

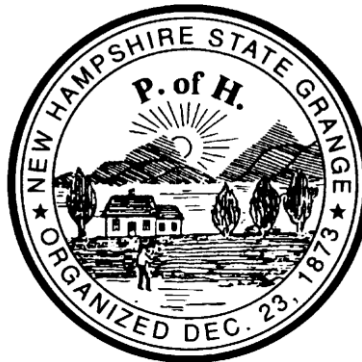
PROCEEDINGS

Of the

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ANNUAL SESSION

**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

ROLL OF HONOR PAST MASTERS

1873	Dudley T. Chase*	Claremont
1879	George A. Wason*	New Boston
1883	William H. Stinson*	Goffstown
1886	Charles McDaniels*	Springfield
1891	Nahum J. Batchelder*	East Andover
1903	Herbert O. Hadley*	Peterborough
1909	Richard Pattee*	Laconia
1913	Wesley Adams*	Londonderry
1917	Fred A. Rogers*	Meriden
1921	Herbert N. Sawyer*	Atkinson
1925	James C. Farmer*	Keene
1929	John A. Hammons*	Gilford
1933	Arthur W. McDaniel*	East Barrington
1937	William J. Neal*	Meredith
1943	Charles A. Rollins*	West Alton
1947	Charles R. Eastman*	Kensington
1953	J. Thornton Tripp*	Rochester
1955	George F. Clement*	Landaff
1959	Asa H. Morgan*	Bow
1963	Carl S. Adams*	Lebanon
1967	John L. Saturley*	Chichester
1971	E. Norris Hall*	Nashua
1975	Alton F. Carpenter*	Canaan, VT
1977	B. Franklin Hayes*	East Rochester
1980	Philip A. Shattuck*	Brookline
1984	Everett H. Poore*	Littleton
1988	Philip J. Estes*	Rochester
1990	Paul W. Davis, Sr.*	Loudon
1994	Richard W. Patten *	Concord
1998	Daniel P. Bascom †	Rochester
2002	John H. West*	Chichester
2006	Beth Merrill †	Antrim
2010	James Tetreault	Arlington
2014	Christopher E. Heath†	Barrington
2020	Robert Trombi †	Keene

* *Deceased*

† *Present during Session*

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**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
OF THE ORDER OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
The Margate Resort, Laconia, NH**

After a festive Thursday evening including the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Grange Foundation, song quiz bingo hosted by State Lecturer Matt Clark and an ice cream social, the first day of the 151st Annual session of the New Hampshire State Grange was opened in the Sixth Degree at 8:00 am, on Friday, October 25, with Worthy Master Tricia Taylor and the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange.

Steward Pro Tem Christopher Heath announced Walter Hartley, Assistant Steward of the National Grange and Master of the Rhode Island State Grange as our honored guest. The Assistant Stewards escorted Brother Hartley to the Master's station. Brother Hartley thanked Sister Tricia for the invite. He is looking forward to the weekend and will be joined by his wife and daughter late this evening. The Assistants then escorted Brother Hartley back to his seat.

Steward Pro Tem Christopher Heath announced Andrew Hosmer, Mayor of the City of Laconia, as an honored guest. The Assistant Stewards escorted Mayor Hosmer to the Master's Station. Laconia is a true community of caring people, and Mr. Hosmer feels privileged to welcome us to this city of which they are very proud. He admires the values and mission of the Grange and encouraged us to reach out if there's anything the city can do for us. The Assistants escorted Mayor Hosmer back to his seat.

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	Lynn Clark
Executive Committee	Beth Merrill
	Robert Haefner
	Anne Boisvert
	Lester Gibbs
	Gerald J. Leclerc
Musician	Lester Gibbs

Roll call of officers found Steward Norman Brandt absent. Christopher Heath filled in as Steward. Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

Introduction of Master's Address Committee: Leroy Watson, Pat Bailey and Steve Durand
Introduction of Resolutions Committee: Tara Sad, Jim Tetreault, Jozi Best, and B. Richard Bailey

The resolutions submitted at Session were read in full:

Resolution #12 – Submitted by Claremont Grange #9; Subject: Protecting owners and animals in animal cruelty allegation cases

Resolution #13 – Submitted by Hudson Grange #11; Subject: Youth age at the National level

The Standing Rules for the 151st 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 via video recording. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Diane Collins, Chair of the Trustees of Trust Funds, was escorted to the Master's station to give her annual report. Flyers and a few applications for trust funds are available in the back of the hall. *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. Tokens of thanks were given out to Beth's supporters. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Gerald J. Leclerc, Session Coordinator, presented his report. A survey will be sent to each Grange regarding the annual session. Responses will be reviewed by a study committee. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.* Members applauded Brother Leclerc's work on the Leader's Conference last January.

After a short recess, Christopher Heath presented his last report as Webmaster. It included a video demonstration on how to check nhgrange.org email addresses. Currently these emails exist only for State Officers and Directors. The suggestion was made that each Grange be given a nhgrange.org email address. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Bob Haefner gave a recap of last night's Grange Foundation meeting as delegate attendance was limited. Motion made by Chris Heath of Centennial Grange and seconded by Ormond Hall of Eastern NH Pomona Grange to reaffirm Jim Tetreault and Jozi Best as Foundation Directors. The goal is to have 50% of members be Grange members. Motion made by Brian Twiss of Watatic Grange and seconded by Chris Heath of Centennial Grange to approve Leroy Watson as Foundation Director, replacing Gail McWilliam Jellie. Motion made by Anne Boisvert of Suncook Valley Pomona Grange and seconded by Brian Twiss of Watatic Grange to approve the proposed slate of Foundation officers: President Jim Tetreault, Vice President John Porter, Secretary Tara Sad, and Treasurer Andrew Savage. All votes were in the affirmative.

Brother Haefner then gave his report as Legislative Director. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Worthy Overseer Arthur Merrill drew attention to the officer pins worn by most State Officers this morning, which were found at the State Grange building. Lester Gibbs will be bringing the pins to National Session for their perusal. Gloria Davis advised that those who have not yet paid for their banquet tickets need to do so today. Jozi Best advised that despite Legislative Director Bob Haefner's health this past year, he made himself available for legislative questions. Lady Assistant Steward Sarah Leclerc announced that if attendees would like to play a State Officer for Saturday morning's opening, they should see her to sign up prior to the sixth degree. Kimber Bascom shared that there are lovely items available for silent auction in the display room. Members should bid high and bid often! A broken necklace has been found and is now available to be claimed at the State Master's station.

Sarah Leclerc escorted herself to the State Master's station to give her report as State Lady Assistant Steward. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Crystal Seward presented her report as State Pomona. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Tricia Taylor drew attention to Beth Merrill's efforts in the Light Up the Village event in Hooksett, showcasing the State Grange Building to local residents. She asked that volunteers who would be willing to share the workload for that event see either Tricia or Beth. This year we will step up our game with professional Christmas lighting for the building, paid for by a grant. A brief recess was then declared.

