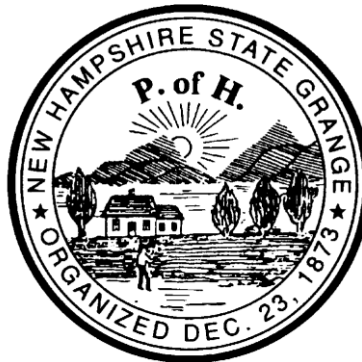


PROCEEDINGS
Of the
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**New Hampshire
State Grange**
Of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry



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Mary West, Secretary

STATE GRANGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Organized December 23, 1873

Incorporated July 2, 1875

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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
2020	Robert Trombi †	Keene

* *Deceased*

† *Present during Session*

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**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
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After Thursday evening's fun and games, under the direction of Lynn Clark, the first day of the 150th Annual session of the New Hampshire State Grange was opened in the Sixth Degree at 9:00 am, with Worthy Master Tricia Taylor and the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange.

The Grange was then lowered to the Fourth Degree.

The officer slate was:

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	Ann Leger
Executive Committee	Beth Merrill
	Christopher Heath
	Robert Haefner
	Mark Collins
	Anne Boisvert
Musician	Lester Gibbs

Roll call of officers found Pomona Crystal Seward absent. Lois Enman and Ida Hutchins filled in for Pomona. Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

Steward Norman Brandt announced Kathy Gibson, Lady Assistant Steward of the National Grange and her husband Glen Gibson, Past Master of the Massachusetts State Grange as our honored guests. The Assistant Stewards escorted Sister Kathy and Brother Glen to the Master's station. Sister Kathy and Brother Glen thanked Sister Tricia for inviting them and voiced their appreciation of the State Officer drill. They were both impressed. They look forward to a great Session. The Assistants then escorted the Gibsons back to their seats.

Introduction of Resolutions Committee: Tara Sad, Bob Haefner, Jim Tetreault and Josie Best

Reading of the Resolutions

Resolution #1 - Submitted by Mt. Pistareen Grange #145
Subject: Strengthen Granges and their halls with community partnerships

Resolution #2 – Submitted by Claremont Grange #9
Subject: Veterinary technicians licensing

Steward Norman Brandt announced State Senator Howard Pearl, farmer and Concord Grange member, as an honored guest. He welcomed us to Concord and congratulated us on the great honor of celebrating our 150th.

The Standing Rules for the 150th Annual Session were read. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Gloria Davis to approve the rules. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Norman Brandt shared the report of the Agriculture Committee, which included a photo presentation on Slopeside Farm in Lancaster, NH, whose owners Susan and Michael Greene were given the New Farmer award, and Corliss Farm of Northfield, NH, winner of the Century Farm award. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Steward Norman Brandt announced honored guest Commissioner of Agriculture Shawn Jasper. Commissioner Jasper spoke on the state of agriculture. Before the Grange was organized NH farms focused on sheep. Now NH dairy farms are struggling. His family had a poultry farm, and were members of a vibrant poultry growers association that is now defunct. However, the pandemic showed us the importance of local food supplies. Mr. Jasper thinks the most important goal is to make farming profitable. Farming organizations need to work *together* to get this message across. He suggested there might be a place for the Grange in the NH Food Alliance. The NH Department of Agriculture will be moving to Granite Place off of Rumford Ave. in Concord, hopefully before the end of the year. He encouraged us to contact him with any questions.

Diane Collins, Chairman of the Trustees of 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 NH Trustees of the New England Grange Building, which included show and tell of homemade Christmas ornaments that could be made and donated for sale at the Big E, a beautiful photo of the New England Grange building and video footage taken inside the building during the Big E. She also mentioned that we received \$4000 in grant money from the National Grange for offering vaccinations. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Brother Glen Gibson shared a video letter from the National Grange. In it, National President Betsy Huber announced that last year there was a net gain in membership for the first time in nearly 70 years. The National Grange building is still on the market. She also shared about grants for reducing stigma around addiction and mental illness, and the Affordable Connectivity Program.

At 11 am, the gates were closed for the annual Memorial Service, under the direction of State Chaplain Kathy Yardley.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:33 pm. Trevor Clark was escorted to the State Master's Station where he introduced State Master Tricia Taylor to give her first Master's address. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Gerald J. Leclerc, Session Coordinator, was escorted to the Master's station to give his report. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Christopher Heath, Webmaster, whose email address is webmaster@nhgrange.org presented his report. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Daniel Bascom presented the State Treasurer's report, which included a presentation to members of Wingold Grange who have officially had their nonprofit status reinstated by the IRS. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Arthur Merrill, Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee, presented the report of that committee. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Robert Haefner presented the report of the Legislative Committee. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

General Deputy Wilber Heath presented his annual reports as both General Deputy and Bylaws Committee Chair. He also mentioned a new book called Preserving Old Barns put out by the NH Preservation Alliance. Copies are available for sale. He also represents the Grange with the Future Farmers of America. *Both reports were accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Mary West presented the State Secretary report, which included a movie trailer for "State Secretary: Blood, Sweat and Tears". *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Matthew Clark was escorted to the State Master's station to give the State Lecturer's annual report. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

After a brief recess, members participated in the member workshop "Community Grange and You" – teaching how fraternity matters - led by Kelly Riley, Rhode Island State Membership Director and Northeast representative of the Shipmates Program.

With no further business to conduct, the first day of the 150th annual State Grange Session was closed in the 4th degree at 3:58 pm.

The Friday evening session opened at 7:30pm with a procession by the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange. State Secretary Mary West announced that the following members have presented applications for admission to the Court of Flora.

India Mazzucco - Blazing Star #71
Trevor Clark - Arlington Grange #139

Ezri King - Blazing Star #71
Seth Clark - Arlington Grange #139

The Sixth Degree was exemplified by the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange.

Flora's Court

State Flora: Ann Leger

Personal Attendants: Patrice Lawlor, Hudson Grange
Patricia Bailey, Hudson Grange
Kimber Bascom, Rochester Grange
Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic Grange

State Pomona: Crystal Seward *Personal Attendants:* Ida Hutchins, Baker's River Grange
Linda Phelps, Wicwas Lake Grange

State Ceres: Gloria Davis

Personal Attendants: Joanne Brandt, Wingold Grange
Alice Tuck, Centennial Grange

Soloist: Gerald Leclerc

Lighting: Adam Terrell

Flag Bearer: Joyce Martin

2023 Rose Drill coached by Beth Merrill

Jane Trombi
Diane Collins
Emilie Leclerc

Kathy Yardley
Lynn Clark
Alanna Bellville

Honor Court:

Lois Enman	Past State Flora
Debra Patten	Past State Ceres
Rhoda Davis	Past State Ceres
Hannah West	Past State Ceres, Lecturer and Executive Committee
Beth Merrill	Past Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Lady Asst Steward
Kathy Yardley	Past State Ceres, Lady Asst. Steward, Gatekeeper
Mary West	Past State Flora
Jane Trombi	Past State Ceres, Lecturer, Lady Asst Steward
Diane Collins	Past State Flora
Sarah Leclerc	Past State Pomona
Patrice Lawlor	Past State Flora, Lady Asst. Steward
Richard Bailey	Past State Steward, Assistant Steward
Adam Paquin-Varnum	Past State Steward, Assistant Steward
Robert Trombi	Past State Master, Overseer, Steward
Gerald Leclerc	Past State Secretary, Lecturer, Steward, Asst Steward
Jim Tetreault	Past State Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Asst Steward
Patricia Bailey	Past State Flora, Lady Asst Steward
Ida Hutchins	Past State Pomona
Kimber Bascom	Past State Flora, Ceres, Lady Asst. Steward
Joann Brandt	Past State Flora, Lady Asst. Steward

Wilber Heath	Past State Executive Committee
Arthur Merrill	Past Steward, Asst. Steward, Exec Comm.
Matthew Clark	Past Chaplain, Asst. Steward, Gatekeeper
Norman Brandt	Past Asst Steward, Gatekeeper
Andrew Savage	Past State Gatekeeper
Dan Bascom	Past Master, Overseer, Asst. Steward, Gatekeeper, Exec Comm.
Christopher Heath	Past Master, Overseer, Steward, Asst. Steward, Gatekeeper
Mark Collins	Past Steward, Assistant Steward
Lester Gibbs	Past State VT Master, Assembly of Demeter
Kathy Gibson	National Grange Lady Assistant Steward
Glen Gibson	Past State Master of MA, Assembly of Demeter
Corey Spence	Massachusetts State Master
Ruth Henry	Ceres, Massachusetts State Grange
Arlene Henry	Chaplain, Massachusetts State Grange
Kelly Reiley	RI State Membership Director and SHIPmate

A raffle decided the slate of officers for tomorrow morning's opening.

The New Hampshire State Grange Session was closed in the Fourth Degree at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange

Saturday, October 28, 2023

The second day of the 150th Annual State Grange Session was opened in the Fourth Degree by Master pro temps Trevor Clark.

The officers, chosen by raffle, for the opening were:

Master	Trevor Clark
Overseer	Tricia Taylor
Lecturer	Diane Collins
Steward	Andrew Savage
Assistant Steward	Kathy Gibson
Lady Assistant Steward	Glen Gibson
Chaplain	Walter Hartley
Treasurer	Linda Phelps
Secretary	Christopher Heath
Gatekeeper	Rebecca Boisvert
Ceres	Norman Brandt
Pomona	Mark Collins
Flora	Matthew Clark

Executive Committee

Arthur Merrill
Adam Terrell
Sarah Leclerc
Gerald Leclerc
Gloria Davis

Musicians

Lester Gibbs, Anne Boisvert and Emilie Leclerc

Roll call of officers found all stand-in officers and all elected officers present. Roll call of Granges found a quorum present. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved with corrections.

Steward Norman Brandt announced Kathy Gibson, Lady Assistant Steward of the National Grange and her husband Glen Gibson, Past Master of the Massachusetts State Grange as our honored guests. Sister Kathy shared that they are having a great time, especially enjoying their meals with NH members. Brother Glen said "ditto".

Steward Norman Brandt announced additional honored guests, RI State Master Walter Hartley, RI State Ceres Danielle Hartley and National Junior Ambassador Nettie Hartley.

Youth Director Rachel Scanzani was escorted to the Master's station to give her fifth and final report. She presented awards for the holiday wreath, social media presence, and poster contests. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.* The State Master announced our new Youth Director, Andrew Savage.

Joann Brandt, Junior Director, was escorted to the Master's station with Junior Ambassador Nettie Hartley and NH Juniors Rebecca Boisvert, Jared Clark, and Alexander Belval, to give her annual report. She presented awards to all three NH Juniors before introducing Netty Hartley to share about the National Junior Ambassador program. Netty introduced Lacy, the elephant, the Junior mascot. She then shared her Grange resume and experiences over the last year as Junior Ambassador. As ambassador she has traveled around the country participating in camps and leading workshops. She reminded us that juniors are our future but also our present. *Joann's report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

The Standing Rules of the 150th Session were read for reference only.

After a brief recess, we reconvened for election of officers. Appointed tellers were Debra Patten, Diane Collins and Trevor Clark.

Executive Committee for the constitutional term of three years: Gerald Leclerc
Executive Committee for the constitutional term of three years: Lester Gibbs
Flora for the term of one year: Lynn Clark

Historian Arthur Merrill presented his report. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Anne Boisvert, presented her report as the State Grange building manager. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Rachel Scanzani was escorted to the Master's Station to present the report of the Family Weekend coordinator, on behalf of Shawn Scanzani. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

The tellers were released and thanked for their service while the Assistant Stewards escorted National Representative Kathy Gibson to the Master's Station for a few words. Sister Gibson again thanked the State Master for inviting them. She enjoys seeing how states differ in their sessions and appreciated last night's Flora's Court, our officer swap for the session opening, and the enthusiasm behind the annual reports. She reminded us that registration is still open for the National Grange Convention in Niagara Falls, NY, November 14-18. There is an interested buyer for the National Grange building, though the study period has been extended. If the sale goes through, Grange would stay in the building for one year but move to the eighth floor. She mentioned the National Grange vaccination program and strongly recommended the program information for what to do if you're diagnosed with cancer, which is still available on the National Grange website. She wished us well for the remainder of session.

Pat Bailey and Pat Lawlor were escorted to the Master's Station to present the annual report of the Granite State Granger. *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.*

Gloria Davis presented the report of the Sesquicentennial Committee. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

James Tetreault was escorted to the Master's station and joined by Gloria Davis to present the Membership report. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Kathy Yardley and Joyce Martin, Family and Community Committee Directors, attired in hat and backpack, were escorted to the Master's station to give their annual report. They presented awards for needlework, teacups, and community service notebooks and reports. The roll cake baking contest judging was ongoing. Next year's baking contest will be hand pies or pasties. Joyce's backpack is sponsored by a nonprofit called Planet People, designed for use in trash pick-up for adopted spaces. Granges are encouraged to look into adopting spaces for clean-up in their communities. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Announcements: Delegates were reminded to return their binders and nametags when they leave. Program packets will be available at the credentials table after lunch and must be signed out. National Grange t-shirts are available in the display room, as are the Affordable Connectivity bags. Voting notebooks should be returned to the State Overseer. Lecturer's contest entries should be picked up from the display room.

After a recess for lunch, the session reconvened at 1:39 pm.

Arthur Merrill, Chairman of the State Executive Committee was escorted to the Master's station to present the 2023-2024 Income and Expense Budgets. A motion was made by Jim Tetreault and seconded by Kathy Yardley to adopt the Income Budget as presented. It was a vote in the affirmative. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Lester Gibbs to accept the Expense Budget as presented. It was a vote in the affirmative. *The income and expense reports were accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

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

Resolution #1: Therefore be it resolved that NH Granges be encouraged to seek partnerships with community members to facilitate the use of our Grange Halls as preschool and daycare facilities, entering into a symbiotic relationship with support growth of existing care providers and those interested in entering the field, while increasing the profile of our organizations purpose and the value of supporting us and our buildings.

The committee recommended an amendment: "...facilitate the use of our Grange Halls, with required levels of liability and property damage insurance by both parties as preschool..."

A motion was made by Donald Ross and seconded Arthur Merrill to move the question. It was a vote in the affirmative. After discussion, the resolution was defeated.

Resolution #2: Resolved that veterinary technicians be able to perform standard procedures such as required vaccinations, Health and Safety Assessments, health papers for sales, exhibits as part of their licensed duties. Be it further resolved that the NH State Grange support legislation that veterinary technicians be qualified and licensed to perform common veterinary tasks such as but not limited to: required vaccinations, health and safety assessments, health papers for sales, exhibits and shows.

The committee recommended passage of the resolution. After a brief discussion, the resolution passed.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

After a brief recess, Past Massachusetts State Master Glen Gibson, with assistance from National Lady Assistant Steward Kathy Gibson, installed the newly elected officers: Flora Lynn Clark and Executive Committee members Gerald Leclerc and Lester Gibbs. There was a round of applause for the NH State Grange kazoo band members Emilie Leclerc and Anne Boisvert as well as appreciation for the installation team.

The State Secretary movie trailer was replayed by request.

Credentials Committee co-chairs Emilie Leclerc and Adam Paquin-Varnum were escorted to the Master's station to presented their report. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.* Debra Patten was the winner of the credentials table's guess the candy corn contest.

Unfinished business: Arthur Merrill reminded the State Officers that they are part of a committee to maintain the Thompson Memorial in Littleton, which could use some repair.

Jane Trombi reported on Grange Revival 3.0, held in July in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. There were 130 in attendance at a lovely campground with tent sites and cabins. Members were free to do as they pleased but convened for community dinners. The next revival will be in Utah in 2025. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

The winner of the Hudson Grange Red Sox quilt raffle was announced. They raised several hundred dollars to help repair their hall roof. Gerald Leclerc shared that The Riverside Inn in Hooksett hosted the National Grange convention in 1913, with 15,000 visitors in attendance, very close to the location of the current State Grange building.

After a brief recess to prepare the hall, the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Grange Foundation Meeting took place at 3:00 pm. Members voted to approve the election of Directors David Babson, Andrew Savage Linda Lauer, and Josh Marshall, and Officers President Jim Tetreault, Vice President David Babson, Treasurer Andrew Savage and Secretary Tara Sad.

Announcements: Last chance to bid on the silent auction and purchase National Grange t-shirts! Don't forget to take your items from the display room. Please turn in your binders, nametags, and evaluation forms and pick up your program packets. Matthew Clark has been appointed as the third trustee for the New England Grange building.

With no further business to conduct, the third day of the 150th Annual State Grange Session was closed in the 4th Degree at 3:25 pm.

