.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	2,286.00	0.00	2,136.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00	0.00	376.00
Defunct Grange Account		69,802.50	
Department Expenses			
Agriculture	100.00	200.00	100.00
Family & Community Services	750.00	750.00	750.00
Grange Services	150.00	75.00	150.00
Lecturer	600.00	600.00	600.00
Legislative	350.00	0.00	350.00
Membership	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00	100.00	100.00
Youth	200.00	200.00	200.00
Junior	400.00	400.00	400.00
Deputies Expenses	1,000.00	1,476.90	1,500.00
Dues-National Grange	12,110.00	12,099.50	11,410.00
<i>Family Weekend</i>	200.00	0.00	200.00
General Deputy Expenses	100.00	100.00	100.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	2,500.00	1,262.51	2,500.00
Leader's School- December	525.00	0.00	525.00
Legal Fees	1,000.00	131.13	1,000.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	100.00	24,880.49	100.00
National Session Assessment	993.00	0.00	913.00
National Session 2023	900.00	7,556.25	900.00
Office Equipment	500.00	301.57	500.00
Officer Expenses			
Master's Expenses	5,000.00	3,750.00	5,000.00
Secretary Expenses	1,500.00	1,125.00	1,500.00
Treasurer Expenses	600.00	450.00	600.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	3,000.00	2,447.21	2,750.00
Sesquicentennial	500.00	156.17	500.00
Sixth Degree Fees- National	25.00	0.00	25.00
Spring Fling	350.00	0.00	350.00
State Grange Insurance	2,000.00	1,836.00	1,900.00
State Grange Building	12,000.00	13,063.46	30,000.00
Other Grange Hall Expenses	400.00	490.89	400.00
State Session	5,000.00	5,613.19	5,000.00
State Session Deposit	1,000.00	600.00	1,000.00
State Session Sound System	200.00	0.00	200.00
Supply		0.00	
Website	600.00	450.00	600.00

Totals	60,765.00	153,317.77	78,035.00
		-92,544.00	-15,000.00
		60,773.77	63,035.00

misc: donations, Centennial escrow, roof, new checks  
defunct - Halloween and Granite; State Grange Building - \$15,000 furnace

### New Hampshire State Grange Income Budget 2022-2023

	Proposed 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023
<u>Invested Funds</u>			
Income			
5%	13,388.20	13,388.20	13,098.85
Withdrawals from Principal		5,000.00	3,000.00
Special Invested Funds			
Defunct Grange Accounts			
5%	1,900.32	1,900.32	17,990.55
Investment Management-Escrows	1,200.00		1,200.00
Uncashed checks		150.00	xxx
<u>Other Budget Income</u>			
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	2,286.00	2,052.00	2,136.00
Dues & Fees	28,000.00	27,531.75	26,179.00
Family Weekend	200.00		200.00
Granite State Granger Donations	550.00	245.00	250.00
Miscellaneous		92,614.32	
National Grange Session 2023 - T-shirts		320.00	1,600.00
Operations - Fund Raising	1,000.00	326.00	1,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees	50.00		0.00
Spring Fling	350.00		350.00
State Grange Building Fund			
Donations	100.00	55.00	100.00
State Grange Building Use	5,500.00	6,670.00	6,500.00
State Session	5,000.00	3,480.97	5,000.00
Supply		39.00	
Total	59,524.52	153,772.56	78,604.40
		-92,544.00	-15,000.00
		61,228.56	63,604.40

Misc - Halloween, Granite State, Henry Wilson

Defunct Grange - furnace \$15,000

**Exhibit B: New Hampshire State Grange Income Annual Summary 2021-2022**

Operating Account Income	13,388.20
Withdrawals from Principal	5000.00
Defunct Grange Account	1,900.00
Investment Management	0.00
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	2,052.00
Donations	0.00
Dues & Fees	27,531.75
Family Weekend	0.00
Granite State Granger Donations	245.00
Miscellaneous	92,714.32
National Session	320.00
Operations – Fund Raising	326.00
Sixth Degree Fees	0.00
Spring Fling	0.00
State Grange Building Donations	55.00
State Grange Building Use	6,670.00
State Session	3,480.97
Supply Department	39.00
Trust	0.00
Add in returned checks	175.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>153,897.56</b>