At 11 am, the gates were closed for the annual Memorial Service, under the direction of State Chaplain Kathy Yardley. *The program was ordered printed in the Journal.* The Memorial flower arrangement will be brought to Camilie Twiss's final resting place.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:32 pm by Blaze MacMullen, who introduced State Master Tricia Taylor to give the Master's address. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Andrew Savage escorted himself to the Master's station to give his first report as Youth Director. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Christopher Heath was escorted to the Master's Station to share the video report of Joann Brandt, Junior Director. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Matthew Clark approached the Master's station to give the State Lecturer's annual report. Make note that State Grange Bowling will take place on *Saturday*, March 22, at Lakeside Lanes, in Manchester. The Assistants distributed Granger of the Year award nomination forms. Brother Clark encouraged everyone to think of a Granger to nominate. *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.*

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.*

After a brief recess, the Assistants escorted Pat Bailey 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.*

Arthur Merrill was escorted to the Master's Station to present the Grange Historian report. He concluded by announcing the new Historian, Brother Rick Bailey, and State Grange building Museum Curator Lester Gibbs. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Lynn Clark approached the Master's Station to present the report of the State Flora. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Lester Gibbs shared the report of the State Musician. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Mary West requested that any sixth-degree candidates submit their paperwork as soon as possible. Sarah Leclerc announced that the offices of Gatekeeper, Pomona and the Executive Committee are left to fill for tomorrow's opening.

Throughout the day, gold stars were awarded to Rockingham Grange, Sarah Leclerc, Blaze MacMullen, Anne Boisvert, and Sherrill Bokousky.

With no further business to conduct, Worthy Master Tricia Taylor raised the Grange to the sixth degree and declared the Grange at ease at 3:12 pm, until 7:30 pm.

After fifth degree obligation, the Friday evening session opened at 7:30pm with a procession by the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange. Roll call of officers found Steward Norman Brandt absent. Christopher Heath filled in as Steward. State Secretary Mary West announced that Roberta Twiss of Watatic Grange #36 was seeking admission to the Court of Flora.

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

Flora's Court

State Flora: Lynn Clark *Personal Attendants:* Trevor Clark, Arlington Grange
Seth Clark, Arlington Grange

State Pomona: Crystal Seward *Personal Attendants:* Diane Collins, Claremont Grange
Kimber Bascom, Rochester Grange

State Ceres: Gloria Davis *Personal Attendants:* Roberta Twiss, Watatic Grange
Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic Grange

Soloist: Mary West

Lighting: Adam Terrell

Honor Court:

Lois Enman	Past State Flora
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
B. Richard Bailey	Past State Steward, Assistant Steward
Robert Trombi	Past State Master, Overseer, Steward
Gerald Leclerc	Past State Secretary, Lecturer, Steward, Asst Steward
Patricia Bailey	Past State Flora, Lady Asst Steward
Kimber Bascom	Past State Flora, Ceres, Lady Asst. Steward
Wilber Heath	Past State Executive Committee
Arthur Merrill	Past Steward, Asst. Steward, Exec Committee
Matthew Clark	Past Chaplain, Asst. Steward, Gatekeeper
Andrew Savage	Past State Gatekeeper, Past General Deputy
Dan Bascom	Past Master, Overseer, Asst. Steward, Gatekeeper, Exec Comm
Christopher Heath	Past Master, Overseer, Steward, Asst. Steward, Gatekeeper, Exec. Committee
Mark Collins	Past Steward, Assistant Steward
Lester Gibbs	Past State VT Master, Assembly of Demeter
Walter Hartley	National Grange Asst. Steward, President, RI State Grange
Tricia Taylor	Past Secretary, Lady Asst. Steward, Ceres, Overseer
Anne Boisvert	Current Executive Committee
Adam Terrell	Current Gatekeeper

The Worthy Assistant Stewards escorted National Representative Walter Hartley to the Master's Station. He congratulated the Worthy Flora, our new sixth degree candidate and all the officers for their presentation of the sixth degree. He looks forward to the rest of the weekend.

The Worthy Master again recognized the Past State Masters in the room. Brother Dan Bascom passed along the greetings of Past National Master Ed Luttrell. He congratulated the officers on the degree, and our candidate, and encouraged her to add the seventh degree to her repertoire. He appreciates the courtesies we've offered him over the years, hopes we enjoy the rest of the session, and all walk away as friends.

The New Hampshire State Grange Session was closed in the Fourth Degree at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, Secretary, New Hampshire State Grange

Saturday, October 26, 2024

The second day of the 151st Annual State Grange Session was opened in the Fourth Degree by Master pro tem Trevor Clark at 8:15 am.

The volunteer officers for the opening were:

Master	Trevor Clark
Overseer	Emilie Leclerc
Lecturer	Rebecca Boisvert
Steward	Lynn Clark
Assistant Steward	Danielle Hartley
Lady Assistant Steward	Walter Hartley
Chaplain	Jozi Best
Treasurer	Seth Clark
Secretary	Mary West
Gatekeeper	Blaze MacMullen
Ceres	Nettie Hartley
Pomona	Adam Terrell
Flora	Linda Phelps
Executive Committee	Beth Merrill
	Sarah Leclerc
	Gerald Leclerc
	Anne Boisvert
Musician	Lester Gibbs

Roll call of officers found officer Steward Norman Brandt absent. Christopher Heath filled in for Steward. Roll call of Granges found a quorum present. The minutes of yesterday’s session were read, approved with corrections, and ordered printed in the Journal.

Temporary Steward Lynn Clark announced Walter Hartley, Assistant Steward of the National Grange, his wife Danielle Hartley, Ceres of the Rhode Island State Grange, and Nettie Hartley, Lecturer of the Rhode Island State Grange and Past National Junior Ambassador as our honored guests.

The Standing Rules of the 151st Session were read for reference only.

After a brief recess to swap temporary officers for elected officers, Daniel Bascom presented the State Treasurer’s report. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Mary West presented the State Secretary’s report. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Arthur Merrill approached the Master’s station and issued a challenge for members to create an acronym for “The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.” He then presented the report of the State Grange Executive Committee. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

General Deputy Wilber Heath presented his annual report as General Deputy. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

After a brief recess, we reconvened at 9:30 am for election of officers. Kathy Yardley quickly announced that hand pies for the baking contest should be turned in right away, as judging will commence shortly. She will also be circulating a card for Hannah West. The State Master read one submission for the acronym challenge: RAPJ. Arthur Merrill reminded members not to speak to the Assistants as they collect ballots. Appointed tellers were Jane Trombi, Seth Clark, and Laura Ward. With 39 delegates, 19 votes were needed for election.

While ballots were being counted, Gloria Davis approached the Master's Station to present the Membership Committee report written by co-director Jim Tetreault. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.* Daniel Bascom added an addendum to the Membership Report by sharing brochures provided in the National Grange membership kit. He encouraged members to take advantage by ordering any and all.