Saturday Evening

The Annual State Grange Banquet was held under the direction of State Ceres, Gloria Davis. A delicious meal was prepared and served by the staff of the Holiday Inn. While attendees enjoyed chocolate cake, Xander Belval and Mary West, Lynn Clark, and Brian and Roberta Twiss reprised their talent show entries. Kathy Gibson performed a sign-a-song and Christopher Heath provided comedy. Kathy Yardley announced the winners of the baking contest: 1st place Denise Hupper of Wicwas Lake Grange, 2nd place Lois Enman of Rochester Grange, and 3rd place Terry Jo Terrell of Walpole Grange. Anne Boisvert read the proclamation for the traveling gavel and explained that it will continue its travels through December 31, as not all Granges received it. Gerald Leclerc read the history of the gavel, a symbol of freedom and independence, written by Wayne Ingalls. Master Tricia Taylor presented Kathy Gibson, National Lady Assistant Steward and her husband Glen with a few New Hampshire made gifts as a thank you for attending our session. The evening closed with a sing-a-long led by Musician Lester Gibbs, which included Happy Birthday to Rhode Island State master Walter Hartley.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange

2023 MEMORIAL LIST

Beulah Eldredge – Past Master of Cocheco Grange #81

E. Marjorie Goddard – Past member of the Contact Committee, Mt. Livermore Grange #288

Wallace Hooper – Past Master of Prospect #21 and Hillsborough County Pomona #1, Past State Deputy

Wayne Ingalls – Past Master of Raymond Grange, Past Master of Gov. Batchelder Pomona, Past NH State Secretary, Past Subordinate Deputy

Catherine Jenness – spouse of Past Master Murray Jenness, Cocheco Grange #81

Irene Lynde – Past Master Riverside #37 and White Mountain #50, Concord Grange #322

Irma Messenger – Past Master Crown Point #65

Joanne Mitchell – spouse of past Master Donald Mitchell, Aurora Grange #235

Frances Pepau – spouse of past Master John Pepau, Pilot Grange #229

Leo Vaughn Scott – Past Master of Cocheco Grange #81

AGRICULTURE REPORT

Brothers, Sisters, Delegates alike, I stand before you here today to give my Agriculture committee report for 2023. Starting with the completion of last year, Watatic Grange had sent in the following: The Members of Watatic Grange #36 are pleased to nominate Susan & Michael Greene of Slopeside Farm in Lancaster, NH, as candidates for the 2022 NH State Grange New Farmer Award through the Agricultural Department. The Greene's moved to Lancaster from Boston, MA in 2017. They were both seeking a more rural lifestyle. Susan immediately started a garden and in the good soil of northern NH she achieved success in harvesting enough produce to preserve and display at the 2018 Lancaster Fair. In the ensuing months, Susan and Michael increased their garden area, installed a high tunnel greenhouse and applied for and received status as a Certified Organic gardener. She is now able to raise produce and flowers that she sells to a local store, several restaurants and to local residents through a CSA. The farm's website, Slopesidefarmnh.com, describes in detail the full scope of what the farm grows and its mission as a small Certified Organic farm in the North Country of NH.

After reading over many PDF's and visiting their website I agreed that they should receive an award. As I feel that awards are best presented in their community, I requested that Watatic Grange members find a nice location local to them for the award. As you can see by the photos we did have a nice little crowd attend for the award. Thank you Watatic for the nomination.

Now let's talk Century Farm award. This year one of my committee members and his Grange submitted a Century Farm award recipient that I was surprised had yet to receive their award, not only because in a few more years, if the farm restructures it could be in the running for the bi-centennial, having started 1847, but because the name is familiar with the Grange, Corliss. I'm not Richard Patten, so I will not be going on about the name but their family, until a few years ago, was a Grange family. Harmony Grange once again spearheaded the gathering of the community for me to go up to Northfield to the farm to present to the Blackey family, who took it over when George Corliss's health was declining. As I have written a bunch in the Granite State Granger about the farm, I will only touch on it a little here. Sadly, they had to stop being a dairy farm as help was getting thin, but before getting rid of the last of their milkers they bred their cows with Beef Bloodlines allowing them to continue farming. They are now producing eggs, and beef and venturing in different directions to see how they can continue. Some of their neighbors have started working with the Blackey Family, with Stirling and Craig making daily decisions, to start farming with them. It sounds promising. As you can see by the slideshow, we had a good turnout and a beautiful day to present this award.

During Deputy School our committee met up and discussed 2023. We decided we wanted to put on a program open to all. After discussing and taking in prior conversations with the Asst. State Vet Nate Harvey we had settled on the unsettling topic of internal parasite control, with how to test your animals to determine how to increase your production. Notices were sent out and nobody had signed up. Slowly even some of my own committee members were starting to tell me they could not attend, causing me to send out a notice of cancellation. I'm hoping that we can try doing the program again as the cost of having a vet come out to work it out with you is very high and testing for internal parasites is easy. I would say best practice would be to monitor yourself and consult your Vet on how to treat and this part was going to be a focus of the discussion.

Due to late frosts and very cold days during the winter last year peaches in NH didn't come from NH trees, and grapes, apples, and strawberries were also affected. Then having a wetter and cooler year also affected many of the other crops planted. I know I had made the choice early on I was not going to do the meat chickens I normally produce, and by the end of the season I was glad I made this choice. I'm sure everyone has read about stuff at my farm so I will save you all from some updates and end this paragraph right here.

Farm and Forest was held at a later date and a new location this year, the Deerfield Fairgrounds. Once again Ag and Membership had worked together on the display. Sadly, the display did not come out as I had hoped, but after much waiting for information, I moved forward with a Plan II. Why II? Because when a ship is sinking you start coming up with other plans. In this case instead of a mighty maple or oak tree with 360 branches demonstrating Granges that had started and closed being dead branches and Granges that are still around being live branches, it became a spruce tree, tall, proud, and only live branches seen. You can see a sad representation of this exhibit in the back of this room. Even though I have not heard of anyone getting any new members from Farm and Forest Expo this year, we had many people stop in and talk about how Granges have affected their life in their towns and some even took pictures of the contact leaves that showed how to attend or contact a Grange. Thank you to Joann Brandt and Gloria

Davis for staying up late the night of set up for the Farm and Forest cutting out and taping on the limbs on the tree.

Though not directly due to my position here in the New Hampshire State Grange, I would like to talk a little about Deerfield Fair this year. My mom and I have been Super and Assistant Super attendant of the Grange area of the Deerfield Fair. This year we had 11 Grange booths filled by Granges and Committees, and 9 others filled by Scouting and Community organizations. Many people come through to look at the booths and every so often we can hear them ask each other "What is a Grange?" At times they find the answer themselves. Other times they stop and ask us. This year we had two separate people that not only asked what a Grange is but asked where one is local to them and how to join. First was a family from New Durham, NH. After much talking with them, we allowed them to take a photo of the contact information for Rochester Grange, in a book that Harmony Grange had made to go with their Grange Exhibit. The other was a couple of people that live here in Concord, that were very interested in the Grange. We once again opened Harmony's book to display the Concord choices and they took a photo and walked off. Shortly following I called Debby Patten and left a message to let her know someone was interested in attending a meeting. I have not heard from either of the Granges if they had been contacted, but I do think if people are considering looking into Granges but cannot find one locally how are our Granges going to get new members? Fewer and fewer Granges are taking the time to exhibit in the fairs and at some time and point fairs may decide not to even bother setting a space up for Granges to display in. If this happens, how are we going to let people know we exist?

Well, now I'm just going way out of my scope of discussion so I will end my talk today with a thank you to the worthy State Master for your continued support for the Agriculture Committee. Thank you Adam, Jozi, Scott, and Les for being on my committee and all the ideas you have and time you spend working with me. And thank you everyone that had to sit through this report without falling asleep.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Brandt, Agriculture Committee Chair

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The Bylaws were updated based on resolutions passed. However, the Bylaws Committee did not meet. They will continue to review as needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilber Heath, Bylaws Committee Chair

CREDENTIALS REPORT*

Masters	16
Delegates	31
Total Delegates	47

Respectfully submitted,

Emilie Leclerc and Adam Paquin Varnum, Credentials Committee Co-Chairs

**This report is incomplete due to a misplaced original.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Worthy Master, Brothers, and Sisters,

The Executive Committee met three times this year. The minutes of our meetings are sent to the secretaries of all Granges. We hope you take the time to read them and see the hard work your Executive Committee does for the Grange. During the year, two Grange halls were sold – Granite Grange Hall in Milford, and Arlington Grange Hall in Winchester. At our meeting last Saturday, the Committee approved a budget that will be presented to the delegate body later in the session. If you have any questions about the budget, please ask.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur Merrill, Chairman of the Executive Committee, NH State Grange

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Patrons all;

Where has this year gone? 2023 has seemed to just fly right by.... We sincerely hope that your Grange year has been a productive one. Honestly, we are very proud of the response to the challenges we gave to your Granges last year, particularly in the baking contest. We wish you could have stood at the front of the room at last year's session when we announced the 2023 baking contest would be a ROLL CAKE – the silence was almost deafening! We were not sure if you didn't like the idea or you maybe didn't quite understand it until we explained it to you. Either way, you rose to the challenge and tried your very best, and in the end that is all we could ask for.

At Deputy School in December, we made plans for our second annual Family & Community Day to be held in May. We also packed bags for the residents of the Glencliff Home which we typically send at Christmas time, but due to a scheduling conflict we delivered them in February instead. This actually worked out well since the residents receive Christmas gifts from their families and the staff anyway so our bags arrived at a time when they were really quite welcomed. The new activities director there is very accessible and easy to communicate with so we will work with her to see when she would like the residents to receive our bags. If your grange would like to donate to this project, we would definitely appreciate the support. We are

currently packing bags for about 75 residents, as the facility only has staff to handle that many. We like to pack things such as coloring books, crayons, small packs of tissues, crackers, candy, pencils, hand lotions and sanitizers, playing cards, etc. Let us know how you would like to help. If you have a nursing or retirement home in your community it would be a great thing to do there as well.

We held our second annual Family & Community Day on May 20, at the State Grange building in Hooksett. Attendance was up from last year with 15 Grangers participating during the day. We began the day by working on crafts for the Grange store at the Big E. Several members made Christmas ornaments and put together do-it-yourself craft kits while others decorated items such as trinket boxes and easel backed note boards. Just before lunch we had our second annual cook-off event which had 100% participation all around! Mac N Cheese was the dish this year. All entries had to be made from scratch, of course, and could either be made in a crockpot or baked in the oven, all with recipes included (which we have copies of at our table in the display room). We had six very yummy entries. After sampling was completed and all votes were submitted, the winner was Beth Merrill of Antrim Grange #98, with her Creamy Crockpot Mac N Cheese. Second place went to Brian Twiss of Watatic Grange #36 with his Big B's Mac N Cheese. Brian told us he had never made mac n cheese before, so "well done, Brian"! Third place went to Jane Trombi of Walpole Grange #125 with her Buffalo Chicken Mac N Cheese. All three winners won cash prizes and a cook-off spoon made by Joyce. After a delicious lunch of – you guessed it – mac n cheese, Italian bread, glazed carrots and roll cake for dessert, we gathered together to create our entries for the newest class in the needlework contest (which wasn't actually needlework at all), the teacup class. According to the rules, each entry was required to use a teacup and saucer with the teacup glued to the saucer and an arrangement inside the cup. Everyone seemed to really enjoy working on this project and we had several very creative arrangements at the end of the workshop. We ended the day with a couple of door prize drawings won by lucky Grangers.

The needlework entries were due on August 1. This year and last year Kathy drove to Hooksett to meet anyone who had needlework entries to submit to avoid the cost of mailing them in. She will continue to do this next year as several members were grateful for the option. We had good participation in the needlework contest with entries in almost all of the classes. The winners are:

Class A – Afghan:

1st place – Carol Hill (Gilman Grange #1)

2nd place – Pat Koch, non-member (Wicwas Lake Grange #292)

Class B – Doilies:

1st place – Katherine Umberhind (Gilman Grange #1)

Class D – 3 Piece Baby Set

1st place – Wendy Avann (Pembroke Grange #111)

2nd place – Debbie Standley (Watatic Grange #36)

3rd place – Pat Koch, non-member (Wicwas Lake Grange #292)

Class E – Plastic Canvas

1st place – Rhoda Davis (Pembroke Grange #111)

Class G – Adult Garment

1st place – Lois Johnson, non-member (Antrim Grange #98)

Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging

1st place – Sharon Stickney (Antrim Grange #98)

2nd place – Diane LaFavre (Wicwas Lake Grange #292)

Class K – Baby Afghan

1st place – Debbie Standley (Watatic Grange #36)

2nd place – Pat Koch, non-member (Wicwas Lake Grange #292)

3rd place – Sherrill Bokousky (Watatic Grange #36)

Class L – Child or Adult Garment Sewn

1st place – Sharon Stickney (Antrim Grange #98)

In our new class, the teacup arrangement, we had a total of 11 entries! Thank you to all of you who gave your best effort. ALL of your entries were fabulous! Be sure to take a look at them in the display room. They are very creative.

Teacup Arrangement

1st place – Anne Boisvert (Chichester Grange #132)

2nd place – Camilie Twiss (Watatic Grange #36)

3rd place – Roberta Mason (Watatic Grange #36)

Jr. Recognition – Rebecca Boisvert

The 1st place winners were all sent on to the Big E for judging in September. We had winners there as well. Congratulations go out to the following winners:

Class A – Afghan

2nd place – Carol Hill (Gilman Grange #1)

Class B – Doily

2nd place – Katherine Umberhind (Gilman Grange #1)

Class D – 3 Piece Baby Set

2nd place – Wendy Avann (Pembroke Grange #111)

Class E – Plastic Canvas

2nd place – Rhoda Davis (Pembroke Grange #111)

Class K – Baby Afghan

1st place – Debbie Standley (Watatic Grange #36)

Class L – Child or Adult Garment Sewn

2nd place – Sharon Stickney (Antrim Grange #98)

Class M – Teacup

3rd place – Anne Boisvert (Chichester Grange #132)

Thank you to all who participated in the needlework contest. The directors of the Northeast region state granges are currently working on next year's needlework contest brochures, making any necessary rule changes and/or additions, and we welcome your input. Also, Family & Community chairpersons: please be sure to let anyone you know who does needlework that this contest is open to anyone, member or non-member.

Grangers across the state were very busy this year making items to send to the Big E for the store in the New England Grange Building. We received donations from Gilman Grange, Rochester Grange, Pembroke Grange, Walpole Grange, Claremont Grange and Watatic Grange. Gilman Grange sent 50 crocheted hats, 16 knitted scarves, 20 doilies, and 45 pocket crosses. Rochester Grange sent two each stuffed toy Santas, aprons, adult size and child size hats, afghans, coaster sets, dishcloths and scrubbies, plus dish towels, pot holders, scarves, tissue box covers and 16 pair of mittens. Pembroke Grange sent 37 pair of mittens, 3 tissue box covers and a number of dishcloths, as did Watatic Grange, who also sent a lovely crocheted child's sweater and skirt set and a crocheted child's dress. Thank you all for your contributions. They were greatly appreciated.

For the baking contest this year, we challenged you all to make a roll cake, any kind you wanted as long as the cake was made from scratch. The filling could be store bought or from scratch. Judging by the silent room when we announced this contest last year, it was evident that our choice wasn't very popular. Surprisingly though, there were a lot of comments from Grangers, most of whom said it wasn't as hard as they thought it would be! Kathy was asked to be a judge at Mt Pistareen Grange and she got to test SEVEN roll cakes, all of them unique. Interestingly enough, they had seven members present that night, so 100% participation. Kudos to Mt. Pistareen Grange for that!! We invited the first-place winner of each subordinate Grange to bring their entry to be judged here at state session. We had a total of nine entries here today! And the winner is.... DRUM ROLL PLEASE.... Denise Hupper, of Wicwas Lake Grange. Congratulations!!

Of course, you all want to know what you will be making next year, don't you? Our challenge for next year will be HAND PIES, or as known in Michigan, PASTIES (for those of you who traveled to the Upper Peninsula for Grange Revival this past summer!) Stay tuned for contest rules and explanations, which are included in our printed program for 2024.

As always, we were blown away by New Hampshire Granges' contributions to their communities in the form of service. Of the Granges who sent us year-end reports – which totaled 12 subordinates and 2 Pomonas – there were a total of 17,125 hours of community service given in the name of the Grange!

Granges with the most community service hours reported were:

- 1st – Wicwas Lake Grange #292 with 4,195 hours
- 2nd – Concord Grange #322 with 2,397 hours
- 3rd – Watatic Grange #36 with 2,199 hours
- 4th – Antrim Grange #98 with 1,901 hours

We received four nice report booklets. We also received two extended paper reports that we want to mention. Carolyn Ross, chairman from Gilman Grange #1 sent a detailed report for her Grange's community service activities, which included donations of hats, mittens, scarves, gloves and stuffed toys to the Exeter school and police department, 385 dictionaries to six area schools, 143 Christmas cards for Meals on Wheels clients (complete with Market Basket gift cards inside), six Night Night Hugs bags and a number of other items to the Cross Roads House in Portsmouth, and three elementary school backpacks to a needy school. Thank you Carolyn, and the members of Gilman Grange for the wonderful work you have done in your community. Rockingham Grange chairman Judie Harvey submitted a detailed report of her Grange's project of creating a donation garden to provide fresh produce to the local food pantry, and a community garden to provide space for local residents to grow their own vegetables. The Grange had their property surveyed and had some adjacent properties improved to ensure that the Grange building's neighbors were happy with the changes they made. They removed some unhealthy trees, cleared the lot, installed a driveway, built a fence and constructed twenty-one boxes for the garden, not to mention the time spent planting and weeding. Judie included several photographs of the progress of the project, and of the fruits of their labor. What a great effort by Rockingham Grange! Please be sure to check out both Grange's reports at our table in the display room. They are very inspiring.