**Exhibit C - New Hampshire State Grange Expenses 2021-2022**

Date	Paid To	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/11/2021	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	254.56
10/7/2021	Business Card	session,supplies	3283	156.70
10/7/2021	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3284	21.88
10/14/2021	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	3285	60.00
10/14/2021	Kristy Boule	150th Quilt	3286	156.19
10/22/2021	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Mileage	3287	124.40



10/22/2021	Andrew Savage	Deputy Mileage	3288	45.90
10/22/2021	Beth Merrill	Deputy Mileage	3289	34.20
10/22/2021	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Mileage	3290	444.00
10/22/2021	Dan Bascom	Deputy Mileage	3291	141.00
10/22/2021	Donald Whittum Law	Legal Fees	3292	100.00
10/22/2021	Best Western	State Session	3293	1,000.00
10/22/2021	Tempertas - caterers	State Session	3294	3,363.00
10/25/2021	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3295	82.74
10/29/2021	Nh Farm & Forest	Farm & Forest	3296	700.00
11/1/2021	James Tetreault Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Session	3297	200.00
11/1/2021		State Grange Building	3298	66.00
11/9/2021	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	1,162.00
11/22/2021	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3299	23.64
11/22/2021	Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	3300	28.88
11/15/2021	Jane Trombi	Misc	3301	1,106.25
11/15/2021	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3302	511.10
11/22/2021	Hampshire Fire Protection	State Grange Building	3303	35.00
11/29/2021	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3304	82.56
12/3/2021	Business Card	State Session	3305	950.99
12/3/2021	Robert Trombi	Master's Expenses	3306	1,250.00
12/3/2021	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	3307	375.00
12/3/2021	Dan Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3308	150.00
12/3/2021	Chris Heath	Web Master	3309	150.00
12/3/2021	Agriculture Dept	Department Budget	3310	50.00
12/3/2021	Family & Community	Department Budget	3311	375.00
12/3/2021	Lecturer's Dept	Department Budget	3312	300.00
12/3/2021	Grange Services	Department Budget	3313	75.00
12/3/2021	Membership Dept	Department Budget	3314	750.00
12/3/2021	Trustees of Trust Fund	Department Budget	3315	50.00
12/3/2021	Youth Dept	Department Budget	3316	100.00
12/3/2021	Junior Dept	Department Budget	3317	200.00
12/1/2021	Antrim Grange	State Grange Building	3318	330.00
12/8/2021	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	141.90
12/4/2021	National Grange	Dues	3319	3,150.00
12/10/2021	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3320	49.59
12/10/2021	Concord Monitor	GSG	3321	285.83
12/16/2021	NH State Grange	Defunct Grange Acct	3322	4,936.50
12/12/2021	NH State Grange	Centennial Escrow	3323	22,741.50
12/23/2021	Orkin	State Grange Building	3324	125.00
12/23/2021	Hannah West	GSG	3325	167.26
12/23/2021	NH State Grange	Defunct Grange Acct	3326	64,866.11
12/23/2021	Adam Lock	State Grange Building	3327	192.00

12/23/2021	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3328	82.56
12/29/2021	Main Street America	Insurance	3329	1,836.00
1/3/2022	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3330	810.12
1/7/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	153.28
1/14/2022	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	3331	200.00
1/14/2022	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	3332	60.00
1/14/2022	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3333	194.60
1/21/2022	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3334	82.03
2/1/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	165.93
2/2/2022	Hennessey & Vallee	Tax Prep CPA	3335	1,900.00
2/3/2022	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3336	219.16
2/3/2022	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	3337	77.95
2/19/2022	Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	3338	28.88
7/20/2022	Mark Collins	State Grange Building	3339	429.98
2/19/2022	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	3340	300.00
2/19/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	3341	25.67
2/24/2022	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3342	81.77
3/4/2022	Beth Merrill	State Grange Building	3343	35.94
3/4/2022	Antrim Grange	State Grange Building	3344	292.50
3/4/2022	Orkin	State Grange Building	3345	125.00
7/27/2022	Antrim Grange	State Grange Building	3346	405.00
3/4/2022	National Grange	Dues	3347	3,020.50
3/10/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	152.14
3/4/2022	NE Grange Building	Misc	3348	1,500.00
3/9/2022	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3349	25.85
3/9/2022	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3350	32.58
4/16/2022	Northeast Connection	National Session	3351	4,500.00
3/9/2022	Northeast Connection	National Session	3352	1,950.00
3/9/2022	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	3353	200.00
3/19/2022	Hannah West	GSG	3354	165.46
3/19/2022	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3355	81.77
4/8/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	164.53
4/2/2022	Robert Trombi	Master's Expenses	3356	1,250.00
4/2/2022	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	3357	375.00
4/2/2022	Dan Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3358	150.00
4/2/2022	Chris Heath	Webmaster	3359	150.00
4/2/2022	Trica Taylor	Misc	3360	525.53
4/2/2022	Eastern Propane	State Grange Building	3361	100.00
4/2/2022	Dan Bascom	postage	3362	124.03
3/4/2022	New Checks	Misc	direct	8.47
4/16/2022	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3363	26.11
4/16/2022	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	3364	66.45