Pat Bailey and Pat Lawlor sneaked to the Master's Station from credentials, stepstool in hand, to present the annual report of the Granite State Granger. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.* The suggestion was made to include submissions of Lecturer's writing contest entry winners throughout the year. It was also mentioned that some contributors might need extra reminders of deadlines.

Kathy Yardley and Joyce Martin, Family and Community Committee Directors, approached the Master's station to give their annual report. Family and Community Day will be Saturday, May 17, 2025. They presented awards for needlework, woodworking, and community service notebooks and reports. Next year's baking contest will be baked mini cheesecakes. There are Christmas craft kits available in the hospitality room. Finished crafts will be donated to the Big E. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Leroy Watson facilitated the review of the proposed Bylaw revisions through Article Four. A motion was made by Arthur Merrill of Antrim Grange and seconded by Gloria Davis of Antrim Grange to approve the revisions presented thus far. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Sarah Leclerc facilitated the review of the proposed Bylaw revisions from Article Five through Article Seven. After much discussion, a motion was made by Arthur Merrill of Antrim Grange and seconded by Brian Twiss of Watatic Grange to approve changes to Articles Five through Seven as presented. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Gerald Leclerc facilitated the review of the proposed Bylaw revisions from Article Eight through Article Ten. After much discussion, a motion was made by Brian Twiss of Watatic Grange and seconded by Arthur Merrill to accept the changes in Article Eight through Ten as read. It was a vote in the affirmative.

After a recess for lunch, the session reconvened at 1:32 pm. Arthur Merrill, Chairman of the State Executive Committee, approached the Master's station to present the 2024-2025 Income

and Expense Budgets. The Worthy Treasurer proposed a new position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. A motion was made by Christopher Heath of Centennial Grange and seconded by Brian Twiss of Watatic Grange to add the new position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer with a stipend of \$500, changing the website expense to \$400 and increasing the State Grange building donations by \$50, so the budget would remain balanced. It was a vote in the affirmative. A motion was made by Christopher Heath of Centennial Grange and seconded by Kathy Yardley of Walpole Grange to approve the Expense Budget as amended. It was a vote in the affirmative. A motion was made by Christopher Heath of Centennial Grange and seconded by Seth Clark of Arlington Grange to accept the Expense Budget as amended. It was a vote in the affirmative. *The income and expense reports were accepted and ordered printed in the journal.*

State Ceres Gloria Davis announced that the evening banquet will take place upstairs. State Pomona Crystal Seward shared greetings from Ida Hutchins who misses us and wishes us well.

Matthew Clark facilitated the review of the proposed Bylaw revisions from Article Eleven through Article Twelve. A motion was made by Emilie Leclerc of Hudson Grange and seconded by Arthur Merrill of Antrim Grange to accept this portion of the Bylaws. It was a vote in the affirmative.

The final election results were:

Master	Tricia Taylor
Overseer	Arthur Merrill
Executive Committee for the constitutional term of three years:	Anne Boisvert
Executive Committee for the constitutional term of three years:	B. Richard Bailey
Lecturer	Matthew Clark
Steward	Norman Brandt
Assistant Steward	Andrew Savage
Lady Assistant Steward	Sarah Leclerc
Chaplain	Kathy Yardley
Treasurer	Daniel Bascom
Secretary	Mary West
Gatekeeper	Adam Terrell
Flora	Lynn Clark
Ceres	Gloria Davis
Pomona	Emilie Leclerc

The tellers were thanked and released.

Wilber Heath facilitated the review of the proposed Bylaw revisions for Article Thirteen. A motion was made by Trevor Clark of Arlington Grange and seconded by Ormond Hall of Eastern NH Pomona to accept this portion of the Bylaws. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Rick Bailey facilitated the review of the proposed Bylaw revisions for Article Fourteen. A motion was made by Brian Twiss of Watatic Grange and seconded by Andrew Savage of Wingold Grange to approve Article Fourteen as presented. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Secretary Mary West asked that delegates see her to collect the program packets for their respective Granges.

After a brief recess, Arthur Merrill facilitated the review of the proposed Bylaw revisions for Articles Fifteen through Article Seventeen. A motion was made by Kathy Yardley of Walpole Grange and seconded by Trevor Clark of Arlington Grange that we accept the changes for Articles Fifteen, Sixteen and Seventeen. It was a vote in the affirmative. Both Arthur Merrill and Tricia Taylor thanked the Bylaws Committee for all their hard work. Tricia then dismissed the committee. The new Bylaws were declared in effect at 3:29 pm.

Tara Sad, Chair of the Resolutions Committee was escorted to the Master's station to present her report.

Resolution #1 - Submitted by Claremont Grange #9

Subject: *Establishing credentials for individuals with communication disabilities and educating First Responders to identify them in emergency situations*

The committee recommendation was to pass the resolution with an amendment to remove the second resolved. A motion was made by Kathy Yardley of Walpole Grange and seconded by Alice Tuck of Rochester Grange that we accept the resolution as amended by the Resolutions Committee. Don Ross of East Rockingham Pomona moved the question, seconded by Gary Ward of Blow-Me-Down Grange. It was a vote in the affirmative. The original motion was also voted in the affirmative.

Resolution #2 – Submitted by the State Executive Committee (edited from a submission of Sunrise Pomona #9, MA)

Subject: *Location of National Grange session*

A motion was made by Emilie Leclerc of Hudson Grange and seconded by Andrew Savage of Wingold Grange that we allow this resolution submitted by the State Grange Executive Committee to be on the floor for discussion. It was a vote in the affirmative. A motion was made by Arthur Merrill of Antrim Grange and seconded by Brian Twiss of Watatic Grange that we amend the first resolved to read “the NH State Grange strongly urges the National Grange to only hold National Sessions that support maximum member participation among all segments of our diverse fraternity and minimize financial burdens on delegates and members, preferably within the United States.” Jozi Best of Claremont Grange moved the question, seconded by Donald Ross of East Rockingham Pomona. It was a vote in the affirmative. Motion made by Arthur Merrill of Antrim Grange and seconded by Emilie Leclerc of Hudson Grange to accept the resolution as amended. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Resolution #3 – Submitted by Walpole Grange #125

Subject: *Opposition to mandatory adoption of electric powered farm machinery*

The resolution was defeated.

Resolution #4 – Submitted by Walpole Grange #125

Subject: *National Grange partnership with seed companies and horticultural groups to increase the availability of heirloom seed varieties to farmers and gardeners*

The resolution was defeated.

Resolution #5 – Submitted by Walpole Grange #125

Subject: *Installing air conditioning in all NH public schools, K-12*

A motion was made by Brian Twiss of Watatic Grange and seconded by Emilie Leclerc of Hudson Grange to amend the resolution to twenty years rather than ten. The motion was defeated. Donald Ross of East Rockingham Pomona moved the question, seconded by Kevin Belval of Chichester Grange. It was a vote in the affirmative. The resolution was defeated.

After a five-minute breather, Sister Tara Sad continued.

Resolution #6 – Submitted by Walpole Grange #125

Subject: *Equal prices for all*

The resolution was defeated.