We had the report booklets judged and the winners are:

- 1st Place – Watatic Grange #36, Camilie Twiss, Chair
- 2nd place – Joe English Grange #53, Arlene Dodge & Marie McDonald, Chairs
- 3rd place – Concord Grange #322, Esther Herrick, Chair
- 4th place – Wicwas Lake Grange #292, Jeanne Lowery, Chair

Congratulations to these four Granges. Just a reminder, there are some nice prize money incentives given from National Grange to Granges who submit a winning notebook.... \$100 to the first-place winner, \$75 to second, and so on.... Please encourage your Grange's Family & Community Service Chair to submit a booklet next year. It would be worth the effort!

We also like to give monetary prizes to Granges who submit a paper report to us. Here are the winners of the paper reports that were sent in:

- 1st place report – Pomona Granges – Suncook Valley Pomona #12, Rhoda Davis, Chair
- 1st place report – Subordinate Granges – Wicwas Lake #292 – 420 pts, Jeanne Lowery, Chair
- 2nd place report – Watatic Grange #36 – 415 pts – Camilie Twiss, Chair
- 3rd place report – Pembroke Grange #111 – 360 pts – Patricia Fowler, Chair
- 4th place report – Gilman Grange #1 – 325 pts – Carolyn Ross, Chair

Congratulations to you all, and thank you for sending in your reports.

We would like to give a word of thanks to all who have supported the Family & Community Services department this year, from offering ideas, suggestions and critiques, to helping with set-up and clean-up at Family & Community Day, to trying things out of the comfort zone, like making a roll cake or a teacup arrangement. We are truly grateful and thankful for you all.

Fraternally Submitted,

Kathy Yardley & Joyce Martin, Co-directors, Family & Community Services

FAMILY WEEKEND REPORT

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

The annual NH State Grange Family Camping Weekend was held July 28-30, 2023, at Davidson's Countryside Campground in Bristol, NH. We had 6 campers and several tenters this year. What started out as a hot and humid weekend, turned into torrential rains on Saturday afternoon and evening. Many still enjoyed the potluck dinner with delicious dishes. Speaking of food, did you happen to see in the September issue of the Granite State Granger a few recipes? Each year, as we enjoy a great meal on Saturday night, you can always hear someone say, "Who made this? It's delicious!" Usually, it's several people about several dishes. This year we decided to take it to the next level and share those recipes! Hopefully we can continue this in the coming years.

There is always room for more people, so please keep this fun event in mind as you are planning your summer vacations in 2024. We will be camping again at Davidson's Countryside Campground July 26-28, 2024, so book your reservation now! Please 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. If you have suggestions for other campgrounds for the future, please let me know so that we can start looking into availability for the summer of 2025!

Respectfully Submitted,
Shawn Scanzani, Family Weekend Coordinator

GENERAL DEPUTY

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to thank the Worthy Master for giving me this opportunity to serve. I also would like to thank and recognize the Deputies who visited Granges. Dan, Norman, Lester, Christopher, Ida, Sarah, Arthur, Beth, Andrew, Tricia, James, and Leroy.

Last year there were 36 Subordinate Granges in New Hampshire. Mt. Livermore, Riverhill, and Pine Grove are either not meeting or are contemplating closing. Some of these have not met since 2020 when the pandemic hit us. Today we have at least 35 Granges after the consolidation of Meriden with Blow-Me- Down. We need to meet with a few of these to determine what their intentions are.

We had 30 reports so far this year with 13 showing that they have real estate that is listed from 20,000 to 476,000. There are other Granges that have real estate, but to date I have not received reports from these.

There are Granges that are meeting via Zoom and we applaud these as they are continuing to carry the torch. Many have reported community activities within their communities and showing the community that we are still active.

As far as scoring goes, of all the reports I have received, Antrim #98 had the highest score totaling 1400. And Joe English #53 a score of 1125. There were 5 Granges that scored at 900 or better.

Pomona Granges

We are currently showing seven Pomonas in the state with reports from five of these. I am told that one Pomona has not met for a while and we need to follow up on this. We have discussed in the past concerning Pomona Granges and their purpose in the communities. We have three or four that are still trying hard and doing the best they can. The Bylaws state that it is the power of the State Master to decide if we are going to continue with Pomona Granges or eliminate them. Comments from the delegate body should help to make a decision that will benefit all.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilber Heath, General Deputy
New Hampshire State Grange

GRANITE STATE GRANGER

Worthy Master, State Officers, National Representatives, Distinguished Guests and Brothers and Sisters,

At State Session last year, after Hannah West had given her final report as Editor of the Granite State Granger, it finally hit us. After 26 years of service, Hannah really was retiring and it looked like no one was ready or in place to take over the Granite State Granger responsibilities. None of us knew what the future of the Granite State Granger looked like. We were not even sure if the Granite State Granger had a future.

I sat there for a moment and thought, now what? Pat and I looked at each other and didn't say anything—by January both of us would be fully retired, was this something we could do, would Hudson Grange #11 work with us to keep the Granite State Granger going, can we really do this? We needed to know more. So, when session closed on Saturday, we approached Hannah and asked if we could meet with her to learn more of what was involved in putting the Granite State Granger together.

Hannah called and we got together just before Thanksgiving. We spent the day learning what was involved and what had to be done. Pat and I talked all the way home, and for days after, about what we would have to do and how we could make it happen. After the holidays, at a meeting of Hudson Grange, we had a very long discussion about taking over the Granite State Granger with our members and when all was said and done, we decided to give it a shot.

Initially, we did not make any commitment and we didn't let too many know we were thinking about it just yet. There was still a lot to do and set up before we could start the next issue.

We learned really quickly that we would not be able to do the Granite State Granger the same way Hannah did. Logistically, it didn't make sense for us to travel to Concord for printing or to Epsom for mailing and then we found out the software Hannah used to create and set-up the Granite State Granger had been discontinued. We had thought perhaps the Nashua Telegraph could help us with the printing but they no longer do any printing in town. It was at this point we started wondering what the heck we were thinking!

We persevered and appointments were scheduled with three different printing companies in Southern NH.

Printer #1 Windham—We were brought to a small meeting room and discussed our project with several people. They suggested several options we had on how to set up the Granite State Granger and then they explained options they had on printing and mailing the Granite State Granger. We left there with a lot of information and names and phone numbers on how to reach them if we had any questions.

Printer #2 Nashua—We arrived and told the girl at the counter we were there to meet with the manager to discuss a printing project. The Manager came over to the counter and spoke with us for about 15 minutes. We gave her an idea of what the Granite State Granger was all about and what we needed. She explained what they could do and felt they could meet our needs. She gave us some pens and note pads and told us to call if we had any questions.

Printer #3 Salem—After waiting in the very quiet lobby and not seeing anyone around for about 15 minutes, we were about to leave when someone behind a partially closed door called out and asked if someone was out there. We followed the sound and found the owner in his office shutting down his computer. He asked how he could help us and we explained. He wanted us to get him files from the last Granite State Granger from the Concord Monitor, had questions about the mailing file and offered to send us a template. We were out of there within 10 minutes.

On March 30, 2023, Pat and I met with the Executive Committee to discuss the quotes received from the printers, what each printer could/would do and our plan to keep the Granite State Granger going. We said that we would be willing to make a 3-year commitment and after a few questions and a little more discussion, the Executive Committee gave us their blessing to proceed and begin a new chapter of the Granite State Granger. We left the meeting full of ideas, excitement and, to be honest, fear!

We spent a lot of time getting things in place (such as: setting up email lists, sending out emails, collecting articles from state officers, department directors, community granges and members). We developed several templates and tried different formats—the Granite State Granger you received in the mail in June and September is the format that has worked best. As we went along putting together the two issues, we made changes, had email issues and fixed glitches. Being new to all of this, it was expected. We have some thoughts and ideas that we are tossing around and

have received a number of suggestions regarding some changes and/or additions to the Granite State Granger.

We ask that you keep the articles coming. We expect the next issue of the Granite State Granger to go out in January so we will need all articles by the end of December. Also please be sure to update your mailing address if it changes so you do not miss any issues of the GSG.

Thank you all for your help, support and contributions to the Granite State Granger. Without your articles, we have no newsletter. Thank you to the members of Hudson Grange for their continued support, proofreading and constructive comments on each issue.

A special thank you to Hannah West for all her help and guidance when we called or emailed her with questions.

As we go forward, now that we have two issues behind us, we are confident that we are up to the challenge and are looking forward to future issues of the Granite State Granger.

Faternally,
Pat Bailey and Pat Lawlor – Co-Editors
Hudson Grange #11

GRANGE SERVICES REPORT

Good morning Worthy Master, State Officers, distinguished guests, members all,

I am here to present the annual report for the Grange Services Department. The first and most important action of this department is the scholarships awarded each year. These scholarships are funded each year by your donations to the Education Loan Fund, or, as we call it, ELF. Your donations and interest earned help to fund these awards. For those who have made donations I want to say thank you. Going to school is costly and you help a student to pay for a small part of it. For this year we received five applicants, and I am pleased to say they all received awards. This could help with students' fees, books, or tuition. So, again I say thank you for your support.

Grange Services also has a list of benefits available from National Grange. There are discounts available for insurance, car rentals, hotels, prescription drug coverage, to list some of the benefits. I have received a brochure from National to give to the Grange Services chairperson of each subordinate and Pomona Grange. The brochure does not list the benefits, rather a link to the benefits section on the National Grange website. I hope with this information we will be more familiar with what is available.

I want to say a tremendous thank you to the members of my committee who work hard to prepare the scholarships from the ELF letter sent out, the application forms on the New Hampshire State Grange website, and the work done to make all this happen.

Thank you.

Sherrill Bokousky, Grange Services Director, New Hampshire State Grange

HISTORIAN REPORT

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters:

This report will be a brief look at some of the Brothers and Sisters who have filled two of the offices of the New Hampshire State Grange in its first 150 years.

Masters: There have been 34 Brothers and two Sisters elected Master. Four served two years, twenty-five served three years, one served five years, five served six years, 23 served four years and one served 12 years.

One Master, William Stinson, resigned after three years - our only Master to resign. B. Franklin Hayes also served three years as that was the time that the State Grange changed its election of officers from odd to even years. Charles McDaniel served the second year of William Stinson's term and then two full terms subsequently.

Nahum Batchelder served 12 years as Master. He was Governor of New Hampshire and also served as Lecturer, Executive Committee, and six years as Master of the National Grange.

Two Masters, William Stinson and Nahum Batchelder moved from State Grange Secretary to Master. (Any thoughts on that, Sister Mary?)

One State Master, John Hammond, went directly from Master to Secretary. Master Richard Patten was later Secretary and our present Master, Tricia Taylor, was previously State Secretary.

Secretaries: There have been 15 Secretaries of the New Hampshire State Grange, serving from four to 30 years. Two Secretaries resigned: Wayne Ingalls and Richard Patten.

Two Secretaries died in office: Scott Eastman, after serving 29 years and John Hammond. Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941. The NH State Grange session started on December 9th. John Hammond died on December 8th.

Fraternally submitted,
Arthur Merrill, Historian, NH State Grange

JUNIOR REPORT

Worthy State Master, Distinguished Guests, State Officers, Delegates and Patrons all,

Our State Junior Grange is still growing and graduating. I was able to obligate four Juniors and have heard of others who now belong to different Granges due to the Plus 1 program. When adding children to your Granges, please drop our State Secretary and me a note with their information so we can communicate our activities to you and them. We currently have 13 on the books and we have two that will be graduating next year so we must keep up the good work of bringing in new Juniors. This leaves us with 11 members next year unless we grow.

My theme for 2024 is “Learning and Growing Here”. Our numbers must keep growing so we can assist our Subordinate Granges. These will be our future Subordinate, Pomona and State officers if we work with them, and teach them more about the Grange. Make it fun for all young adults and children to be a part of our order. As I was reviewing some of our old Junior Programs, I came across 2017 when we had a fun year for our 90th Junior Grange year. Let’s keep growing so in 2027 we will be able to celebrate our 100th year celebration.

Junior rally held February 4 in Hooksett had six juniors come. We colored rocks with crayons or colored pencils. We had coloring pages, bean bag toss, blocks of wood to stack. A special event for the 150th New Hampshire State Anniversary (Sesquicentennial) provided the opportunity to pose for a photo holding the very large gavel that is traveling the state to be returned to State Grange in October.

Do you know anything about New Hampshire, or National Grange host state (this year to be in New York at Niagara Falls)? During the Lecturer’s program add some facts about where National Grange will be held. How many have ever attended the Farm and Forest Expo? This was the first year of holding it at Deerfield Fairgrounds in May instead of traveling in February weather. There were many activities available for children and adults to take part at the State Grange booth. The booth was busy most of the time. The hands on were a great learning tool as our grassroots come from agriculture and having it at the fairgrounds later in the year, they had many outdoor activities with animals too.

I placed a Grange display in the Deerfield Fair this year. This assists us with the funds to work with the children. Eastern States Expo had three entries and two were chosen. Age 5-7 Timothy Boisvert 1st Place and 8-11 Rebecca Boisvert 2nd Place at the Big E.

I want to thank all our Plus 1 Granges, recognizing the following. Blazing Star, Centennial, Chichester, Arlington, Hudson, Rochester, Rockingham, and Wingold.

In closing, I want to thank our Worthy State Master for all of her support with the Junior activities, the grandparents who bring children to the activities and adults that support us. Especially the Granges who are working with all our Juniors in their Grange to grow new youth and our future.

2023 Junior Contests

Paper Tube contest

Alexander Belval - Blue
Rebecca Boisvert - Blue
Jared Clark - Blue

Painted Rock

Alexander Belval - Red
Jared Clark - Red
Rebecca Boisvert - Blue

Nature Poster

Jared Clark – Blue

Big E Contest

Alexander Belval - 1st

Timothy Boisvert 1st & Top to Springfield

Rebecca Boisvert 1st & 2nd to Springfield

Fraternally submitted,

Joann Brandt,

Junior Director

LECTURER'S REPORT

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

What a busy year this has been for the Clark's. Trevor bowled with the Keene High Bowling team last winter. Seth started travel baseball with the Junior Swampbats in January, with indoor skill building. In April, we moved outside and played games around southern NH and Maine. Seth also played for, and I coached for, the Keene Babe Ruth League. Seth made the 13U All Star team which made it through states and played in the New England Regional Tournament. One weekend found us traveling to Rochester, NH, on a Friday afternoon for a game then to Bangor, ME, for a double header on Saturday, followed with travel to Lewiston, ME, for a double header on Sunday. While no championships were won, a great time was had watching the boys play sports. It's hard to believe I have two boys taking the sixth degree this year. We will be traveling to National Session in Niagara Falls, NY, where they will be taking the seventh degree next month. Fall 2023 found Trevor starting his sophomore year at Keene High. Seth started as a freshman at Keene High and decided to play football. Jared is in the 3rd grade and Ethan keeps Grammy French company until he starts preschool next week. I look forward to seeing where our lives take us this next year.

Now for the Grange news. Our first Grange event for the year was our annual bowling day on March 26th at Lakeside Lanes. We had 34 adult bowlers and 4 junior bowlers as well as others who came to support. The following is a list of the winners:

Grange Team Winner –

Arlington Grange – Matthew Clark, Trevor Clark, Seth Clark & Goldie French

Women Class A

1st Goldie French

2nd Mary West

3rd Lucia Savage

Men Class A

1st Brian Twiss

2nd Arthur Merrill

3rd Andrew Savage

Women Class B

1st Becky Rogier

2nd Sarah Leclerc

3rd Colleen Gillis-Standley

Men Class B

1st Seth Clark

2nd Norman Brandt

3rd Wilber Heath

Women Class C
1st Martha Fowler
2nd Beth Merrill
3rd Karen Rogier

Men Class C
1st Blaze McMullen
1st Jon Standley
3rd Terry McNiff

Junior – overall winner Rebecca Boisvert

I am pleased to announce that the 2024 bowling day will be Sunday, March 24, 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 next Grange event was held on Saturday, April 22, where we found a group of Grangers gathering at the State Grange building for the Grange month event. This year we did something a little different and had a “paint nite” event. We had 25 painters, and everyone really enjoyed it. Some of the paintings you can see in the exhibit room as they were entered into the Art – Painting Contest. Lunch was provided by Arlington Grange with Jim Tetreault coordinating it for us. The talent showcase had four entries this year. This year’s best of show was Mary West & Xander Belval. We ended the afternoon with some Grange jeopardy.