4/16/2022	Concord Monitor	GSG	3365	237.00
4/16/2022	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3366	81.58
4/28/2022	Donald Whittum Law	Legal Fees	3367	31.13
5/1/2022	Eversource Hooksett Village Water	State Grange Building	direct	182.08
5/3/2022	Precinct	State Grange Building	3368	92.80
5/3/2022	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3369	241.56
	Business Card	State Session Deposit	3369	600.00
5/12/2022	Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	3370	28.88
5/12/2022	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3371	26.64
5/24/2022	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3372	81.49
5/26/2022	National Grange	Dues	3373	3,006.50
5/26/2022	Anne Boisvert	State Grange Building	3374	552.30
6/10/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	209.31
6/9/2022	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3375	26.14
6/9/2022	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3376	107.83
6/18/2022	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3377	81.49
6/18/2022	Hannah West	GSG	3378	164.04
6/23/2022	Andrew Savage	Deputy Mileage	3379	43.50
6/23/2022	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Mileage	3380	673.40
6/23/2022	Agriculture Dept	Department Budget	3381	50.00
6/23/2022	Family & Community	Department Budget	3382	375.00
6/23/2022	Lecturer's Dept	Department Budget	3383	300.00
6/23/2022	Membership Dept	Department Budget	3384	750.00
6/23/2022	Trustees of Trust Fund	Department Budget	3385	50.00
6/23/2022	Youth Dept	Department Budget	3386	100.00
6/23/2022	Junior Dept	Department Budget	3387	200.00
6/23/2022	Robert Trombi	Master's Expenses	3388	1,250.00
6/23/2022	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	3389	375.00
6/23/2022	Dan Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3390	150.00
6/23/2022	Chris Heath	Web Master	3391	150.00
6/23/2022	Armond Gerritien	State Grange Building	3392	50.00
6/30/2022	Concord Monitor	GSG	3393	242.92
6/30/2022	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3394	71.80
6/30/2022	Dan Bascom	Deputy Mileage	3395	70.50
7/10/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	193.71
7/12/2022	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3396	26.15
7/12/2022	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	3397	79.35
7/20/2022	Mark Collins	State Grange Building	3398	429.98
7/20/2022	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3399	82.72
7/20/2022	Anne Boisvert	State Grange Building	3400	176.80
7/20/2022	Orkin	State Grange Building	3401	148.75
7/26/2022	Antrim Grange	State Grange Building	3402	217.50

7/26/2022	Beth Merrill	State Grange Building	3403	17.48
8/20/2022	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3404	83.33
8/20/2022	Dead River Co,	State Grange Building	3405	353.36
8/20/2022	Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	3406	28.88
8/20/2022	Eversource Hooksett Village Water	Other Grange Halls	3407	22.31
8/20/2022	Precinct	State Grange Building	3408	87.85
8/20/2022	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3409	107.41
8/10/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	196.36
8/30/2022	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3410	197.92
8/30/2022	Business Card	Office Equipment	3410	301.57
8/30/2022	National Grange	Dues	3411	2,922.50
8/30/2022	Dead River Co,	State Grange Building	3412	4,099.00
9/9/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	406.93
9/7/2022	Eastern Propane	State Grange Building	3413	432.00
9/7/2022	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3414	31.90
9/8/2022	Norman Brandt	Department Budget	3415	100.00

**Exhibit D - New Hampshire State Grange Expense Annual Summary 2021 – 2022**

Accounting Services	1,900.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	.00
Defunct Grange Account	69,802.50
Department Expenses	