Resolution #7 – Submitted by Walpole Grange #125

Subject: *Teaching cursive writing in schools*

Motion made by Christopher Heath of Centennial Grange and seconded by Ormond Hall of Eastern NH Pomona to amend the resolved, changing “mandating” to “encouraging.” After learning that cursive writing is already mandated in NH law, both the motion and the second were withdrawn. The resolution was defeated.

Resolution #8 – Submitted by Walpole Grange #125

Subject: *Retroactive recognition of disability by the social security administration*

A motion was made by Carol Hill of Rockingham Grange and seconded by Christopher Heath of Centennial Grange to change the resolved to end “...evidence of disability(ies) was submitted...”. It was a vote in the affirmative. The resolution passed.

Resolution #9 – Submitted by Walpole Grange #125

Subject: *Student dress codes promote decorum in schools*

Don Ross of East Rockingham Pomona moved the question, seconded by Christopher Heath of Centennial Grange. It was a vote in the affirmative. The resolution was defeated.

Resolution #10 – Submitted by Walpole Grange #125

Subject: *Taxpayer preference for public funding for public schools in NH*

The resolution was defeated.

Resolution #11 – Submitted by Antrim Grange #98

Subject: *Mental health therapy for first responders*

The resolution passed. Beth Merrill mentioned that this resolution was suggested by a brand-new member of Antrim Grange, so she’s looking forward to reporting its success.

Resolution #12 – Submitted by Claremont Grange #9
Subject: *Protecting owners and animals in animal cruelty allegation cases*
The resolution passed.

Resolution #13 – Submitted by Hudson Grange #11
Subject: *Youth Age at the National Level*
The resolution passed.

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

Announcements: Matthew Clark and Kathy Yardley reminded members to collect their items from the exhibit room. Kimber Bascom announced that the silent auction bidding would end when the gavel dropped. The Grange was declared at ease, to reconvene at 9:00 pm.

The Annual State Grange Banquet was held under the direction of State Ceres, Gloria Davis. After a catered dinner from Hart's Turkey Farm, Christopher Heath kicked off the entertainment with a round of "Do You Know?" followed by Dad jokes. Did you know that eating ten million bananas at once would kill you? Matthew Clark then shared the history of the Quilt of Valor program. Rachel and Patrick Bailey displayed a beautiful quilt made by Jane Trombi, which was then presented to Coast Guard Veteran and Grange member B. Richard Bailey. Brother Bailey shared his surprise and thanks. Brian and Roberta Twiss then shared their vocal talents. Kathy Yardley announced the winners of the baking contest: 1st place Roberta Twiss of Watatic Grange, 2nd place Lois Enman of Rochester Grange, and 3rd place Sharon Stickney of Antrim Grange. She then joined Lester Gibbs for a flute/piano medley of patriotic songs. National Representative Walter Hartley shared greetings and news from the National Master. The National Grange building was sold to a group out of Texas for 10.3 million. The Grange has signed a three-year lease for the third floor. National Convention in Iowa is coming up in November. Revival 4.0 will be July 21-27, 2025, in Utah. Brother Hartley encouraged subscriptions to Good Day magazine. He thanked all of us for attending session, shared the story of his drive up, and thanked us for the hospitality shown to his family. He gave kudos to the Bylaws Committee and encouraged us to keep an open mind about the 2025 cruise convention. Danielle Hartley's National sash was donated by the Hayes and Heaths of NH, so they are happy for that connection, and thankful for the invite to our Session. Daniel Bascom shared that he and Kimber were National Representatives to Rhode Island when he was National Gatekeeper and had a great time.

The closing songs were "Be Faithful O Patrons" and an attempt at the "Patron's Chain" with joined hands.

Session reconvened at 8:30 pm. Mary West read the report of the State Master's Annual Address Committee on behalf of Leroy Watson, Pat Bailey and Steve Durand. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

The Worthy Assistants escorted Adam Terrell to the Master's Station to present his report as State Gatekeeper. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Daniel Bascom was escorted to the altar where Sarah Leclerc installed him as our State Treasurer for the ensuing two years. Emilie Leclerc served as Marshall.

The Worthy Assistants escorted Emilie Leclerc to the Master's Station to present the report of the credentials committee. *The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

Announcements: Beth Merrill drew attention to Jane Trombi's very hard work creating four new Ceres robes for the sixth degree. Beth is working to finish an afghan, which is one of many prizes Antrim Grange will be offering at an upcoming community dance. She, Arthur Merrill, and Gloria Davis have raffle tickets for sale. Finally, she asked for volunteers to help her with plans for the use of the State Grange Building for Hooksett's Light up the Village event on December 7. Kimber Bascom read the names of the remaining silent auction winners who need to pick up their items. Arthur Merrill reminded the State Officers to turn in their list of preferred Granges to visit. He'll give the assignments at Deputy School. Brian Twiss shared a heartfelt message about his mother Camilie Twiss. Mary West asked members to please return their name badge holders for reuse.

A motion was made by Sarah Leclerc of Hillsborough County Pomona Grange and seconded by Kathy Yardley of Walpole Grange that the Executive Committee approve the minutes for the final two days of session. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Throughout the day, gold stars were given to Mary West, Brian Twiss, Jane Trombi, Seth Clark, Laura Ward, and Walpole Grange.

With no further business to conduct, the third day of the 151st Annual State Grange Session was closed in the 4th Degree at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange

Sunday, October 27, 2024

After a moving church service led by Chaplain Kathy Yardley on the topic "Home, the officers of the NH State Grange were installed by the predecessors of their offices (when available).

Installing officers:

Master – Beth Merrill

Overseer – Christopher Heath

Lecturer – Jane Trombi

Assistant Steward – Arthur Merrill

Lady Assistant Steward- Pat Bailey

Chaplain – Matthew Clark

Secretary – Gerald Leclerc

Gatekeeper – Andrew Savage
Ceres – Kathy Yardley
Pomona – Rachel Scanzani
Flora – Pat Lawlor
Executive Committee – Wilber Heath
Musician – Tricia Taylor
Marshall – Trevor Clark
Regalia bearers – Seth Clark and Rebecca Boisvert
Rose bearer – Jared Clark

Closing song: Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

Announcements: The trailer will be loaded immediately following the closing. Webmail instructions and program packets are available at the Secretary's office. All committee chairs will remain the same with the exception of Historian Richard Bailey, Museum Curator Lester Gibbs, and Webmaster Mary West.

National Representative Walter Hartley wished us well! The Worthy Assistants escorted the Hartley family to the Master's Station where Tricia Taylor thanked them for visiting and presented them with pink roses and fall, maple, and pumpkin themed presents. Pink roses were also distributed to the installing officers. Bob Haefner was recognized for his many years on the State Grange Executive Committee.

Deputy School will take place on December 14 at the State Grange Building, beginning at 10 am.

Session ended at 10:40 am.