Next up, contest entries. 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

1st – Roberta Twiss – Watatic
2nd – Deena Harper – Wicwas Lake
3rd – Cam Twiss - Watatic

Junior (5-9) – 1st – Xander Belval - Chichester

B. Painting

1st – Beth Merrill - Antrim
2nd – Matthew Clark – Arlington
3rd – Roberta Twiss - Watatic

Junior (10-14) – 1st - Mallory Enman – Rochester

Junior (5-9) – 1st – Jared Clark - Arlington

C. Collage

1st – Brian Twiss – Watatic
2nd – Sherrill Bokousky – Watatic
3rd – Roberta Twiss - Watatic

Photography Contest

A. Winter

- 1st – Deena Harper – Wicwas Lake
- 2nd – Beth Merrill - Antrim
- 3rd – Claire Lebel – Wicwas Lake

B. My Childhood

- 1st – Brian Twiss - Watatic
- 2nd – Joyce Martin - Claremont

C. Look Up

- 1st – Claire Lebel – Wicwas Lake
- 2nd - Beth Merrill - Antrim
- 3rd - Jane Trombi – Walpole

Creative Writing

. Poetry

- 1st – Cam Twiss - Watatic
- 2nd – Anne Boisvert - Chichester
- 3rd – Roberta Twiss – Watatic

Create A Card Contest

Category I - Recycled

Class A: Just Saying Hello

- 1st – Roberta Twiss - Watatic

Class B: Mother's Day

- 1st – Cam Twiss - Watatic
- 2nd – Roberta Twiss – Watatic
- 3rd – Sherrill Bokousky – Watatic

Class C: Valentine's Day

- 1st – Roberta Twiss – Watatic
- 2nd – Sherrill Bokousky – Watatic

Category II – Computer Generated

Class A: Just Saying Hello

- 1st – Roberta Twiss - Watatic

Class B: Mother's Day

- 1st – Roberta Twiss - Watatic

Class C: Valentine's Day

- 1st – Roberta Twiss – Watatic

Category III – Hand Stamped and/or Decorated

Class A: Just Saying Hello

1st – Jane Trombi - Walpole

2nd – Kathy Yardley - Walpole

3rd – Sherrill Bokousky – Watatic

Junior (10-14) – 1st – Rebecca Boisvert – Chichester

Class B: Mother's Day

1st – Jane Trombi - Walpole

2nd – Beth Merrill - Antrim

3rd – Roberta Twiss - Watatic

Class C: Valentine's Day

1st – Jane Trombi - Walpole

2nd – Beth Merrill - Antrim

3rd – Ava Twiss - Watatic

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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Several months ago, we offered to host the National Grange Legislative Fly-In timed for the First in the Nation Primary. We have hosted the Fly-In all six presidential primaries held since the start of the Century. National was not ready to make that decision at the time. The Democratic National Committee's decision was to remove New Hampshire as the first primary and give it to South Carolina, was the cited reason. Burton Eller wanted to see how that issue would shake out. We were notified earlier this month that there would not be a Legislative Fly-In in New Hampshire this year. He added that there would be a Fly-In in DC in the spring. The reason cited is that the status of the Primary is in flux and the opportunity to work on campaigns was limited this time. We will not host a Fly- In this year.

Not hosting the Fly-In is helpful for me, since I have been busy, but it is a disappointment for the NH State Grange and your Legislative Director. Hosting the Fly-In for the FITN is one of the best things we do for the National Grange. I also intentionally did not have a Grange Day at the State House so that I could save the money for the Fly-In. In fairness I also had a couple of conflicts for Grange Day at the State House, which is normally in late April.

During the coming year we will have a Grange Day at the State House or some other appropriate educational and social opportunity to celebrate the Grange. The Legislative committee will also

get together to redo the State Grange Policy Manual. I continue to represent the NH State Grange on the NH Farm Bureau Government Affairs Committee. As always your Legislative Committee is happy to help any member to format or help to word resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Haefner, Legislative Director

MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

WOW! I never thought I would be standing up here to give my first Master's Address. It's been an interesting year seeing things from this position. Thank you to those who had confidence in me, and I will continue to do my best to meet your expectations.

My first trip to the National Session as a Delegate was a steep learning curve. I was able to see many of the things that go on behind the scenes that I had not been part of before. I was assigned to the Health and Education Committee. We had already met by Zoom to get some of the policy work out of the way before going to Nevada. We met several times to work on the resolutions that were assigned to us. There are people with experience on each committee and Legislative Director Burton Ellis, with his Legislative Assistant, Sean O'Neil, kept us on the right track. The resolutions that we work on do not have any of the whereas reasons, or statements, as they are called at National, so determining the actual intent of the resolution can be difficult at times. We do want to be careful about changing the intent of the resolution.

I thoroughly enjoyed the week and was happy to welcome Chris Heath when he arrived in Nevada. We were a small group this past year with only Leroy Watson there to join us. I expect to see many more faces at this year's Convention. After all, it's at Niagara Falls! It was a long week but the espresso bar in the lobby kept me going. I'm hoping there is one close to this year's convention.

Our yearly Deputy School was well attended by Officers, Directors, and Committee Members. It was at the NH State Grange Building again. The committees meet in pairs to work on coordinating their ideas and events for the coming year. I was pleased with the collaboration I heard and saw going on that day. We had a good lunch and then the Deputies gathered to hear their instructions for their visits. This year each Grange was asked to update their bylaws. Some of the Granges didn't know where their bylaws were, and some hadn't updated their bylaws for some time. And some were right on the money. We will be looking for the bylaws again this year as not all were able to get them updated over the summer.

I was able to attend the Junior/Youth Day at the State Grange Building for part of the day. As usual, people were enjoying the activities for both age groups. I want people to remember that you do not have to be a "youth" to enjoy these activities. Six of us attended the June Youth Rally and had a very good time doing the Photo Scavenger Hunt in Concord. My group only had to call a friend once. We did Google a couple of times as well. I urge everyone to support our Youth and Junior Committees and the events they plan! I must not forget the Lecturer's Day as

well as that of Family & Community Services. As always Matt and Lynn kept us busy and entertained. The painting workshop had all its participants engaged and the Jeopardy game that afternoon was also entertaining. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Family & Community Services Day but from what I heard those who did attend enjoyed themselves.

The President's Conference was held by Zoom this year as the National Grange has been doing their best to reduce their budget. It was jam packed with discussion about the National Grange Annual Sessions and answering questions such as why is it important, how do we make it pay for itself, where and when should we hold it, etc. Betsy Huber reviewed Conflict Resolution, the Judicial Process, the Trial, and the Appeal. Communication was also a big topic.

As the spring wore on, I was able to attend both conferrals of the Second Degree. Both events had new members who were seeing the degree for the first time. Both were well worth watching, as was the 5th Degree this past Saturday night at the NH State Grange Hall. My instructions were worked in and around other commitments, although I did have to ask for coverage the night my grandson graduated from high school. Several of the Pink Sash family made it north to Stratford Grange when they celebrated their refurbished hall by cutting the ribbon. It's well worth seeing. The building was even moved back from the road, making it safer. The town really supported this rebirth of the building.

Overall, we have not had a gain in membership this year, but several Granges have taken in new members which is all to the good. I did close Northern NH Pomona this year. They have not met for several years now and the distance to be traveled to attend a meeting in the north is a deterrent. The members have been transferred to Pemigewasset Valley Pomona; although their ride will be considerably longer now, there is no other Pomona north of Pemigewasset Valley Pomona. Meriden Grange consolidated with Blow-Me-Down back in the spring as they have also not met for some time and were down to ten members.

Traveling continued into the summer and fall. First, the Worthy Ceres and I were off to the Grange Revival on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We had good weather for traveling out there and for all but one day while we were there. What a beautiful area! And those lakes are incredible. It's like looking out at the ocean. We've already signed up for the next revival in 2025 in Utah. Road Trip! In September, I made it down to the Big E for the first time in about 30 years or so. It has grown immensely. I was able to work in the NH Grange Building for the day which I was happy to do. We do need more people to volunteer to go down and help. Arthur and Beth were manning the New Hampshire room so that visitors could go in to view it and ask questions. That only happens when there are enough Grangers there to work the floor downstairs. Volunteers don't usually work long shifts and they get to see the Expo. Make a day of it! It's worth visiting.

As many of you know we have partnered with American Income Life. They have offered every one of our Grange members that is in good standing a free \$2500 death or dismemberment policy. You do need to return the card with the name of your beneficiary if you would like the coverage. They will be calling to see if you are interested in any of their other products which are not free. You are not required to talk to them or zoom in with them if you don't wish to. Just tell them no, thank you.

We also have a new program called the Affordable Connectivity Program or ACP. This became available through the Job Act which supplied the money to the FCC who gave the National Grange a grant to spread the word. There is a table in the display room with lots of the supplies we received as a state. Each of the signs, placemats, business type cards, etc., have a barcode which can be scanned and will take people directly to the website. This program is trying to reach people who can't afford the internet, people who can't afford a laptop, etc. If people qualify, they may get a \$30 a month subsidy towards the internet. This program is the next step in getting the internet to everyone. The Grange was instrumental in getting rural electricity across the country, and then broadband. Let's keep the ball rolling and make this program available to as many people in this state as possible. Each Grange has a bag to pick up in the display room along with a sign and the wire posts to stand it up. Please get them out in your town where people can see them. If you are able, we would love for you to take extras to put out in the towns around you. This is a good thing and could put the Grange back on the map again! Be sure to sign the sheet to show who picked up the bag for each Grange.

I am looking forward to the Conferral of the Sixth-Degree tonight and we do have several candidates, which is truly exciting! My grandson was supposed to be one of the candidates, but his boss overlooked his request for time off and booked him all weekend. However, I do have other family members of state officers taking the degree tonight, along with members of other State Officer families. It's good to see the next generations joining us.

I am sure you are all aware that this is our 150th Anniversary of the New Hampshire State Grange. We had a successful send off with a successful raffle for the beautiful quilt made in honor of the Sesquicentennial. The Freedom Gavel was reintroduced at the Session and began its travels around the state. Unfortunately, it did not make it to all the Granges in New Hampshire, but it did get to most of them. There are many pictures of the Granges the gavel reached this past year. All the people who were present to see the gavel signed the book that traveled with the gavel. Some of us were able to sign the book several times as we were responsible for taking the gavel to multiple Granges. I'm pretty sure that our Worthy Overseer, Arthur Merrill, holds that record. Tomorrow evening will be the Celebration Banquet for the Sesquicentennial. One hundred fifty years this State Grange has been meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Taylor, Master, NH State Grange

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Worthy Master, Brother, Sisters and honored guests:

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

Last year at State Grange in Concord, 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 was held this year on May 5 and 6 at the Deerfield Fairgrounds. This was a change in format. Being held at the Fairgrounds rather than the Armory of the Double Tree Hotel in Manchester, this felt like an agricultural event. The theme was “Deep Roots” and we once again took first place. Thank you all who helped and manned the booth this year. This is one of the best opportunities that we have to promote the Grange. I personally have not attended this event, but I want to thank Gloria, Norman and Adam for the hard work they put into this promotional event.

An event that I was very excited about this year was a second-year event. During the month of February, we held a Zoom Membership Event on Tuesday from 7-8 pm. We asked the State Grange Departments to promote their programs. Thank you to Kathy and Joyce of the Family and Community Department and State Lecturer Matt Clark who prepared a program but had to bow out because of a snowstorm. Gloria and I talked about our Membership tools. This program will be discontinued this year.

The Membership Department was pleased to have been a sponsor of the State Lecturers Grange Month Paint Day event. We need more of these types of events in our local Granges.

We were also excited to write articles this year for the revamped Granite State Granger. Our goal for next year is to have an article for each edition published. Thank you to Pat Lawlor and Pat Bailey for stepping up and taking over the GSG. You’re doing a terrific job.

The Membership Department is excited to announce the creation of a sign contest. We’re asking members to design a sign that we can mass produce to promote Grange and Grange functions. When you use the Grange insignia in your design be sure to use the trademarked insignia. Entries will be due by June 30, 2024. Your entry forms will come in your first mailing of the year coming in January with all of the specifics.

One of the things that we are asking is for each Grange to go back and do an assessment of their Grange. The basis of the assessment is is your Grange still relevant in your community? I take this seriously because I can tell in all honesty my own Grange is not relevant in my community. They know we exist but they don’t know what we do! That is a problem for us as the oldest organization in the Town of Winchester.

A conversation that has stayed with me all week is an email conversation with a long-term member. She mentioned that her Grange was closing, and that she would not be continuing as a member. That concerns me. The Membership Department is going to be working with the State Master and the Executive Committee to create a 2nd class of membership in NH, a fraternal class and an e-membership class. When we have instances like this, we can automatically transfer these members to the National Grange e-membership program. If we lose all of the members of this Grange in one fell swoop that’s a loss of 14 members all at once. Once this program is up and running I would encourage each individual Grange rather than issuing a demit to members who might be leaving your Grange to enroll leaving members into the e-membership program. This will keep them within our fraternal circle.

At National Grange the Membership Department will take charge of the hospitality room on NH Day. Anyone who is interested, I will be happy to accept cash or check donations. You can even VENMO. I can do that now!

STATISTICAL REPORT:

Subordinate Membership

Close of 2nd quarter 2023	39 Subordinate Granges
Close of 2nd quarter 2022	951 Members
Close of 2nd quarter 2023	888 Members
Loss of	63 Members

Pomona Membership

Close of 2nd quarter 2022	340 Members
Close of 2nd quarter 2023	278 Members
Loss of	62 Members

Fraternally submitted,

Jim Tetreault and Gloria Davis -Co Directors, NH State Grange Membership Committee

NH TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ENGLAND GRANGE BUILDING

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

I am pleased to bring you this report of the NH Trustees of the New England Grange Building.

There were two meetings held this year: the annual meeting in January was in-person with trustees enjoying a buffet lunch at Storowton Tavern on the grounds of the Big E. Building Manager, Noel Miller, presented each state with a framed photo of the New England Grange Building lit up at night during fair time. (Photo shown to assembly at this time.) Discussion at this meeting resulted in the decision to purchase a large screen television to show a running loop of videos about the Grange to educate the visitors about our organization. In the summer it fell to me to provide this footage from NH and I did my best to find something appropriate. I am sure my limited technology abilities were a frustration to the Brother from Massachusetts who put the video show together. I hope a concerted effort can be made within the NH membership to provide something better for our portion of the video next year, so maybe someone with better skills and equipment than I will volunteer to take this project on? An even more important need for a volunteer is for someone willing to fill the third trustee spot available to New Hampshire. If you have any questions about the position, please consult with the Worthy Master, whose job it is to appoint someone to fill that spot.

A second meeting was planned for the Northeast Combined Conference to be held in April, but for various reasons, the region couldn't pull off the return of this event and it was canceled. It's been some years since it was last held and it's been problematic getting it started back up again. It should be NH's turn to host the conference in 2024, so we will see what happens!

The traditional work/cleaning meeting was held on site at the building in July, but without Tricia and I, as we were on our return trip from the Grange Revival in Michigan that day.

I made my annual trip down to the NEGB in August for what I've named "Jam Day". Assisting other volunteers to price and stock jars of jams, preserves, sauces, relishes, popcorn, etc., is the order of the day for that trip. I also deliver at that time any donated handcrafts I have collected on behalf of the Family and Community Committee.

This year we were able to hold a community service project at the Grange Building in cooperation with the National Grange. We provided outside space for the American Society of Consulting Pharmacists to give free flu, RSV, and COVID booster shots to anyone who wanted them. 3600 shots were given during the fair. I got my booster shot on day two of the four days that I volunteered at the Grange Building. Although there were five days of rain, the public did respond for getting vaccinations. In appreciation for providing this access to the ASCP, each affiliated State Grange received \$4,000.00 from the National Grange, and the New England Grange Building received \$5,000.00 for hosting and lots of promised equipment should be coming our way after the National Grange convention.

Our Worthy Master Tricia Taylor attended on Grange Day and volunteered at the cash register most of the day. Arthur and I were also present and hosted visitors in the NH room upstairs. It was satisfying to see and hear the delight expressed by the visitors who appreciate this one chance to see the second level of the building, normally closed off to the public. Volunteers attending on Grange Day may join other Grangers and ride on the trolley in the daily parade.

This year, Maine State Grange donated the quilt for the annual charity raffle, which raised \$4,461.00 for House in the Woods, a veteran's camp in Lee, Maine, and the adoption agency, Maine Children's Home. In lieu of a set price for each ticket, we ask only for a donation to get a chance to win. Grange volunteers sit at this table day in and day out reciting the spiel over and over to alert fairgoers of the opportunity to win a quilt and support a good cause at the same time. It will be NH's turn to provide this quilt and choose our charity of choice in 2025.

The weather wreaked havoc on attendance throughout the fair this year with several days of rain and a few more days of threatening rain; although total attendance for the fair did exceed one million visitors and several days had record-breaking attendance figures for that particular day of the fair. Consequently, the Building's revenues were down this year with the sale of crafts taking in \$16,350.73 while the general store earned \$15,922.81. Scrubbies, dish cloths, hanging towels, baby items, and Christmas ornaments continue to be big sellers. We almost sold out of scarves. Hats and mittens are always a good seller, as are pet items such as catnip fish, tennis balls on a rope and other such treats for the four-legged members of the family. Last year a request was made for more large size quilts and afghans, which sold well this year, with our customers showing a willingness to pay the big price for them. I, myself, made three afghans, actually finishing one on Grange Day. I happened to be working the cash register the next day, the last of four days that I volunteered at the building, and served the happy customer who purchased it. Prior to the fair, I was finishing a large afghan at my local needlework group and one of the members there asked if she could purchase it. So, I was able to deliver a check on my next visit to the building even though the afghan itself never made it out of New Hampshire!

We DO so much appreciate all your handmade donations and hope that we may again benefit from your generous gifts of time and craftsmanship in 2024! For Granges who claim to have no

needleworkers, perhaps someone in your Grange could do a little research, find an idea and bring supplies to a meeting so members can make a few simple items before or after the meeting with the intention of sending them along to the New England Grange Building. You can find lots of tutorials on YouTube for cute and simple Christmas ornaments, for example. (Some examples were displayed.) Gift tags can be made from old Christmas cards. Proceeds from these sales go to the maintenance and improvements to the building.