Agriculture	200.00
Family & Community	750.00
Grange Services	75.00
Lecturer	600.00
Legislative	.00
Membership	1,500.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00
Youth	200.00
Junior	400.00
Deputies Expenses	1,476.90
Dues- National Grange	12,099.50
Family Weekend	0
Farm & Forest Expo	700.00
General Deputy Expenses	100.00
Granite State Granger/ mailing permit	1,262.51
Leader's School	0
Legal Fees	131.13
Miscellaneous	24,880.49
National Assessment	.00
National Session 2020	7,556.25
Office Equipment	301.57
Officer Expenses	
Master	3,750.00
Secretary	1,125.00
Treasurer	450.00
Operations-Fund Raising	0
Printing/Postage/Supplies	2,447.21
Sesquicentennial	156.17
Sixth Degree Fees	0
Spring Fling	0
State Grange Building	13,063.46
State Grange Insurance	1,836.00
Other Grange Hall Expenses	490.89
State Session	5,613.19
State Session Deposit	600.00
State Session Sound System	0
Supply Department	0
Website	450.00
Total	154,017.77

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2021	TD Bank Checking Account	1,794.33
	Income – Exhibit B	153,722.56
	Uncashed checks	175.00

September 30, 2022	Expense – Exhibit C	<u>-154,017.77</u>
	Balance	<b>1,674.12</b>

**Accounts Receivable**

October 1, 2021	Balance	1,500.00
	Interest	173.32
	Payment on loans	Arlington
		<u>-0.00</u>
September 30, 2022	Balance	<b>1,673.32</b>

**State Grange Building Hooksett**

October 1, 2021	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2022	Purchase Price	87,500.00

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

October 1, 2021	TD Checking Account	406.17
	Income	
448.92		
	Expense	<u>-368.00</u>
September 30, 2022	Balance	<b>487.09</b>

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

October 1, 2021	Balance	288,484.55
	Transferred	.00
	Taxable Income	5,635.20
	Realized Gain/Loss	-3,754.83
	Deposits	.00
	Quarterly Income Paid	-13,388.20
	Withdrawals	-5,000.00
	Fees Paid	-3,185.19
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-43,064.08
September 30, 2022	Ending Market Value	<b>226,177.43</b>

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

October 1, 2021	Balance	42,854.50
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	Taxable Income	1,486.19
	Realized Gain/Loss	-425.96
	Deposit	70,277.58
	Withdrawals	-2,375.40
	Fees paid	-1,076.15
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-16,423.25
September 30, 2022	Ending Market Value	<b>94,673.98</b>

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

October 1, 2021	Balance	661,409.86
	Taxable Income	13,845.91
	Realized Gain/Loss	-8,797.78
	Paid Granges	-21,762.00
	Deposits	23,314.34
	Withdrawal	-5,500.00
	Fees Paid	-7,266.78
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-121,694.33
September 30, 2022	Ending Market Value	<b>550,506.33</b>

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

October 1, 2021	Balance	38,316.92
	Taxable Income	1,065.92
	Contributions	20.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	5,838.67
	Aid to Youth	-.00
	Fees Paid	-444.19
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-6,767.48
September 30, 2022	Ending Market Value	<b>32,245.46</b>

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

October 1, 2021	Balance	200,363.76
	Taxable Income	5,927.82

	Realized Gain/Loss	25,510.15
	Scholarships	-6,365.62
	Fees Paid	-2,307.06
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-32,890.35
September 30, 2022	Ending Market Value	<b>163,653.35</b>

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

October 1, 2021	Balance	88,931.95
	Taxable Income	1,905.59
	Deposits	100.00
	Withdrawal	-75.00
	Memorial Donations	.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	-1,045.96
	Aid to Members	-.00
	Fees Paid	-1,017.30
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-12,680.54
September 30, 2022	Ending Market Value	<b>75,611.42</b>

**CHECKBOOK SUMMARY**

October 1, 2021	Morgan Stanley Checking Account	11,056.30
	Income	
	3.5% Income from investments	2,861.63
	Deposits	75.00
	Donations	.00
	Minus restricted donations & donations	<u>-.00</u>
	Total Income	<b>13,992.93</b>
	Expenses	
	Aid paid to members	-.00
	State of NH – charitable filing fee	<u>-75.00</u>
	Total Expenses	-75.00
September 30, 2022	Ending Balance	<b>13,917.93</b>

**Amounts held are in investments (not checkbook) that can be used for aid to members.**