2024 MEMORIAL LIST

Patricia Currier – Past Master of Reunion Grange #303, Past member of the Contact Committee

Arthur Cutter – Past Master of Bartlett Grange #104, Past State Legislative Director

Lawrence Buswell – Past Master of Wingold Grange #308

Camilie Twiss – Past Master of Watatic Grange #36, Past Master of Grand Monadnock Grange #22, Past Master of Hillsborough County Pomona Grange # 1

Past Trustee Trust Funds Chairman, Past Home Economics Committee, Past Fair Comm, Past Grange Services Committee, Past Family & Community Committee Member

All other members of our Grange family who moved on to serve in the Great Grange above this year.

NH STATE GRANGE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, October 25, 2024, 11:00 am – The Margate, Laconia, NH

Welcome – Kathy Yardley, Chaplain

Opening Prayer – Psalm 23 – Kathy Yardley

Song “In the Bulb There is a Flower”

Scripture Reading – Psalm 90 – Matthew Clark, Lecturer

Reading “Blessing of Memory – Anne Boisvert, Exec. Committee

Special Music “Where E’er You Walk” – Kathy Yardley, flute and Lester Gibbs, piano

Message “Changes” – Kathy Yardley

Reading of the Roll – Mary West, Secretary;

flowers by Lynn Clark, Flora,

candle lighting by Gloria Davis, Ceres and Crystal Seward, Pomona

Song of Simeon, Luke 2:25-27 – Kathy Yardley

Song “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Closing Prayer – Kathy Yardley

Choral Benediction “Go Now in Peace” Kathy Yardley, Lester Gibbs, Matthew and Lynn Clark

AGRICULTURE REPORT

Worthy State Master, Brothers, Sisters and delegates alike,

Thank you again for another year as State Agriculture Committee chair. I would like to start where I ended last year. Shortly after I reported, we heard from Shawn Jasper the State Commissioner of Agriculture. I personally have taken offense to his take on why agriculture in New Hampshire is failing... Though I’m sure that money does have some effect on the downfall of agriculture in New Hampshire, I do not feel that it is as much of the problem that he led on that it was. I have worked with and for farmers for decades now. It has always been a low-income job. The rewards are more internal than monetary, if it is done right. Payment is paid to the soul of the person doing the job. Many of the struggles come with rewards as much as suffering. Some farmers have to work a second job just to pay their taxes. The ones that stop farming tend to stop, not because of not becoming a millionaire, but because the support that used to come from the townspeople, the department of Agriculture, and the Extension service has started disappearing.

In the past, most people in town understood how food is produced and knew that if they didn’t grow it themselves someone would provide it to them for a reasonable price. If someone planted an apple grove, they would use what they needed and sell the surplus to neighbors that would preserve it or enjoy it. Nowadays people can get it from a chain store and do not need to put in the work to keep their own foods. If they go to a farm, it is for entertainment over necessity, they don’t see the farmer as someone that they want to work with, but someone that facilitated a fun activity for a while. Having not had to try to produce their own food, they cannot respect that the farmer had to spend hours cutting disease and despair out of their trees, or crops or livestock. They do not respect that with every failed yield the farmer had to struggle to correct a problem

just to make a pretty crop for a consumer to buy. Or for every pretty one that the farmer has on the stand it might represent five that got damaged that the farmer may eat or compost knowing that nobody will appreciate the work it took to grow all six, just the one.

In the past if you had a problem, call the county Extension service agent, they would come out and help. If they were at ends, they would try to have someone from the State Department of Agriculture come and find out the problem. But this year my committee had tasked me to have a program on basic animal care. Having been to programs put on by the extension service like this I reached out to the UNH extension service to see who would be good and available for such a program, only to hear, we are trying to hire someone that can do these programs but currently you would have to rely on Dr. Crawford or Dr. Harvey to put on such a program. Having been to programs put on by Dr. Crawford and hearing him tell me, well those mistakes were put in by one of my employees, the fact that he either did not proof the program he was putting on, or did not notice the errors in his presentation was impressive on me in not a good way. Dr. Harvey may be a great option, but I know from experience that there are some holes in his knowledge and for this particular topic I understand he does have some conflicting information from what is current practice. Hopefully I will find someone.

This past year in May, Gloria Davis, Joann Brandt and I attended the NH Old House and Barn Expo held at Saint Anselm College. Being the first year that NH State Grange had held a booth we did not know what to expect. I saw many people I knew, probably more I didn't know. If we were to continue doing a booth at this event every other year, I would suggest it be membership and Grange Historian with the book of Old NH Grange Halls. Many that stopped in spoke about old Grange Halls they had been in and the history of Granges in different towns more than making history in present day Granges. Do not get me wrong. If we are not attending events we might as well be considered dead, as un-spotted from the world made us an afterthought in our communities.

Following Old House and Barn Expo was Farm, Forest and Garden Expo at the Deerfield Fairgrounds. Once again, we put up a booth and seemed to draw much attention. Our theme this year was NH Grange in our community. Gloria was able to get someone to build many town buildings out of cardboard, paint and decorate them. We set up a small village on two tables and decorated it with NH state items. I was happy to hear the NH Fish and Game was not aware that the NH State saltwater game fish was the striped bass, and the freshwater was the brook trout until they visited the NH State Grange booth, so proclaimed during the awards ceremony. Making a great plug for Grange during that event, even though we did not win a free booth for next year. But the biggest win was meeting four people that seemed very interested in the Grange, one of which I understand has even gone as far as begging Rochester Grange to allow her to come and possibly join. We also had a family in New Durham that was interested in joining and I had given them information for Chichester Grange and Rochester Grange. And one that was interested in a Grange in Concord, to whom I gave Deb Patten's name and number. It gives me great hope we may start growing again. I understand that email communication nowadays can be ambiguous and not as formal as past communications, but as Lois had said I wasn't sure if I was should open or respond to an email stating "I'm interested in your group", This email almost getting discarded as junk may turn out to be silver or gold for Rochester, just

like their latest new member. Once again, I still feel this is a worthwhile event for the Grange to show themselves.

I have been on occasion having emails sent out to people by the Grange grapevine. Thank you, West household. I have not heard much from people about those, but I was happy to hear that one person was very interested when I mentioned beech leaf disease, making it worthwhile in my book. I have also heard from people that seem to enjoy the articles I have submitted to the Granite State Granger. Thank you to the Hudson Grange for giving me the opportunity to continue writing for you all.

Earlier I had mentioned the lack of support that the New Hampshire farmers have run into. One of many case points available that I would like to share with you this year is The Live and Let Live Farm in Chichester. The NH State Jr Grange did a tour a few years ago of this shelter, to everyone's enjoyment. The Live and Let Live Farm has been in operation since 1996, in Chichester. They are a no kill shelter and all animals surrendered to them are to be re-homed as pets, not for food. Due to this they have operated under a Pet Vendors license under control of the NH Department of Agriculture. Over the past few years, they have been having problems with one of the NH Department of Agriculture inspectors. They have put as a personal beef with them, no pun intended, they requested a different inspector from Shawn Jasper, hoping for a fairer and more understanding person. Their request fell upon deaf ears and no relief was granted. After telling the State that they did not have room for more animals, that the State had confiscated, everything came to a head. In July of this year the State of NH pulled their Pet Vendors License and started procedures to shut down the rescue. Trying to get them to fill out a Livestock Vendors License and report all Livestock Vendors they use to put rescues into the food chain, mainly horses.