I hope each member can find a way to support this unique part of our Grange heritage in 2024. There are plenty of small ways (and one big one for the person who fills our vacant trustee spot) everyone can contribute to help preserve the legacy of the Grange at the Eastern States Exposition.

Fraternally submitted,

Beth Merrill and Tricia Taylor

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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

It is with pleasure that I present the 2023 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 prior to the deadline this year, which is the same number that we received last year. The committee met via Zoom on Saturday, October 14, to discuss this resolution, suggest editorial changes, and to vote on whether or not to recommend it for passage by the delegates.

2023 Grange Resolution: Strengthen Granges and their halls with community partnerships.

Whereas, Grange organizations support communities, and their Grange buildings contribute to the historic & pastoral aspect of NH's community centers, but are easily overlooked when it comes to funding for maintenance;

And whereas Grange membership continues to decrease, and the organization struggles to be seen as relevant in the eyes of community members;

And whereas one of the greatest challenges to families is the unprecedented shortage of childcare openings, and the need for convenient support of adults who would benefit from a similar setting;

And whereas it is reasonable and prudent that our organization, whose work has always focused on supporting families and the community, seek to address these issues. Mount Pistareen Grange has hosted a preschool since 1996, operating with a waiting list for a majority of that time. This relationship allows the Grange to offer the building at a lower rent value, while the preschool community helps support the building upkeep.

Therefore, be it resolved that NH Granges be encouraged to seek partnerships with community members to facilitate the use of our Grange Halls as preschool and daycare facilities, entering

into a symbiotic relationship which supports growth of existing care providers and those interested in entering the field, while increasing the profile of our organizations purpose, and the value of supporting us and our buildings.

Karen LaRue, President
Mount Pistareen Grange

The committee recommended an amendment to this resolution to require that adequate liability insurance be acquired to protect the subordinate, Pomona and NH State Grange from liability.

The wording of this amendment reads:

Therefore, be it resolved that NH Granges be encouraged to seek partnerships with community members to facilitate the use of our Grange Halls, **with required levels of liability and property damage insurance by both parties, as preschool and daycare facilities**, entering into a symbiotic relationship which supports growth of existing care providers and those interested in entering the field, while increasing the profile of our organizations purpose, and the value of supporting us and our buildings.

I wanted to quote from National Grange President Betsy Huber's article in last year's '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 has dropped precipitously recently. If you have ideas but are unsure of how to develop and write them, the Resolutions Committee is here to help you through the process. Contact us and we will be there to help.

The following resolution was submitted following the deadline, and so the committee didn't have the opportunity to meet, discuss and vote on it. So, I will be presenting them to the delegates for their vote without recommendation by the committee.

Veterinary technicians licensing.

Whereas, there is an acute shortage of practicing large animal veterinarians in New Hampshire
Whereas, some vet hospitals are only treating large animals when they can be transported to the hospitals

Whereas, there is an increasing number of vet hospitals with no large animal practitioners

Whereas, it is often not possible for a large animal owner to transport the animal needing treatment due to time, or lack of transport vehicles

Whereas, there are excellent Veterinary technician programs with qualified graduates who could fill in some of the gap by taking on more of the routine procedures such as: Required vaccinations, Health and Safety assessments, health papers for sales, exhibits and shows. Using

Veterinary technicians will help to free up the veterinarians' time for more serious critical services.

Resolved, Veterinary technicians be able to perform standard procedures such as required vaccinations, Health and Safety assessments, health papers for sales, exhibits as part of their licensed duties.

Be it further resolved that the NH State Grange support legislation that Veterinary technicians be qualified and licensed to perform common veterinary tasks such as but not limited to: Required vaccinations, Health and Safety assessments, health papers for sales, exhibits and shows.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Chair, Resolutions Committee

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worthy Grange family,

Shortly after last year's session, I received a congratulatory note from Past State Secretary Gail Turcotte. In it she advised that attention to detail and organization would be important. I laughed out loud as I gazed on our mudroom/office that currently had boxes blocking the window and preventing the file cabinet drawers from opening. For years I have been submitting the State Session evaluation forms with the suggestion that there's no need to spend hours listening to reports that could simply be read in the Journal of Proceedings. With that in mind I'd like to share a brief video courtesy of my niece Becca, that gives you a glimpse into my first year as State Secretary.

In our household, I'm the writer and Kevin is the numbers guy, but I'm trying my best.

43 - Granges that need quarterly packets
887 - subordinate members as of June 30, 2023
150 - pieces of returned mail from the insurance benefit card mailing
2 - Granges consolidated this year (Meriden and Northern NH Pomona)
3 - Granges that haven't submitted a quarterly report during my tenure
75 - the percentage of quarterly report forms that I wrote the wrong starting number on
57 - members of Blazing Star Grange, the largest in the state
38 - membership awards ordered (including two 85-year letters)
27 - rosters ordered (6 of which were sent electronically)
52 - paper jams in the State Grange printer
52 - utterings of words I would rather Xander not have in his vocabulary
8764 - steps during an average quarterly report mailing
2193 - games I played with Xander when I should have been doing Grange work

According to my quarterly polls, Grangers prefer hot chocolate, chocolate ice cream, and apple picking over haunted hayrides. Thank you to all the secretaries who took the time to poll their

Granges. It helps to know someone's actually looking at the packets that may be aging me prematurely. I'm not sure if I'll continue my polls, but I do have a request. Please reach out to your Grangers. Appalled by the amount of returned mail I begged our secretaries to help me update the State Grange database. This year's membership loss looks worse than it is because of that clean-up. Many of our Grangers no longer attend our meetings. Send them a note, give them a call, find out their current address, and, sadly, make sure they're still alive. Being a secretary is hard and I admire all of you who take on that role.

I am grateful for more than a few patient people who made this year tolerable: Kevin and Xander Belval who took the brunt of my ranting, Anne Boisvert, mailing assistant and errand runner, Arthur Merrill, Jerry Leclerc, Tricia Taylor, Hannah West and especially Dan Bascom, who answered countless questions, and Barbara Pratt, Secretary of Crown Point Grange, who was my most loyal customer, pushing me around the learning curves faster that I would have gone on my own. I truly appreciate their support and that of all the other Grangers who offered words of encouragement or at least didn't complain about my many mistakes!

This year's membership awards included:

1~ Silver Star Certificate: Gabrielle Decatur - Wingold Grange #38

4~ 30 Year Seals

1 ~ 35 Year Seals

2~ 40 Year Seals

1 ~ 45 Year Seals

6 ~ 50 Year Certificates

7 ~ 55 Year Seals

1 ~ 60 Year Seals

7 ~ 65 Year Seals

3 ~ 70 Year Seals

3 ~ 75 Year Diamond Certificates

Wendell Durling

Conrad Magnusson

June Smith

Wingold Grange #308

Wingold Grange #308

Harmony Grange #99

1 ~ 80 Year Letter

Florence White

Concord Grange #322

2 ~ 85 Year Letters

Lola Jones

Irene Noyes

Concord Grange #322

Concord Grange #322

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary West, Secretary

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

No report submitted by Committee Chair Gloria Davis

SESSION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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

It is with pleasure that I present to you the annual report of the State Grange Session Coordinator. It's hard to believe that a year has already passed since we last met here at the Holiday Inn, Downtown Concord.

Because we were here last year, setting up this session was one of the easiest to date. I contacted the hotel sales representative and had the contract drawn up and was pleased that all the same space was available for our requested dates. The Executive Committee reviewed the contract and with their vote to approve, the contract was signed and the deposit was made (eventually).

With last year being an election and now having new people in some of the key positions I tried to schedule a walk through but was unsuccessful. Although it would have been helpful it wasn't that big of a deal. My only concern was that we didn't perform the sixth degree at the last session and was somewhat uncertain what amount of space we would take from the ballroom. Having faith in the people that would be in charge I felt we would make it work.

I did set up an appointment with the hotel representative and included the State Master and Ceres to finalize the banquet menu and any last-minute details. All that was left to do is have the calendar pages turn to October 26, 2023.

I want all of you to look around and see what this room looks like and imagine it empty. That is exactly how the room looked yesterday afternoon, that is until the Stewards, along with their band of doers descended upon Holiday Inn. Devoted and dedicated as they are, they worked tirelessly to prepare the meeting space for today's opening and assisted Flora with getting the Court ready for this evening. They will continue to take down and re-set throughout the weekend. Please feel free to help as I am sure they would appreciate it.

I want you to also keep in mind that the display space, was completely empty yesterday as well until the Directors arrived with bags and boxes, and bins containing all the handiwork of our talented members. Please make sure you visit the display room and spend some time looking at each department, and maybe spend a little money at the silent auction as well.

I will ask each of you to please take a few minutes and fill out the evaluation. This is used when planning future sessions. Please include as much information that you would like to either change or have added. Let's think outside the box. State Session should be a time to celebrate the past year and get fired up for the new one. That is why I'm asking for your help by completing the survey.

As of right now a location for 2024 has not yet been selected. I am looking at either returning to the Fireside Inn in West Lebanon or to the Portsmouth area. Please indicate your preference on the evaluation form and I will take that into consideration when selecting the location.

As I close this report, I would like to thank the State Master for placing confidence in me to secure a location for our session. I would like to thank all who helped in preparing for the session. Thank you to the delegates for attending and participating in the deliberations that are set before us and to the non-delegates for your attendance and interest in what the State Grange is doing. I look forward to seeing you all next year when we meet again.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Session Coordinator
New Hampshire State Grange Session

STATE GRANGE BUILDING MANAGER

As you may or may not recall, last year's report closed with the promise of the imminent installation of a new furnace and air conditioning system at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. Sure enough, on the Monday following State Grange, the system was installed by Ethical Home Pro and has been a wonderful thing. There were zero reported problems with either the heating or the cooling system throughout the year and everyone was very glad to have a dependable and efficient solution to the issues we dealt with previously. It has a new thermostat which can be controlled remotely from an app on my phone so that if a renter forgets to turn the heat down, I can easily fix that and I can also arrange for the heat to be turned up an hour or so before a group arrives without driving over to do so; that is if the internet decides to work that day but there is a fix in the works for that as well.

If your house is anything like the one I live in, there are always a number of things that could use an intervention of some sort. The State Grange Building is certainly no different. Besides the aforementioned internet, a couple of current interventions on the horizon are as follows:

Landscaping: Jerry LeClerc expressed interest in helping make the building look more presentable as far as mowing and especially the gardens around the building. The Executive Committee decided to create a position of a groundskeeper which will begin in the spring of 2024 and include monetary compensation for hours worked up to a certain amount, similar to the arrangement of the Janitor position. Various factors contributed to the position not being started in 2023. One of these was the matter of a shed which the Executive Committee voted to have added to the grounds several years ago, but you know how those things go. One had to be picked out; we had to determine where we were allowed to put it according to the town; those options had to be discussed at length; it had to be ordered; it had to be constructed; etc. I am happy to report that the shed is now finally in place. It still needs to have a ramp made for it because it turned out to have to be constructed on a base (which was of course not included) but we've made a lot of progress. It is not perfect, and it may or may not be where the town of Hooksett would prefer it, but it is there and constructed to the best of my ability with minimal injury. It is currently storing a small lawnmower, a wheelbarrow, and a scythe. I think it doesn't look too bad myself.

The floor: The tile floor has been on the watch list for a number of years and is quickly approaching the end of its useful life. Mark Collins and I have a preliminary plan to take care of the issue of the cracked tiles at the door between the main hall and the dining area and the door

between the main hall and the anteroom. A full floor intervention needs more research but is creeping up on the list. If anyone has any connections or suggestions, I am open to hearing them. I am a pretty good laborer, but not so much a master craftsman when it comes to such things.

A few other small issues were dealt with such as replacing the flags, replacing the toilet seat in the women's room, and tightening the auto close mechanism on the front door. Orkin Pest Control continues to monitor the building quarterly to keep tabs on pest activity such as mice and carpenter ants. The Orkin man will be very glad to have a groundskeeper on duty soon because this past summer was crazy with plants nearly overgrowing the building with all the rain and such. It is not a good look for the Grange and equally problematic for pest control. Beth Merrill continues to clean the building regularly. The church continues to use the building twice a week; the Grange Crafty Ladies have been moving into the building for a few days at a time each month; several Grange events were held such as Deputy School, the Mac and Cheese Cook-off, the Lecturer's Paint Day event, Youth Rally, and a Junior Grange fun day; and various other renters use the building occasionally. We also were part of the Light Up the Village event this past Christmas season with the building lit up with Christmas lights and decorations thanks to Jerry Leclerc and the Merrills and a craft fair inside as part of the event. This year I believe we will again be participating and our building will be similarly or even more extravagantly decorated and used as an area people can stop in from the cold to eat food they may have purchased at the outside food trucks.

Incidentally, if you haven't stopped in during one of those Crafty weekends, I would highly recommend it. You can bring your own stuff to do, or someone is usually willing to help you use nifty supplies and devices you might not have at your house to make a fancy card such as could be entered in the State Lecturer's contests or that type of thing. You can pretty much show up at any time of the day (or night) on Thursday, Friday or Saturday and a friendly face or two or six or more will be there to greet you. Well, maybe you should contact Beth Merrill ahead if you plan to show up at 3am, but someone really would be there. You can spend half an hour, seven hours, or three days. It might be my favorite use of the State Grange Building currently as it makes great use of the space and provides a fine opportunity for fellowship and creativity.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Boisvert, Building Manager

STATE TREASURER REPORT

Worthy Master Tricia Taylor, National Reps. Kathy & Glen Gibson, Fellow Officers, Brothers & Sisters All:

After hearing the State Master's report it is now time for you to sit back and relax as I bore you with the Treasurer's report. This year started with electing a new secretary and should have caused me many headaches trying to break her in. Instead, I found Sister Mary to be a breath of fresh air. Being the daughter of a past State Master and having served as subordinate secretary has helped her a lot. She has taken the bull by the horns. This is not to say she didn't have questions. Fortunately, I was able to answer most of them. We should all be pleased Mary has so much family support, Kevin, Anne, Hannah and yes even Xander. When you need a job done ask a busy person to do it. Thanks, Mary, for all you do!

I am pleased to say our financial status is very stable. We seem to have weathered the storm caused by the COVID epidemic. For the first time since COVID, Tricia, Mark and I met with John Habig at Morgan Stanley to go over our accounts. Mr. Habig assured us our accounts should remain stable. There will continue to be ups and downs, but with everything said our accounts should be strong. I continue to use only 5% of operating and defunct Grange accounts based on a three-year average on June 30, each year.

This year has, as usual, brought up many new challenges. The new bonding charges are bringing in many questions. Each Grange needs to look at their financial standing as of June 30. This is only what you have in your checking, CD's and savings accounts. If it is \$5,000.00 or under you pay the usual \$50.00. If you have \$10,000.00 or more the amount goes up from there. If you can't figure out what your Grange should pay, please call me. I will be compiling a list of what each Grange pays so we can send out bills next year. Keep in mind each year you will have to re-evaluate your financial standing and what you should pay.

Last fall we had a new furnace installed in the State Grange building. This was covered by donations and money from the defunct Grange account. Anne Boisvert has done a wonderful job keeping the executive committee informed as to what is needed at our building. She also singlehandedly assembled the new shed for storing the lawnmower and gardening tools. I also want to give kudos to Antrim Grange for keeping the hall clean. The hall rentals have also increased by over \$2,200.00 from last year. Thank you all for your hard work.

Would the members of Wingold Grange please come forward? Each year as soon as October 1, arrives it becomes time to file the e-postcards for each Grange. Back in 2017, when I took over filing, I had five Granges who had lost their non-profit status. In the next three years I was able to get four of them reinstated. Since that time (six years) I have struggled with the IRS to get Wingold Grange reinstated. In 2020, IRS sent a letter stating they had been reinstated but every fall I could not get an accepted 990 e-postcard. I am finally very, very pleased today to present Wingold Grange with an accepted 990 e-postcard from the IRS.

Another project I keep an eye on is the incorporation status of each Grange. I am pleased to report all but one Grange are now up to date. I have sent them a reminder and hope it will be done soon. In 2025, every Grange will have to refile again.

Yesterday I dropped off paperwork for our CPA to file the 2022 taxes. It takes about 24 hours to pull all the paperwork together and I am quite relieved when it is done.

After the IRS paperwork is done, I complete the pages the secretary needs for the Journal of Proceedings. At the request of our new secretary, I am ready to email them to her as soon as the 2023-2024 budget is passed.

2024 is going to be a very interesting year for Kim and I. We will be fulfilling an item on our bucket list. The one top item in our retirement is to go cruising. On January 4, we will be heading out on a world cruise for 111 days, returning April 25. We will be connected to the internet and able to receive emails. I will also have global calling on my phone. I may not be able to respond to questions quickly due to the time changes, but I will respond to texts, calls and emails when I am able. To those Granges that have escrow accounts I will endeavor to get your spring checks out on time. If there is a problem, you should still have them by the end of May. Anne Boisvert,

by the approval of the executive committee, will be assisting me by handling all deposits from the secretary. Thanks, Anne.

At times I rant and rave when my accounts don't balance, usually due to a mistake I made. It's amazing Kim is still with me. She gets to hear the brunt of my frustrations and usually walks out of the room. Thank you, Kim, for still putting up with me.

In closing when I hear someone is going to retire, I immediately tell them to make sure they have something to do. Grange fills that void nicely. I do enjoy being your Treasurer.

Thank you,
Daniel P. Bascom, State Treasurer

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No report submitted by Chairman Diane Collins

WEBMASTER REPORT

Worthy State Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates, Pink Sash family members, brother and sister patrons all,

It is an honor to present to you my third report as your State Grange webmaster. This past year has seen more challenges in getting the information for the website sent to the correct email or in the correct file format. The first half of the year seemed to go really well with most directors and members sending their submissions and news to the webmaster@nhgrange.org email address. Most of the time the information was provided in the requested format of .pdf. Information was provided early enough to properly advertise/publicize on the website to ensure that it got the proper exposure to promote the event.

Sometime around the end of May something changed. Too often I found myself searching through programs and grapevine emails to locate the information that should be on the site. I would have to screen scrape the information or convert Word documents into the correct format for the website (.pdf) in order to get information onto the site. Other times, the information was delivered to me by word of mouth or sent to one of many email addresses that I have.

Unfortunately, this is not a reliable way to provide me information for the website. There were a couple of times that I happened to have my laptop with me and I was able to do updates on the fly. Emails sent to chrisinnh@gmail.com, ch420@netzero.net and cheath@nhgrange.org with information for the website never made it on the site. The reason why I had asked everyone to use the webmaster@nhgrange.org is because I have set up an alert that lets me know that there is something there. I don't always get to check all of my emails everyday so if the email doesn't go to webmaster@nhgrange.org there is a chance that I don't see it every day.

I was not able to complete the Grange Hall pages this year. The project is a much larger one than I had initially thought it would be. Creating the pages is a long tedious process that has been very slow this year. I have almost half of the pages completed and am ready to get what I have published to the site. I want to thank Hannah West, Mary West, Patricia Bailey and Sarah

Leclerc for all the text conversions that they did for me. This was a huge help in constructing the pages. Having the luxury of copy and pasting text into the HTML code is a major time saver.

I want to thank Lecturer Matthew Clark for being the first office/director to provide me with his 2024 program. I have already uploaded this to the website. It is now available for members to review, download and get started on next year's contests. I hope that this is the start of a change for the Grange. I hope that other directors and people who provide information for the website follow suit. Joann and Norman Brandt continue to provide items that need correction. I welcome these suggestions and observations because I am only human and don't catch everything. If you see something that needs correcting or updating, please be sure to email webmaster@nhgrange.org so that they can be corrected or updated.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Heath webmaster@nhgrange.org

YOUTH REPORT

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

It is an honor to present to you my fifth and final report as your New Hampshire State Grange Youth Director. The last five years have seemed to change many things, and the youth program was no different.

In February, we held our annual Winter Youth Rally. The afternoon was full of activities and laughter. It was clear that some people had studied the degrees and Grange history as this year's scores were very close! Once again, Arthur and Beth Merrill tied for the top spot with Sarah Leclerc just one point behind them and Emilie Leclerc two points behind. Congratulations to all of those who participated. Participation certificates will be available in the display room shortly.

The competition continued with Grange Jeopardy. Did you know that Norman Rockwell, Presidents Harry Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Krist Novoselic a founding member of the band Nirvana were all Grange members? Or that the first Jr. Grange was in Texas? Our five teams were fiercely competitive but only one would be victorious. Team 5, Harry Potter, the Grange Ladies, and The Winners came close, but it was the Executioners team that prevailed to take the title as Grange Jeopardy Champions. Perhaps a rematch will be in order next year.

To round out the afternoon, we brought in boxes of fabric, glue guns, wreath forms, and other holiday decor to be assembled into wreaths for our contest. The creativity was exciting to see. The best part of the day was seeing people have fun and step out of their comfort zone a bit. Please take a look at all of the wreaths in the display room. Congratulations to the following winners:

Wreath Contest

Category A - Holiday / Seasonal

1st: Sherry Bokousky, Watatic

2nd: Joyce Martin, Claremont

3rd: Pat Bailey, Hudson
Category B - Grange
1st: Jerry Leclerc, Hudson
2nd: Sherry Bokousky, Watatic
Category C - Open
1st: Jane Trombi, Walpole
2nd: Aurora Farrell, Centennial
3rd: Roberta Twiss, Watatic

June Youth Rally was planned for the first Saturday of June and we finally were going to bring back the infamous photo-savenger hunt. This activity had been in the works for years and I was bound and determined that it was going to happen. I was hopeful that this activity that was so much fun years ago, would bring more people to attend. Unfortunately, there were fewer than 10 people and only 2 teams participating on the rainy Saturday. Based on the pictures- it certainly looks like they had a great time that day though. Please see the slideshow in the display room to see the adventures they were up to that day. Congratulations to Arthur, Beth, and Kathy for their winning score.

Shortly after Winter Youth Rally, I and the other Youth Directors in the Northeast started the planning process for a Northeast Youth Conference. The Vermont State Grange graciously offered the use of their camp as a facility for use in conjunction with their week-long Youth Camp. We were excited about bringing this event back and a great deal of work went into planning workshops, finding judges, and preparing for contests.

And then the summer of 2023 happened. The year of the rain. Less than a week before people were set to arrive in Vermont the flooding began and the emails began to fly. Roads were closed or washed out, travel restrictions were put in place, and worry about more impending rain and more flooding were huge and valid concerns. Just days before everyone was set to arrive, the difficult decision was made to postpone the Northeast Youth Conference. Communication and the ability to coordinate schedules was a challenge to get things rescheduled and planned for the remainder of the summer and fall.

Bringing this conference back to life is something that I have hope will happen. It will take tremendous work, coordination, and cooperation from all parts of our organization from the top to the bottom. But the work is valuable and important to our success in our ability to offer opportunities for all Grangers. I hope that our next Youth Director, and the youth of New Hampshire continue to work to bring this long-standing tradition back to the table.

Thank you to the Granges that submitted your reports and especially to those who sent in donations. These are important tools to help us evaluate activities and remind you of the variety of offerings available. Another great way to promote all of the things you have done or that you have coming up is to share your information on social media. Congratulations to Antrim Grange and Hudson Grange for getting your Grange out there on social media.

Did your Grange hold a Youth Night this year? Please be sure to let the Youth Director, Youth Committee members, and other Grangers in your area know about these events. Watatic Grange

reached out to me this summer and asked if they could use the Grange Knowledge test as part of their Youth Night program. Of course, I said, and sent it off to them. Let's work together to share ideas, enjoy each other's company, and have a bit of fun along the way. Other Granges use their youth night and other meetings as a way to be creative and complete wreaths or posters. This year's poster contest theme was "My Favorite..." Congratulations to the following winners.

Poster Contest winners

- 1st: Roberta Twiss, Watatic
- 2nd: Cam Twiss, Watatic
- 3rd: Lynn Clark, Arlington

Five years ago, when I was asked if I would be willing to take on the role of Youth Director, I took a deep breath and, like any good New Hampshire Youth Association Alumni, replied with an enthusiastic: "I'd be delighted". An hour later while I was in my car, I couldn't help but say to myself: "Rachel, what on earth were you thinking taking this on?" I was working full-time, had just started another graduate program, had two young kids, and a husband who traveled a lot for work. Again, what on earth was I thinking? But, alas, here I was taking on this new role with big shoes to fill. I grew up with great Youth Directors who served as role models and now it was my turn. Thank you COVID for that little twist there just a year later. But still those people who guided me in my own youth were there to support me yet again. You have my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your never-ending support, guidance, and encouragement along the way.

Last week as Hillsborough County Pomona performed the 5th degree for four candidates, I was reminded about the lessons we have been taught throughout our time in the Grange. While things have been challenging, so many great things have come from our time in the last several years and we must continue to hope on and persevere ever. We need to "Encourage improvement; and remember that Nature's motto is onward: SHE never goes backward." We need to Go Right On Working to carry on our great organization for future generations so that we can provide for them all of the wonderful experiences, friendships, and opportunities that were afforded to us. I wish my successor all of the best as they take on this role to provide the youth and young-at-heart in New Hampshire a program that brings us forward.

Fraternally,
Rachel Scanzani, Youth Director, NH State Grange

New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 15, 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 1:00 pm. by Chairman, Tricia J. Taylor.

The minutes of the August 29, 2022 meeting were reviewed and corrections made. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the minutes as corrected. The vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- The State Master received an Email forwarded by the National Master from an individual residing in NH asking how to start a Grange. He is from a community that has a building with Grange on it. State Master Trombi has responded to the e-mail but has not yet received a reply.

Motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the Masters report. The vote was favorable.

Secretary's Report:

- The following Granges are currently behind reporting and paying and will not have voting privileges at State Session.
 - Mascoma Valley Pomona
 - Northern NH Pomona
 - Mt. Livermore Grange
 - Pine Grove Grange
- Met with the representative at the Holiday Inn Downtown Concord for State Session and finalized set up and rooms.

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

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

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

Old Business:

- Furnace update: It was reported at the last meeting that during a recent service call, several issues regarding the HVAC system needed to be addressed. Anne Boisvert was assigned to look into the cost of repairs and or possible replacement of the system. Since the last meeting the furnace has stopped working. This information was communicated to the members of the Executive Committee via email where it was voted that Anne was asked to get quotes to replace the HVAC System and report back at the next meeting.

Three quotes were received and reviewed.

1. Al Terry Plumbing and Heating	\$22,830
2. Ethical Home Pro	\$12,823
3. Paradigm Heating and A/C	\$15,145

After some review of the quotes a motion was made by Gerald Leclerc and seconded Mark Collins to accept the quote from Ethical Home Pro. The vote was favorable. Anne will contact them and the work will be completed within the next few weeks.

2:00 Meeting recessed for State Officers rehearsal of the opening march and opening ceremony for State Session.

3:10 Meeting reconvened.

- Secretary Leclerc gave an up-date of the session and welcomed questions.
- Meriden Grange: Blow-Me-Down Grange has voted to invite Meriden Grange to consolidate with them. This will become final as soon as the minutes from Blow-Me-Down Granges confirming the vote has been received by the State Master.
- Granite Grange Hall: Anne Boisvert reported that she has been to Granite Grange Hall and has removed the rest of the Grange property. The hall is now ready to be sold as is.
- Storage Unit: It appears that the town of Hooksett is not aware as to what type of structure we want to place on the property. They are thinking we are looking for a permanent structure. Anne Boisvert will take a picture of the type of structure we are looking at and bring it to the town for approval.
- Internet: Christopher Heath has been in contact with Consolidated Communications regarding the internet services. They informed him that we are currently at the highest level for a business. He is waiting for a response from a representative from our service area with suggestions.
- Agate Account: The Agate account has been closed.
- Lighting project: lighting in the main hall, dining area and entrance areas have been completed. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to purchase 4 more units and install them in the kitchen. Vote was favorable.

New Business:

- Trustees of the Trust Fund: A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to reappoint all Trustees whose terms are expiring this year for another term. The vote was favorable.
- Proposed 2022-2023 Income and Expense Budgets: State Treasurer Bascom presented both budget with the changes made at the last meeting. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to approve the income budget as presented. The vote was favorable. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to approve the Expense Budget as presented. The vote was favorable. Both budgets will be presented to the Delegate body for final approval.
- Escrow Accounts
 - Mt Livermore Grange: Dan Bascom reported that the last several interest checks sent to the Grange have not been cashed or deposited.
 - Prior to the consolidation of Arlington Grange and Golden Rod Grange, both had escrow accounts. Dan will contact Arlington Grange to see if they would like to combine the 2 accounts

Payment of the new HVAC System: A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Christopher Heath to take \$15,000 from the defunct Grange account to pay for the new system. The vote was favorable.

Church Lease: Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to renew the Lease with the Baptist Church. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Christopher Heath to amend the motion by increasing the rental fee to \$600 per month. The vote was favorable to amend the previous motion. The vote on the amended motion was favorable. The new contract will be presented to the Church.

- 2023 State Session: The Hotel contract for the 2023 State Session with the Holiday Inn Downtown Concord was received and presented. There are some concerns with the type of rooms being offered, the State Secretary will contact the hotel with this and other concerns. The hope is to sign the contract soon.
- Hospitality Room: The Membership Department will be hosting the hospitality room at session. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to provide \$200 for supplies. The vote was favorable.

Next meeting will be, Saturday, October 29, 2022 at the close of the afternoon session.

Motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to adjourn. The vote was favorable. Meeting closed at 4:14pm.

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

Saturday, October 29, 2022 - Holiday Inn, Concord NH

Present: Tricia J. Taylor, Robert Haefner, Mark Collins, Daniel Bascom, Beth Merrill, Arthur Merrill, Christopher Heath, Anne Boisvert, Mary West

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm by Chairman Tricia J. Taylor.

Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to appoint Arthur Merrill as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Vote in the affirmative.

Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to appoint Mary West as Secretary of the Executive Committee. Vote in the affirmative.

The contract for the hotel for State Grange Session 2023 will be signed by the chairman.*

Members voted by paper ballot for the second delegate to National Session. Seven votes cast – one for Mark Collins, one for Jerry Leclerc and 5 for Leroy Watson. Leroy accepted.

Next meeting will be Saturday December 10, 2022 at Deputy School.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee

*On Oct. 31, Tricia Taylor clarified that the hotel contract had not been approved and requested an email vote. Motion was made by Bob H. and seconded by Anne B. to approve the contract. Vote in the affirmative on November 1. Arthur will sign the amended contract once Jerry receives it.

March 30, 2023- State Grange Building

Committee members present: Christopher Heath, Mary West, Beth Merrill, Bob Haefner, Anne Boisvert, Mark Collins, Tricia Taylor and Arthur Merrill

Visitors: Pat Lawlor, Pat Bailey and Tony Lacasse

The following email votes took place:

- Motion made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Anne Boisvert to approve the escrow account request from Gilman Grange. Motion declared passed on January 9, with a 4-3 vote.
- Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Bob Haefner to reconsider the decision to sell Granite Grange Hall “as is”. Motion declared passed on January 12.
- Motion made by Anne Boisvert and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the escrow account request from Jeremiah Smith Grange. Motion declared passed on January 13 with 4 in favor.
- Motion made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor and Anne Boisvert to authorize, whomever, to set up auto renewal with our website hosting company. Motion declared passed on January 13.
- Motion made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Christopher Heath to approve the minutes from State Session. Motion declared passed on January 16.
- Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Anne Boisvert to approve the December 10 Executive Committee minutes. Minutes declared approved on March 21.
- There was also discussion of the South Hooksett Grange charter for sale on eBay.

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm by Chairman Arthur Merrill.

Granite State Granger update by Pat Bailey and Pat Lawlor on behalf of Hudson Grange: They solicited quotes from three companies – Allegra, Minuteman Press, and Wharf – but had the best impression of Wharf. Wharf can do the printing and mailing, using their bulk permit. Pricing is dependent on paper pricing. The plan would be an 11 x 17 folded layout in black and white print, estimated twelve pages. An electronic option could be made available with a preference request included in the first issue. There will be a dedicated email address for submissions.

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill that Hudson Grange be authorized to move forward with their GSG proposal with Wharf Industries with a budget of up to \$3000. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Granite Grange real estate update by Tony Lacasse:

He has been working with architects in Nashua for some conceptual designs (pro bono) as to what the property could be. Unique properties are difficult to value. Under zoning ordinances in Milford, the building is now zoned single family residential. It could also be a daycare, church, home business or farmstand, but only through a variance, so he's recommending a single-family home. The plans drawn up are for a two-story with an accessory dwelling unit. Once the hall is cleaned and the marketing team does their work there will be a broker open house with a Grange Hall set-up as an homage to the history. The deep cleaning estimate he obtained is \$950, or \$1200 with trash removal. He would recommend getting two more cleaning estimates to compare. His recommendation would be to market it at \$150,000 with the hope of selling it within six months. For next steps he recommends cleaning, a yard sale on the property, listing no later than May 1 and closing by fall.

Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Mark Collins that Tony Lacasse be allowed to market Granite Grange Hall for \$150,000. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to pay Annette Wilcott cleaning up to \$1200 to clean and remove trash from Granite Grange Hall. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Chris Heath that Beth Merrill and Anne Boisvert be authorized to clean out Granite Grange as they see fit. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Master's Report: The Notice of Interest documents have been filed with the County Registries of Deeds, and an affidavit for Granite Grange have been sent. Blow-Me-Down has accepted Meriden Grange's request to consolidate. Tricia Taylor and Chris Heath will help coordinate the sale of Meriden Grange.

The New England Grange Building Trustees met at the Big E in January. Adam Terrill has agreed to be the third NH trustee. Beth Merrill will be chairing the committee to investigate appointing one youth as an ex-officio member. Tricia Taylor has been nominated as an ex-officio trustee of the Eastern States Expo. The Northeast Leaders Conference has been canceled.

Mt. Livermore is now paid up with dues and bonding, so no action was required there.

Wingold's status with the IRS has been updated. Dan Bascom will set up a meeting with Morgan Stanley this spring. The by-laws committee has been appointed: Wilber Heath, chair; Arthur Merrill, Rick Bailey, Matt Clark, Tara Sad, Sarah Leclerc, Leroy Watson, and Josie Best. Jerry Leclerc was interested in the Pomona Committee for National but no volunteers are needed at this time.