For those people that do not know, USA has not had a USDA horse processing plant since 2007, so how the State thinks they are sending horses into the food chain I would love to know where that comes from. As Live and Let Live Farm does not put animals directly into the food chain they feel they do not fall under the rules of the State Livestock License, and as of August of this year they have been able to re-open under judge order while it works through the NH Court System. I, for one, have always heard good things about the Live and Let Live Farm in Chichester, and have been hearing more and more stories such as the one, I have just recited, from other farms and how the State Department of Agriculture has become under the new leadership from the Commissioner more into an anti-farming organization, over a help.

A second example not related to the event happening at the Live and Let Live farm is very visual at fairs. Once again, this year the NH State Vet Dr. Crawford had released a letter to all fairs that it is the strong recommendation of his office that poultry not to be shown at NH fairs again because of Avian Influenza. For those that do not know, Avian Influenza has been a leading cause of egg prices and poultry meat prices going up for several years now. Since 2021, at least 280 million birds have died due to Avian Influenza, 59 million from domestic populations via backyard birds or large factory poultry farms. Since 2021, he has made this recommendation under the ruse of a public health concern. If you have not heard, in March of 2024, Avian Influenza has jumped to dairy cows and now has gone thru 14 States, California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma,

South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming and 300 herds, causing the USDA to do a no transport order for lactating dairy cows between state lines, in hopes to stop it from spreading. Even though the virus has infected a total of 20 people, 11 by dairy cattle, 1 unknown manner of infection and 8 from poultry, did the State vet recommend not having dairy cow shows at the fairs? No, instead he, under the direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture, instead wrote an article in the New Hampshire Weekly Market Bulletin “New Hampshire’s Agricultural Newsletter” asking people to contact their representatives to get the USDA to overturn their no transport order as it was causing undue harm to New Hampshire farms and fairs. New Hampshire has had three cases of infected poultry on farms since 2022, one in Belknap County, one in Merrimack County, and one in Rockingham County. Massachusetts has had five since 2022, Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, and Middlesex Counties, and Maine has had 20 cases since 2022, 7 out of 16 counties. To enter a bird into a show at the fair it must be from a tested and clean flock for both Avian Influenza and Salmonella, the bird superintendent normally visually checks all birds before they are removed from the car to be sure there is no sign of disease. Only then can they be loaded into cages at the fair. A copy of your farm’s inspection is also held in the office of the superintendent and is provided to the state if an inspector walks through. To enter a bovine at the fair, if the animal is from the state the fair is in, exhibited at they are to be rabies vaccinated. The superintendent will normally inspect the animal for external signs of disease, but that’s it.

When it comes to inspection of poultry in the state of New Hampshire, blood is taken from each bird by a wing puncture, a technique that is talked about a little at all veterinary schools, but those that go into Avian Veterinary only pass over it as a very risky technique that can increase the loss of the bird due to infection. The current technique is using an oral puncture. Many Avian Vets I have spoken with were appalled that any State would be using the outdated technique. The test has a 93 percent effective rating, meaning for every 100 birds tested you can expect 7 false hits. When I had 200 birds tested, three years ago, I had two birds that came back as positive, causing the State Vet’s office to give me the alternative of putting a quarantine on the farm for two months while they re-test every bird, or surrender my birds for necropsy done by University of New Hampshire. When they put the birds alive in a non-ventilated cardboard box, and brought them to the lab at UNH where they would euthanize and test for both Avian Influenza and Salmonella, each time the birds came back as not infected with either disease, but as I was told by the State Vet’s office once we get a possible positive it takes three negatives to cancel out the possible positive. Some states understanding this flaw in the testing do a percentage of the flock and do an antigen test seeing if the bird’s immune system reacts to the virus. This test has an 87 percent effective rating but at the same time it is done right at the farm in front of the farmer and any birds that test positive they take an oral swab to send out for testing right there and then. All parties know what their chances are and can see and feel a positive instantly. If it wasn’t that the State and Federal government pays for a set number of tests to be run for each state, I doubt that the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture would do this program as much as they do.

To finish me off for chicken talk, I believe the New Hampshire Poultry Club has closed down after many of their members moved out of New Hampshire to continue breeding and showing poultry elsewhere. A Minnesota poultry processing plant has abruptly shut down leaving many poultry farms in surrounding states to have poultry that they cannot sell as they are contracted poultry to that processing plant. With no money coming in many of these farmers are at a loss of

hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Federal government is finally starting to vaccinate poultry for Avian Influenza. It is a double shot with the second one given days after the first.

On the rest of the agriculture front this year, without a late frost we had a good peach and apple season. Grapes also did well. With the borderline drought conditions and humidity, fungus went wild and ground crops suffered. Overall, it was a good crop year for New Hampshire.

At this time, I am going to say thank you to everyone that has tolerated me for another year. Time will tell how many more years you will have to tolerate me. Thank you again Worthy Master (president) Trisha Taylor and members of my committee. Sorry I couldn't do more this year.

Submitted by Norman Brandt

NH State Grange Agriculture chair

CREDENTIALS REPORT

I am pleased to give my last report for the credentials committee.

Masters	12
Spouse of Masters	2
Delegates	25
Non-delegates	26
State Officers	18
Special Guests	4
Juniors	4
Total Voting Delegates	39

I want to thank Mary for her confidence in my ability serving on the credentials committee for the last two years and for my aunts this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilie Leclerc, Pat Lawlor, and Pat Bailey, Credentials Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The State Grange Executive Committee met five times from Oct. 2023 to Oct. 2024. As every Grange Secretary received the minutes of our meetings, this report will highlight our efforts this year.

On December 9, we met at Deputy School to audit the books of the various committees. We also discussed snow plowing at the hall, and the upcoming Northeast Leaders' Conference to be held in Concord.

We next met on April 13. We recapped Northeast Leaders' Conference and the National Grange Leaders' Conference held in South Carolina in February.

The Committee held a special meeting on May 10, to discuss the room rates at this year's session. It was voted the State Grange would pay \$75 per night per room for those Grange members that stayed at the Margate.

On August 3, Baker's River Grange was discussed as they have voted to close and there are some questions about the property. Dan Bascom set up a meeting with our lawyer to discuss this issue. Pine Grove Grange was declared closed.

On October 19, we met, audited the Secretary and Treasurer's books, and talked about the budget, and our meeting with the lawyer.

The committee votes on some issues during the year via email, these votes are always recorded in the next meeting's minutes.

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

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, and Patrons All,

We are pleased to bring you the report of the Family & Community Services Department for 2024. We hope that your Granges have been busy doing projects for your members and for your community.

At deputy school and leadership training in December, plans were made for Family & Community Day to be held in May. Typically, in past years we have used this meeting to pack Christmas gift bags for the residents at the Glencliff Home in Glencliff, NH. However, we have chosen to change our time of delivery to spring for two reasons: one - the weather - it can be sketchy going up the mountain in mid-December, and we have also found it's tricky to coordinate our work schedules to find a date to deliver the bags before Christmas, and two - more importantly, the residents usually get plenty of gifts from family and the staff at Christmas and the program director suggested that it might be better to pick another holiday when the residents would not be as likely to receive gifts. So, we traveled up to Glencliff on the day before Easter and delivered 75 bags of treats, games and useful items to some happy folks there. It's a very nice project to for us to do and very much appreciated by the staff and residents. It worked out well and we will continue it next year.

We held our third annual Family & Community Day at the State Grange building in Hooksett on Saturday, May 18th. There were 19 Grangers in attendance, representing six Granges. We started the day with coffee and treats for all. Then Kathy led everyone in a fun workshop making hand pies!! Despite some - shall we say - less than enthusiastic attitudes, everyone seemed surprised to

find they (almost) enjoyed the process! Maybe it was because the pie crust was already made, or the fillings came out of a can, but it was probably because we were all making them together rather than suffering through the process at home alone. There were several different flavors of filling and a few different shapes were made as well. In the end, they were all very tasty and we all left with some helpful tips for making hand pies for our subordinate Grange baking contests.

Our third annual cook-off this year was baked beans. There were six entries of baked beans made from scratch, all of them different. Everyone got a sample cup of each entry, then were asked to submit their top three choices for winners. First place went to Gloria Davis of Antrim Grange #98. Second place was Roberta Twiss of Watatic Grange #36, and third place went to Beth Merrill of Antrim Grange #98. After the judging we all enjoyed a delicious lunch of... you guessed it, baked beans! (And hot dogs, cole slaw and brownies a la mode for dessert). We spent the afternoon making crafts to send to the New England Grange Building store at the Big E. We concluded the day with door prize drawings. The date for the 2025 Family & Community Day is set for Saturday, May 17th.

Needlework entries were due on August 1st. We received some very nice entries which were judged and the first place winners from each category were sent on to the Big E for judging there. Here are the results:

Class A - Afghan

1st place - Katherine Umberhind, Gilman Grange #1

2nd place - Carol Hill, Gilman Grange #1

3rd place - Rachel Bailey, Hudson Grange #11

Class B – Doilies: 1st place - Katherine Umberhind, Gilman Grange #1

Class D - 3 piece baby set

1st place - Debbie Standley, Watatic Grange #36

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

Class F - Cross Stitch: 1st place - Roberta Twiss, Watatic Grange #36

Class E - Plastic Canvas: 1st place - Rhoda Davis, Pembroke Grange #111

Class G - Adult Garment: 1st place - Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange #98

Class I - Quilted Wall Hanging: 1st place - Cookie Boulanger, Wicwas Lake Grange #292

Class K - Baby Afghan

1st place - Debbie Standley, Watatic Grange #36

2nd place - Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange #98

Teacup Arrangement

1st place - Jane Trombi, Walpole Grange#125

2nd place - Sandra Marcoux, Watatic Grange #36

3rd place - Roberta Twiss, Watatic Grange #36

At the Big E New Hampshire's winners were:

Class A – Afghan: 3rd place - Katherine Umberhind, Gilman Grange #1

Class E - Plastic Canvas: 3rd place - Rhoda Davis, Pembroke Grange #111

Class G - Adult Garment: 2nd place - Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange #98

Class M - Teacup Arrangement: 3rd place - Jane Trombi, Walpole Grange #125

Congratulations and thank you to all who entered.

The Northeast Region directors have met and made some minor changes to some of the rules and requirements of the needlework contest for next year. We decided to eliminate the Teacup Arrangement class and instead have replaced it with a miscellaneous craft class, with the requirements being the item can be anything that doesn't fit in classes A through L. So good luck - we look forward to seeing what you come up with!

For our state contests we had entries in all three classes.

Quilts 1st place - Jane Trombi, Walpole Grange #125

Woodworking

1st place - Roberta Twiss, Watatic Grange #36

2nd place - Dawn Durand, Wicwas Lake Grange #292

Other Crafts

1st place - Roberta Twiss, Watatic Grange #36

2nd place - Dawn Durand, Wicwas Lake Grange #292

3rd place - Laura Schwarz, Wicwas Lake Grange #292

We had some very nice donations for the Grange store in the New England Grange Building at the Big E. We sent pocket crosses, hats, mittens, scarves, afghans, stuffed toys, key chains, dishcloths, lap robes, assorted crafts, and a prayer shawl complete with a priest's blessing! Thank you so much to all the Granges who contributed to this special effort.

We had more Granges submit their report forms this year than last year. THANK YOU!! The more reports we receive allows us to get prize money from National Grange. It can be beneficial to your Grange to submit a report in booklet form: National Grange pays \$100 for our first-place booklet, \$75 for second place, \$50 for 3rd place and \$25 for fourth place, so we encourage you to PLEASE submit a community service report. For the last few years, we have received only four booklets and this year was the same. It's not hard to make a booklet, it just takes a little time. Remember, your book should show QUALITY pages, rather than quantity. For example, your plant sale fundraiser should show a few pictures of the event, plus a good description of it - where, when, how and why. Several pages of pictures with no real description doesn't really tell the best story of your event or project. The winning booklet goes on to National Grange for judging at national session.

For Granges who submitted a paper report only, we had several who reported a lot of activity. We had a total of 3 Pomonas and 15 subordinates that sent us reports. Here are the placings for the paper reports:

Pomona reports

1st place - East Rockingham Carol Hill, chairman 140pts

2nd place - Suncook Valley - Rhoda Davis, chairman 130 pts

3rd place - Hillsborough County - Beth Merrill, chairman 110 pts

Subordinate reports

1st place - Watatic Grange #36 Roberta Twiss, chairman 425 pts

2nd place - Pembroke Grange #111 Pat Fowler, chairman 385 pts

3rd place - Wicwas Lake #292 Jeannie Lowrey, chairman 375 pts

Booklet reports

- 1st place - Watatic Grange #36, Roberta Twiss, chairman
- 2nd place - Joe English Grange #53, Arlene Dodge, chairman
- 3rd place - Concord Grange #322, Esther Herrick, chairman
- 4th place - Wicwas Lake Grange #292, Jeannie Lowry, chairman

Again, thank you for all your efforts this year.