Representatives from American Income Life reached out about a relationship with NH State Grange, offering a free \$2500 accidental death and dismemberment policy to each NH Grange member. Motion made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill that we agree to the American Income Life relationship and send them mailing labels for our members. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Tricia Taylor attended the National Grange President's Conference via Zoom. There was a session on about the National Grange conference, as well as discussions of member benefits, resources, and the website. New Hampshire Day at National Session is Thursday, November 16. New Hampshire is in charge of the hospitality that day so we need a new state hospitality chair.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Master's report. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Treasurer's Report: The 2022 taxes were completed and signed in February. The property exemption paperwork was sent in for Hooksett and Milford. The oil pre-buy is holding steady. Dan Bascom sent e-postcards to eight Granges. Bonding is in except for Pine Grove and Mascoma Valley and Northern NH Pomona. Hillsborough County Pomona, Hudson, Blow-Me-Down, Lakeshore and Londonderry have lost their non-profit status with the state of New Hampshire.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the Treasurer's Report. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Secretary's Report: Mascoma Valley (one quarter), Northern NH (13 quarters), Blow-Me-Down (one quarter) and Pine Grove (four quarters) are behind on their quarterly reporting. I have been fielding questions from Stratford Grange about liability insurance, Crown Point Grange about closing, protocol for old rosters and whether or not Granges are charging dues of their non-exempt golden sheaf members. The bank accounts have almost been updated.

A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the Secretary's report. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Old Business: The lease with Liberty Baptist Church has been signed. Arthur Merrill is still working on Norman's Grange history list for the Farm and Forest Expo as well as a list of all State Officers. He also still needs to get in touch with the Town Hall in Goshen about the possibility of a Grange museum.

Christopher Heath has reached out to Spectrum and Xfinity soliciting quotes for updated internet service. He did get some information on the Executive Committee policy handbook.

The sesquicentennial logo has been converted to a usable form. The current committee is Gloria Davis and Christopher Heath with Lynn Clark as Secretary and Andrew Savage as Treasurer. Anne Boisvert has not been able to make progress with the Town of Hooksett for a building permit for the shed. She did speak with Jerry Leclerc about the State Grange building groundskeeper position and suggested we create an agreement for those services.

New Business: It was decided that New Hampshire will host a regional leader's conference in 2024. Stratford Grange is hosting a spring bazaar on April 1. Centennial Grange has requested \$5000 from their escrow for replacement of windows on their hall. Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mark Collins that we approve that request as stated. It was a vote in the affirmative with one abstention.

Motion made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner that Mark Collins work with Dan Bascom about the auto renewal of the web hosting and Zoom account being moved to the State Grange credit card.

The suggestion was made that email votes be confirmed with statement of who made and seconded the motion. Arthur Merrill has also asked that we approve minutes via email so they can be more promptly sent out in the quarterly packets.

Bob Haefner has been asked to host the Primary Fly-In.

It was suggested that there be a work day for the State Grange building driveway on April 22 at 9am.

Task List Review: All of the flags at the State Grange building have been replaced. Kitchen lights have not been installed. Mary West is still searching for the background check records.

Next meeting will be Thursday, August 31 at 7:00 pm at the State Grange building.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Collins and seconded by Christopher Heath. It was a vote in the affirmative. Meeting closed at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee

May 10, 2023 - via Zoom

Committee members present: Arthur and Beth Merrill, Bob Haefner, Anne Boisvert, Tricia Taylor, Dan Bascom, Mark Collins and Mary West with guest Tony Lacasse

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairman Arthur Merrill.

Realtor, Tony Lacasse, presented the offers for the sale of the Granite Grange Hall.

Offer #1: \$285,000; no inspection, no due diligence, \$10,000 down – looking to convert to residential, with prior experience in similar renovations

Offer #2: \$225,000; no inspection, 10 day due diligence, \$10,000 down – intends to follow architect's suggestion

Offer #3: \$235,000; no inspection, 10 day due diligence, \$10,000 down – intends single family conversion

Option to purchase from Milford Community Center Coalition: \$10,000 non-refundable deposit to hold property for one year with suggestion that monies be used to repair roof; decline buyer commission. If additional time needed, an additional \$5,000 would hold the property for another 90 days.

Tony reviewed the agreement, but strongly suggested we retain a real estate lawyer for a more comprehensive review and to represent us.

Motion made by Bob Haefner to accept offer #1. Seconded by Tricia Taylor.

Discussion: Granite Grange closed in 2017 and has not been insured since that time. The State Grange pays for water and electric at the building. Offer #1 gets the building off our hands quickly.

In favor of option agreement: The group has a family connection to the hall, wishes to preserve it as a community hall and is working to obtain grant money and nonprofit status. The group was

not aware that the hall was available until it went on the market. It would be a great PR story to save the hall.

Concerns voiced about option agreement: Milford zoning board may not approve community hall use. Everything might fall through and we'd be back to square one 455 days later.

Tony shared his interpretation of pros and cons for all four possibilities.

Roll call vote: Four in favor, two opposed. Motion passed.

Arthur Merrill and Tricia Taylor will sign for the sale, effective May 10, deposit goes in escrow, close on May 19. Tony will notify other buyers and the Coalition via phone.

Meeting ended at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee

August 31, 2023 - State Grange Building

Committee members present: Christopher Heath, Mary West, Beth Merrill, Dan Bascom, Tricia Taylor, Anne Boisvert and Arthur Merrill

The following email votes took place:

- Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Tricia Taylor that Anne Boisvert be given authorization to become a signer to the State Grange checking account. Motion declared passed on June 1, with 7 affirmative votes.
- Motion made by Anne Boisvert and seconded by Mary West to approve the minutes of the March 30 and May 10 Executive Committee meetings. Motion declared passed on June 1, with 7 affirmative votes.
- Motion made by Anne Boisvert and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the offer for the sale of Arlington Grange Hall. Motion declared passed on July 11, with 7 affirmative votes.
- Motion made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Mary West to approve the contract for oil prebuy for 2023-24: 1000 gals at \$3.699 per gal - \$3,699.00. Motion declared passed on August 8, with 6 affirmative votes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Chairman Arthur Merrill.

Treasurer's Report: We reviewed the income and expense reports for the third quarter. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the reports as presented. It was a vote in the affirmative.

The treasurer of West Thornton Grange received dividends from the Electric Co-op, which should be sent to the State Grange in future. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill that that money be earmarked for the GSG so former West Thornton members can benefit from it. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Hillsborough County, Blow-Me-Down and Londonderry Granges still have not filed their Secretary of State incorporation fees.

Tricia Taylor, Mark Collins, and Dan Bascom met with Morgan Stanley. Investments are in good shape.

The basic bonding premium is \$50 for subordinates and Pomonas. Granges with more than \$5000 in their treasury will need to increase their bonding for 2024. We will notify Granges of the potential increase in the September quarterly mailing.

Secretary's Report: Mascoma Valley (two quarters), Northern NH (14 quarters) Blow-Me-Down (two quarters), Pine Grove (five quarters), Arlington (one quarter), Blazing Star (one quarter), Dorchester (one quarter), Mt Livermore (one quarter) and Wingold (one quarter) are behind on their quarterly reporting. I have been working hard on updating the database after the first American Income Life benefit card mailing resulted in more than 100 returns. A partial second mailing has gone out, with more to follow once AIL provides additional materials. Approximately 140 members have signed up for benefits so far.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the Secretary's report. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Master's Report: Tricia has been busy with Deputy work and attending Grange Day, the second degree at Antrim Grange, June Youth Rally, Centennial's second degree, the ribbon cutting at Stratford Grange, the Grange Revival in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and Family Weekend and the presentation of the Century Farm Award. Northeast Youth Rally was cancelled due to rain damage. She, Wilber Heath, and Arthur Merrill visited Meriden Grange regarding preparations for sale of the hall. A Meriden Grange yard sale was held Memorial Day weekend, but the hall is still far from sale-ready. The deed for Granite Grange Hall was signed and payment promptly sent to the State Treasurer. She will serve as Chair of the Citizenship and Taxation Committee at National Session this year. Rockingham Grange has filed a new survey with the Rockingham County Registry. The National Lecturer is looking for names of veterans who have not yet received a quilt of valor. National Grange has partnered with the Oregon Institute for a Better Way who received a grant through the FCC under "Roots of Connectivity." The Affordable Connectivity Program aims to bridge the digital divide by offering subsidized internet plans, free or discounted devices, and digital literacy training to underserved communities. According to the FCC over 20 million households are already taking advantage of this. Materials are available for each subordinate Grange to share with their communities.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the Master's report. It was a vote in the affirmative.

New Business: Northern NH Pomona will be closed as of September 30, 2023, with members being transferred to Pemi Valley Pomona. The State Secretary will send notifications accordingly.

The State Grange legal counsel, Donald Whittum, Esq. retired effective today. A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Christopher Heath that we retain the counsel of Carl Potvin, as recommended by Mr. Whittum. It was a vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor that we approve the request for escrow funds from Hudson Grange as soon as we receive the escrow request form. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Realtor Tony Lacasse has inquired if we would be willing to open up the State Grange building for Hooksett's Light up the Village for attendees to eat and use the facilities. A motion was made by Mary West and seconded by Tricia Taylor that we open up the State Grange building for Light up the Village. It was a vote in the affirmative.

We discussed ideas for the tile floor repair in the State Grange building.

A motion was made by Mary West and seconded by Anne Boisvert that we allow Arlington Grange to keep \$3000 from the sale of their hall rather than the usual \$1000. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Anne Boisvert that we contact Arlington Grange and ask them to send us the check they received for the sale of their Grange Hall, minus the \$1000, and that they submit a form requesting escrow withdrawal. It was a vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor that we ask Leroy Watson to be our second delegate to National Session. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Budget Review: A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Beth Merrill that we reduce the membership budget to \$1000. It was a vote in the affirmative. A motion was made by Anne Boisvert and seconded by Mary West that we increase deputy mileage reimbursement to \$0.50 per mile. It was a vote in the affirmative, effective for the spring 2024 visits. A motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Christopher Heath that we increase the Grange Services budget to \$300.

Task List Review: There is now a storage shed at the State Grange building. It still needs a ramp.

Chris Heath suggested we switch to a T-Mobile 5G tower for internet, which operates off the cell phone tower, as we've had internet issues at the State Grange building. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to discuss the idea at the next meeting when more members are present. It was a vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor that we create a groundskeeper position for the State Grange building offering \$15/hour, not to exceed 39 hours/year. It was a vote in the affirmative. Anne Boisvert will follow up with Jerry Leclerc who had inquired about the position.

We will try to find a substitute janitor for the State Grange building rental that coincides with National session as neither Anne nor Beth will be available.

Chris Heath will have the policy manual at our next meeting.

Background check documentation has still not been located.

Next meeting will be Saturday, October 21, at 10:00 am at the State Grange building.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor. It was a vote in the affirmative. Meeting closed at 11:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary West, Secretary

New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee

October 21, 2023 - State Grange Building

Committee members present: Mary West, Beth Merrill, Dan Bascom, Tricia Taylor, Robert Haefner, Mark Collins, and Arthur Merrill. Christopher Heath and Anne Boisvert were delayed in arriving.

The following email votes took place:

- Motion made by Anne Boisvert and seconded by Beth Merrill to approve the minutes of the August 31 Executive Committee meeting. Motion declared passed on September 14, with 5 affirmative votes and 1 abstention.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman Arthur Merrill.

New Business: A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill that we reappoint Ann Leger and Joy Perkins as Trustees of the Trust Fund. It was a vote in the affirmative.

We received a request from Arlington Grange for \$2000.00 from their escrow to be used to promote the Grange in their community. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Haefner that we grant Arlington's request. It was a vote in the affirmative with one vote in opposition. There was discussion of State Session details. Mark Collins will investigate autopayment of the website domain and hosting. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner that we update the State Gatekeeper's duties, eliminating everything that's there and tasking them to the Session Coordinator. It was a vote in the affirmative. The duties will be redefined as part of the State Session procedural manual.

Master's Report: Tricia Taylor attended and worked at the Big E, where she received more materials for the Affordable Connectivity Program. Each Grange will receive materials at State Session. We do not know if there's a way to track how effective our marketing of the program has been. She assisted the traveling gavel in its travels. She has a letter of resignation from State Flora Kerriann Heath. The Flora accoutrements will be dropped off today. Mark Collins was appointed to work on finalizing the State Session procedural manual. State Session invitations were sent to the State Governor, Mayor of Concord, Greater Chamber of Commerce President and the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Chamber of Commerce President isn't able to attend but the Commissioner will attend on Friday. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the Master's report. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Treasurer's Report: We reviewed the income and expense reports through Sept. 30, 2023. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Christopher Heath that we accept the income report as presented. It was a vote in the affirmative. A motion was made Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor that we accept the expense report as presented. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Secretary's Report: Arlington, Blow-Me-Down, Mt. Livermore, Pine Grove, and Mascoma Valley Pomona are not current with dues and will not be able to vote at State Session unless I receive payment this week. I have commitment of attendance of 19 Granges for State Session. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to approve the Standing Rules of the 150th Annual Session with one amendment. It was a vote in the affirmative. A

motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the Secretary's report. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Unfinished Business: E-postcards are ready to be included in Grange packets at State Session. Blow-Me-Down Grange still has not been approved for incorporation. The check for the sale of Arlington Grange Hall has been received. The bonding notification will go out this week. Mary will follow up with Granges who did not submit deputy reports to give us a better idea of financial standings. Chris reported that T-Mobile would charge a business rate if we got a 5G tower for the State Grange building unless an individual opens the account. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner that we authorize Mary West to open a T-mobile account to get a 5G internet hotspot for the State Grange building. It was a vote in the affirmative. Captain Tewksbury of the Hooksett Fire Department has informed us that we need to install an Addressable Potter fire alarm system by 2026. Anne Boisvert will endeavor to find the Code that requires this change so we can justify the expense. Mark Collins will ask his Town Fire Marshall as well. If we will need to incur this additional cost, and if the requirement is related to us renting the building, we should reconsider renting and/or rental fees. Mary West's feedback on Northern NH Pomona is that the Pomona hadn't been collecting dues so at least Stratford and Mohawk Granges didn't have any current Pomona members.

Budget Review: Dan Bascom reviewed the budget. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill that we reduce the webmaster fee to \$300.00. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Haefner that we amend that amount to \$500. The vote on the amendment was in the affirmative. The vote on the original motion was affirmative with one abstention. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Christopher Heath to accept the budget as amended. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Task List Review: A substitute janitor for the State Grange building rental that coincides with National session has been found. Arthur checked on the Thompson Memorial site and found that part of the fence has collapsed. We should call the local building inspector to find out how we might go about altering the fence.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, October 28 after session closes. We will meet again at Deputy School on December 9, at the State Grange building. The Secretary's books will be audited at that time.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor. It was a vote in the affirmative. Meeting closed at 12:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee

NH GRANGE FOUNDATION MEETING

Present: (In person) Jim Tetreault, President; Andrew Savage, Treasurer; Tara Sad, Secretary, John Porter. (Via Zoom) David Babson, Vice President, Linda Lauer

Pres. Tetreault welcomed the board at 3:00 pm

-Approval of Secretary's Report

Sec. Tara Sad had distributed the minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting, as well as the two winter/spring meetings held in 2023. John Porter had a change to be made – in the list of scholarship recipients, Lauren Gardner was listed twice. This was an error. Her brother, Hayden, received the other scholarship.

Bob Haefner moved and Andrew Savage seconded a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as amended (amended minutes attached)

Treasurer's Report

Treas. Andrew Savage reported on the state of the Foundation accounts.

As of the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2023)

The Morgan Stanley Account had \$117,064.86

Provident Bank Checking Account \$7,330.10

Funds being held on behalf of Atrim Grange - \$6,360.00

Seven scholarships were awarded, totaling \$15,500.00

Bob Haefner moved and John Porter seconded the motion, and the resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

Elections of Directors

The following slate of directors was submitted for approval: David Babson, Andrew Savage, Linda Lauer, Josh Marshall

Bob Haefner moved and Tara Sad seconded a motion to approve the slate as submitted. The resulting vote of the board was unanimous in approval. The Delegates of the NH State Grange next voted on the slate of Directors. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

Election of Officers

The following officers were submitted for approval: Jim Tetreault, President; David Babson, Vice President; Andrew Savage, Treasurer; Tara Sad, Secretary

Bob Haefner moved and John Porter seconded a motion to accept the slate as submitted. The resulting vote was unanimous. The Delegates of the NH State Grange voted unanimous in favor of the motion.

President's Report

President Jim Tetreault reported on the activities of the committee for the past year, constituting three meetings and seven scholarships being awarded. Jim then read a letter from Roberta Twiss which described the value she received from the scholarship she had received from the Grange Foundation, which helped her complete her Associate's Degree, and future Bachelor's Degree. Sheryl Bokousky then came to the microphone to talk about how much the scholarship we gave meant to her. John Porter then spoke about the people who talk about how much the scholarships meant to them over the years, but noted that many people don't know they are

available. He advised the board to make them more visible and publicize them more.

Date of Next Meeting: After discussion it was decided that the next meeting of the State Grange Foundation Board be Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm via Zoom. (Tara will distribute the Zoom link soon.) John Porter then asked if we can schedule the second meeting earlier in the spring.

Adjournment: There being no other business to come before the board, Bob Haefner moved and Andrew Savage seconded a motion to adjourn. The time was 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Secretary

New Hampshire State Grange Income Budget 2023-2024

	Proposed 2022-2023	Actual 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024
<u>Invested Funds</u>			
Income 5%	13,098.85	13,098.85	12,979.43
Withdrawals from Principal	15,000.00		0.00
Defunct Grange Accounts 5%	2,990.55	2,990.55	8,255.94
Defunct Grange Accounts - withdrawals		15,000.00	0
Investment Management-Escrows	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Uncashed checks	xxx	0.00	
<u>Other Budget Income</u>			
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	2,136.00	2,285.00	2,500.00
Dues & Fees	26,179.00	26,535.75	24,500.00
Family Weekend	200.00		200.00
Granite State Granger Donations	250.00	0.00	50.00
Miscellaneous		266,837.29	4,000.00
National Grange Session 2023 - T-shirts	1,600.00	735.00	865.00
Sesquicentennial		715.00	
Operations - Fund Raising	1,000.00		1,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees	0.00		50.00
Spring Fling	350.00		350.00
State Grange Building Fund Donations	100.00	1,291.00	100.00
State Grange Building Use	6,500.00	8,880.00	8,500.00
State Session	5,000.00	3,155.00	5,000.00
Supply		9.00	
Total	75,604.40	341,532.44	69,550.37
Granite Grange Hall	-15,000.00	-266,832.29	
	60,604.40	74,700.15	

Misc - Granite

New Hampshire State Grange Expense Budget 2023-2024

	Proposed 2022-23	Actual 2022-23	Proposed 2023-24
Accounting Services	1,900.00	1,995.00	2,100.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pomona	2,136.00	2,186.00	2,500.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00	376.00	179.00
Defunct Grange Account		262,352.30	
Agriculture	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family & Community Services	750.00	750.00	750.00
Grange Services	150.00	150.00	300.00
Lecturer	600.00	600.00	600.00
Legislative	350.00	350.00	350.00
Membership	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
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	1,500.00	1,348.44	2,500.00
Dues-National Grange	11,410.00	11,557.00	11,000.00
<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	3,282.71	5,000.00
Leader's School- December	525.00	34.96	250.00
Legal Fees	1,000.00	343.27	1,000.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	100.00	2,520.95	100.00
National Session Assessment	913.00	951.00	925.00
National Session 2023	900.00		900.00
Office Equipment	500.00		500.00
Master's Expenses	5,000.00	6,250.00	5,000.00
Secretary Expenses	1,500.00	1,875.00	1,500.00
Treasurer Expenses	600.00	730.00	600.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	2,750.00	1,530.84	2,250.00
Sesquicentennial	500.00	200.00	500.00
Sixth Degree Fees- National	25.00		25.00
Spring Fling	350.00		350.00
State Grange Insurance	1,900.00	1,792.00	1,900.00
State Grange Building	30,000.00	25,437.52	15,000.00
S G Building Grounds Keeper			585.00
Other Grange Hall Expenses	400.00	1,518.86	100.00
State Session	5,000.00	4,892.09	5,000.00
State Session Deposit	1,000.00		1,000.00
State Session Sound System	200.00		200.00
Webmaster	600.00	730.00	500.00
Totals	78,035.00	336,153.94	65,564.00
	-15,000.00	-262,352.30	
	63,035.00	73,801.64	

Misc - Nat Gr travel, new flags, website renewal, new checks, bk chg, new shed; Defunct - Granite;
 SGBuilding - new furnace, Deputy Exp -increase to .50/mile

**New Hampshire State Grange
Income Annual Summary
2022-2023
Exhibit B**

Operating Account Income	13,098.85
Withdrawals from Principal	.00
Defunct Grange Account	15,000.00
Investment Management	2,990.55
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	2,285.00
Donations	.00
Dues & Fees	26,535.75
Family Weekend	0.00
Granite State Granger Donations	.00
Miscellaneous	266,837.29
National Assessment	735.00
National Session	715.00
Sesquicentennial	715.00
Operations – Fund Raising	.00
Sixth Degree Fees	.00
Spring Fling	.00
State Grange Building Donations	1,291.00
State Grange Building Use	8,880.00
State Session	3,155.00
Supply Department	9.00
Trust	.00
Add in returned checks	0.00
Total Income	341,532.44

Exhibit C - New Hampshire State Grange Expenses 2022-2023

Date	Paid To	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/6/2022	Orkin	State Grange Building	3416	148.75
10/6/2022	H West	GSG	3417	198.91
10/6/2022	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3418	83.33
10/6/2022	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3419	42.21
10/11/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	383.67
10/12/2022	Robert Trombi	Masters Expenses	3420	1,250.00
10/12/2022	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	3421	375.00
10/12/2022	Dan Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3422	140.00
10/12/2022	Chris Heath	Webmaster	3423	140.00
10/12/2022	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3424	33.62

10/12/2022	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	3425	79.35
10/16/2022	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3426	82.78
10/24/2022	Dead River Co,	State Grange Building	3427	200.64
10/24/2022	Dan Bascom	Deputy Mileage	3428	70.50
10/29/2022	Gerald Leclerc	State Session	3429	195.97
10/29/2022	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Mileage	3430	602.30
10/29/2022	Andrew Savage	Deputy Mileage	3431	45.00
10/29/2022	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Mileage	3432	114.30
10/29/2022	Dan Bascom	postage & flowers	3433	118.44
11/1/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	153.17
11/14/2022	NH State Grange	Misc	3434	1,051.21
11/14/2022	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	3435	165.70
11/14/2022	Concord Monitor	GSG	3436	307.06
11/14/2022	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3437	23.61
11/14/2022	Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	3438	28.88
11/14/2022	Business Card	State Grange Building	3439	6,768.32
11/26/2022	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3440	82.51
11/26/2022	Hampshire Fire Protection	State Grange Building	3441	55.00
11/27/2022	Eastern Propane	State Grange Building	3442	173.94
11/28/2022	National Grange	Dues	3443	2,667.50
12/8/2022	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	200.09
12/12/2022	Business Card	State Grange Building	3444	10,544.22
12/16/2022	Wilber Heath	Deputy School	3445	34.96
12/16/2022	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3446	23.90
12/16/2022	Concord Monitor	GSG	3447	292.88
12/16/2022	Mary West	supplies	3448	19.99
12/16/2022	Robert Trombi	Masters Expenses	3449	416.67
12/16/2022	Tricia Taylor	Masters Expenses	3450	833.33
12/16/2022	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	3451	125.00
12/16/2022	Mary West	Secretary Expenses	3452	250.00
12/16/2022	Dan Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3453	150.00
12/16/2022	Chris Heath	Webmaster	3454	150.00
12/16/2022	Norman Brandt	Dept. Expenses	3455	50.00
12/16/2022	Kathy Yardley	Dept. Expenses	3456	375.00
12/16/2022	NH State Grange	Dept. Expenses	3457	75.00
12/16/2022	Matthew Clark	Dept. Expenses	3458	300.00
12/16/2022	Robert Haefner	Dept. Expenses	3459	175.00
12/16/2022	James Tetreault	Dept. Expenses	3460	750.00
12/16/2022	Trustees of Trust Fund	Dept. Expenses	3461	50.00

12/16/2022 Rachel Scanzani	Dept. Expenses	3462	100.00
12/16/2022 Joann Brandt	Dept. Expenses	3463	200.00
12/16/2022 Hannah West	GSG	3464	162.57
void		3465	
12/29/2022 Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3466	82.51
12/23/2022 National Grange	Bonding	3467	2,562.00
12/29/2022 Mary West	State Session	3468	173.36
1/13/2023 Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	3469	120.00
1/13/2023 Kevin Belval	postage, supplies	3470	327.51
1/15/2023 Orkin	State Grange Building	3471	148.75
1/9/2023 Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	134.37
1/14/2023 Mark Collins	Website renewal	3472	218.25
1/28/2023 Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	3473	94.75
1/28/2023 Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	3474	182.40
1/29/2023 Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3475	83.01
1/23/2023 Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3476	21.63
1/23/2023 Hennessey & Vallee	Accounting	3477	1,995.00
1/28/2023 Mary West	postage	3478	32.31
2/8/2023 Anne Boisvert	postage	3479	9.60
2/1/2023 Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	3480	360.00
2/8/2023 National Grange	Dues	3481	286.50
2/8/2023 Anne Boisvert	State Grange Building	3482	60.00
2/8/2023 Anne Boisvert	State Grange Building	3483	136.90
2/9/2023 Antrim Grange	State Grange Building	3484	712.50
2/9/2023 Beth Merrill	State Grange Building	3485	63.47
2/11/2023 Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	3486	28.88
2/9/2023 Lynette Schaeffer	State Session	3487	677.94
2/13/2023 MSA Group	State Grange Insurance	3488	1,792.00
2/23/2023 Donald Whittum Law	Legal Fees	3489	200.00
2/13/2023 Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3490	18.70
2/23/2023 Mary West	printing, postage, supplies	3491	225.41
2/16/2023 National Grange	Dues	3492	2,894.50
2/16/2023 Orkin	State Grange Building	3493	571.20
2/9/2023 Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	139.60
3/4/2023 Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3494	83.25
3/6/2023 Kevin Belval	postage	3495	4.92
3/16/2023 Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	3496	360.00
3/16/2023 Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3497	21.08
3/9/2023 Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	136.47

3/18/2023	Tricia Taylor	Legal Fees	3498	143.27
3/18/2023	Tricia Taylor	Masters Expenses	3499	1,250.00
3/23/2023	Mary West	Secretary Expenses	3500	375.00
3/23/2023	Dan Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3501	150.00
3/23/2023	Chris Heath	Webmaster	3502	150.00
3/17/2023	New Checks	printing, postage, supplies	direct	152.64
3/17/2023	New Checks	printing, postage, supplies	direct	62.95
4/1/2023	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3503	83.25
4/7/2023	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	118.74
4/3/2023	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	3504	120.00
4/7/2023	Chris Heath	Sesquicentennial	3505	200.00
4/7/2023	Dan Bascom	postage	3506	103.04
4/7/2023	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3507	17.80
4/8/2023	Eastern Propane	State Grange Building	3508	125.00
4/27/2023	Hooksett Sewer	State Grange Building	3509	80.40
4/27/2023	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3510	82.76
4/11/2023	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	114.22
4/29/2023	Dan Bascom	Other Grange Halls	3511	1,200.00
5/5/2023	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	3512	105.25
5/5/2023	Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	3513	28.88
5/12/2023	National Grange	Assessment	3514	951.00
5/16/2023	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3515	22.36
5/16/2023	National Grange	Dues	3516	2,957.50
5/23/2023	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3517	87.56
6/3/2023	Morgan Stanley	Defunct Grange	3518	260,000.00
6/7/2023	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	124.03
6/6/2023	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3519	21.81
6/7/2023	Wharf Industries Printing	GSG	3520	1,093.96
6/23/2023	Tricia Taylor	Masters Expenses	3521	1,250.00
6/23/2023	Dan Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3522	150.00
6/23/2023	Mary West	Secretary Expenses	3523	375.00
6/23/2023	Chris Heath	Webmaster	3524	150.00
6/23/2023	Norman Brandt	Dept. Expenses	3525	50.00
6/23/2023	Kathy Yardley	Dept. Expenses	3526	375.00
6/23/2023	Grange Services	Dept. Expenses	3527	75.00
6/23/2023	Matthew Clark	Dept. Expenses	3528	300.00
6/23/2023	Robert Haefner	Dept. Expenses	3529	175.00
6/23/2023	James Tetreault	Dept. Expenses	3530	750.00
6/23/2023	Trustees of Trust Fund	Dept. Expenses	3531	50.00

6/23/2023	Rachel Scanzani	Dept. Expenses	3532	100.00
6/23/2023	Joann Brandt	Dept. Expenses	3533	200.00
7/4/2023	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	145.68
7/5/2023	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3534	97.23
7/6/2023	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3535	21.28
7/14/2023	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	3536	94.00
7/14/2023	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3537	2.43
7/14/2023	Mary West	postage	3538	58.86
8/1/2023	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3539	97.25
8/1/2023	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3540	146.45
8/9/2023	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	267.14
8/1/2023	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	3541	100.00
8/1/2023	Mary West	postage	3542	27.73
8/10/2023	Dead River Co,	State Grange Building	3543	3,699.00
8/17/2023	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3544	97.25
8/17/2023	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Mileage	3545	452.99
8/17/2023	Dan Bascom	Deputy Mileage	3546	163.35
8/28/2023	National Grange	Dues	3547	2,751.00
8/31/2023	Beth Merrill	State Grange Building	3548	100.87
8/31/2023	Antrim Grange	State Grange Building	3549	810.00
8/31/2023	Anne Boisvert	State Grange Building	3550	1,047.93
9/1/2023	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	126.30
9/2/2023	Morgan Stanley	Defunct Grange	3551	2,352.30
9/23/2023	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3552	97.25
9/25/2023	Wharf Industries Printing	GSG	3553	1,227.33
9/27/2023	Dan Bascom	postage	3554	67.14
9/30/2023	Business Card	printing, postage, supplies	3555	257.51
9/30/2023	Dan Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3556	140.00
9/30/2023	Mary West	Secretary Expenses	3557	375.00
9/30/2023	Chris Heath	Webmaster	3558	140.00
9/30/2023	Tricia Taylor	Masters Expenses	3559	1,250.00

Exhibit D
New Hampshire State Grange
Expense Annual Summary
2022 – 2023

Accounting Services	1,995.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	2,186.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00
Defunct Grange Account	262,352.30
Department Expenses	
Agriculture	100.00
Family & Community	750.00
Grange Services	150.00
Lecturer	600.00
Legislative	350.00
Membership	1,500.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00
Youth	200.00
Junior	400.00
Deputies Expenses	1,348.44
Dues- National Grange	11,557.00
Family Weekend	
	100.00
General Deputy Expenses	
Granite State Granger/mailling permit	3,282.71
Leader's School	34.96
Legal Fees	343.27
Miscellaneous	2,520.95
National Assessment	951.00
National Session 2020	
Office Equipment	
Officer Expenses	
Master	6,250.00
Secretary	1,875.00
Treasurer	730.00
Operations-Fund Raising	
Printing/Postage/Supplies	1,530.84
Sesquicentennial	200.00
Sixth Degree Fees	
Spring Fling	
State Grange Building	25,437.52
State Grange Insurance	1,792.00
Other Grange Hall Expenses	1,518.86
State Session	4,892.09
State Session Deposit	
State Session Sound System	
Supply Department	
Website	730.00
Totals	336,153.94

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2022	TD Bank Checking Account	1,674.12
	Income – Exhibit B	341,532.44
	Uncashed checks	.00
	Expense – Exhibit C	<u>-336,153.94</u>
September 30, 2023	Balance	7,052.62

Accounts Receivable

October 1, 2022	Balance	1,500.00
Arlington	1,700.00	
	Interest	173.32
	Payment on loans	<u>-0.00</u>
September 30, 2023	Balance	1,673.32

State Grange Building Hooksett

October 1, 2022	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2023	Purchase Price	87,500.00

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

October 1, 2022	TD Checking Account	487.09
	Income	772.75
	Expense	<u>-594.00</u>
September 30, 2023	Balance	665.84

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

October 1, 2022	Balance	226,177.43
	Transferred	.00
	Taxable Income	7,084.44
	Realized Gain/Loss	-11,990.96
	Deposits	.52
	Quarterly Income Paid	-13,098.85
	Withdrawals	.00
	Fees Paid	-2,858.02
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-11,779.41
September 30, 2023	Ending Market Value	236,956.95

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

October 1, 2022	Balance	94,673.98
	Taxable Income	4,324.25
	Realized Gain/Loss	-3,831.67
	Deposit	262,353.09
	Withdrawals	-17,990.55
	Fees paid	-1,841.69
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-7,554.80
September 30, 2023	Ending Market Value	346,596.38

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

October 1, 2022	Balance	550,506.33
	Taxable Income	17,268.68
	Realized Gain/Loss	-28,289.73
	Paid Granges	-22,531.29
	Deposits	1,8540.22
	Withdrawal	-42,147.24
	Fees Paid	-6,431.68
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-25,786.25
September 30, 2023	Ending Market Value	562,452.63

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

October 1, 2022	Balance	33,245.46
	Taxable Income	947.98
	Contributions	20.10
	Realized Gain/Loss	-1,351.19
	Aid to Youth	-.00
	Fees Paid	-422.35
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-2,281.65
September 30, 2023	Ending Market Value	32,983.91

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

October 1, 2022	Balance	163,653.35
	Taxable Income	5,522.81
	Realized Gain/Loss	-7,286.32
	Scholarships	-6,561.31
	Fees Paid	-2,124.33
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-11,649.19
September 30, 2023	Ending Market Value	175,170.11

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

October 1, 2022	Balance	75,611.42
	Taxable Income	2,496.85
	Deposits	100.14
	Withdrawal	-75.00
	Memorial Donations	.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	-3,158.98
	Aid to Members	-.00
	Fees Paid	-981.18
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-3,348.05
September 30, 2023	Ending Market Value	83,577.29

CHECKBOOK SUMMARY

October 1, 2022	Morgan Stanley Checking Account	13,992.93
	Income	
	3.5% Income from investments	2,955.72
	Deposits	75.00
	Donations	.00
	Minus restricted donations & donations	<u>-.00</u>
	Total Income	17,023.65
	Expenses	
	Aid paid to members	-.00
	State of NH – charitable filing fee	<u>-75.00</u>
	Total Expenses	-75.00
September 30, 2023	Ending Balance	16,948.65

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