Community service continues to be important to our Granges. For the Granges that sent us reports, the community service hours totaled 16,681. WOW!! Great job, everyone! The Granges with the most community service hours are:

- 1st place - Wicwas Lake Grange #292 5,660 hrs
- 2nd place - Hudson Grange #11 3,752 hrs
- 3rd place - Watatic Grange #36 1,795 hrs
- 4th place - Antrim Grange #98 1,518 hrs

And now..... the results we all know you've been waiting for....the baking contest! We invited all of the subordinate Grange first place winners to bring their winning hand pies here to be judged best in the state. And the winners are:

- 1st place - Roberta Twiss, Watatic Grange #36
- 2nd place - Lois Enman, Rochester Grange
- 3rd place - Sharon Stickney, Antrim Grange #98

Congratulations to our winners! Grangers really do know how to bake! Next year's baking contest will be a little easier, but creativity and originality could play an important part in determining the winner. Next year we will be making mini cheesecakes! Rather than have you bake a full-sized cheesecake, which can get expensive and requires a springform pan and the ability and appetite to eat an entire cheesecake, we thought minis would be easier, a little more budget friendly, especially if you are the subordinate winner and you have to make them again... You can use a muffin pan or a mini cheesecake pan with removable discs in the bottom to make getting them out easier. Cupcake liners will also be helpful. PLEASE NOTE - these mini cheesecakes are the baked kind, NOT the chilled kind!! You can find lots of recipes online too. Don't be afraid to get a little fancy with the topping. It could be the thing that makes your entry the winner!

Please think of us when you have your Family & Community night and send us an invitation. We would love to come see what you are doing in your Granges. We want to extend our thanks to all the Granges who participated in our program this year. We sincerely appreciate all of your efforts.

Fraternally,
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 26 – 28, 2024, at Davidson’s Countryside Campground in Bristol, New Hampshire. We had four campers and several tents this year, with 17 people in attendance for some or all of the weekend. Our annual potluck supper was filled with delicious food from meatballs and sliders to salads and fruit. The weekend was rounded out with trips to the pool, games, fishing, and a few even going to play a round of disc golf! This is a weekend truly designed for families where there is something for everyone.

There is always room for more people to join us and I hope that next year it will be you. Whether you come for the day or for the weekend, I can assure you that you will have a good time. If you are interested in coordinating this event next year, please reach out to the State Master! Dates and locations are still being worked out for next year so be on the lookout in the Granite State Granger for full details.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Scanzani
Family Weekend Coordinator

FLORA

Worthy Master, National Rep, Delegates and Patrons all,
Although I have grown up in the Grange, I had a lot to learn this first year as a state officer. First and foremost, my life is just as busy as it was before I accepted the office of Flora.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend several state and local grange events. However, I was able to attend our annual bowling day, Grange Day and part of Youth Fun Day. Secondly, there are quite a few tasks that I needed to perform prior to State Grange. Some of which were not done as timely as they should have been, so I had to accept that I had learned the art of procrastination. Third, I had to accept more responsibility of making decisions for myself as I was told several times “Whatever you want, it’s your decision. That doesn’t happen very often with four boys at home. However, one of the most important things I learned (or was reminded of), is that no matter how much needs to get done or how long it takes, there is always a Grange brother or sister willing to lend a hand. Thank you to all those who helped me this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Clark
NH State Grange Flora

GATEKEEPER

Good morning, Brothers and Sisters, and worthy delegates.

This past Grange year had started off bright with many plans coming out of deputy school and high hopes for the year. I had planned on taking advantage of my job traveling throughout southern New Hampshire to try and visit different Granges. First off was to go help Claremont Grange with their Christmas Dinner, cooking and delivering meals to retirement homes. Next was the Youth Moon Stomp. Thank you to Andrew for bringing this event back and to the Collins for hosting. It was terrific to see everyone again to take the Grange knowledge test. Talking around the campfire and going for a moonlight hike with no artificial lights.

In April, I was asked to change positions at work. Unfortunately, I went from having a consistent schedule with varying locations to a consistent location and very varying schedule. Often working much more than full time and trying to catch up with basic needs around the farm at home, when not at work. At the time of writing this speech, I still need to replace the fencing for the ducks which was going to be an early summer project.

I say this not as an excuse, but more as a point of information for the delegates on why I did not contribute as much to State Grange this past year.

Next year I plan on having a bit more control over which days, so that I can return to being as active in state and local Grange as I was previously.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Terrell
NH State Gatekeeper

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.

Last year there were 36 Subordinate Granges in New Hampshire. We had 32 reports so far this year with 15 showing that they have real estate that is listed from 20,000 to 476,000. There were 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 six Granges that scored at 900 or better.

Pomona Granges

We are currently showing seven Pomonas in the state with reports from six of these. The highest scoring Pomona was Hillsboro Pomona with a score of 1100.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilber Heath
General Deputy

GRANITE STATE GRANGER

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

This has been the first full year that we have worked on publishing The Granite State Granger. We believe that we have found the format that works from all sides:

1. It makes all of the articles and information easy to work with.
2. It works well for the printer.
3. We have added Author's Corner for short pieces of writing, essays, poems, etc. by individual Grangers.
4. Most of all, from comments we have received, it makes everything easy to read.
5. We are still working on the timing of a number of items including dates when articles are due to us as well as dates when the GSG will be published.

We want to say 'Thank You' to all of the State Officers, Directors, Committees, Granges and Grangers who have supplied us with the articles we've published, and, look forward to working with all of you to continue providing more in the future.

Fraternally,

Pat Bailey & Pat Lawlor – Co-Editors
Hudson Grange #11

GRANGE SERVICES REPORT

Good afternoon Worthy Master, State Officers, Distinguished guests, Delegates, members all.

I am here to present the annual report for the Grange Services Department.

The scholarship program remains to be the most important and necessary action of this department. A scholarship can help a student with tuition, books and class expenses that they might have. This year we received one applicant and awarded a scholarship. To do this we use

interest earned from invested funds and your donations to what we call the ELF fund to make this happen, so with gratitude I say thank you for your donations. I will at this time tell you that my scholarship award from last year helped me to finish the degree that I was working on and can proudly say I graduated in May this year and am still celebrating my achievement.

The work to make the scholarships happen is through team meetings at Deputy school to set up the plan for the year and other meetings to review and determine scholarship results. All requirements and forms are listed on the New Hampshire State Grange website. Candidates complete and send all required documents to be reviewed. The committee of this department works hard to make sure that everything is on schedule and on time. Special thank-you to Patrice Lawlor and Lois Enman who have managed the process so efficiently. The other committee members include Lester Gibbs, Haven Haynes, Ida Hutchins, Linda Phelps, and Debra Standley. These committee members are able to help anyone who is asking about the Grange services we have in New Hampshire and what benefits we can find at National Grange. I also thank you all for being a part of this team.

I do have a few brochures left for National Grange benefits but will be getting more this year to send to all Granges. The benefits list can possibly change so we will have a new one soon to send out.

Thank you,

Sherrill Bokousky
Grange Services Director

HISTORIAN REPORT

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters,

After focusing on the offices of State Master and State Secretary last year, this year I did a deep dive into National representation. We are honored to have had eighteen New Hampshire Grangers serve as National Grange officers totaling 110 years.

Founder John R. Thompson, who grew up on a farm in Littleton, New Hampshire, served as National Lecturer from December 4, 1867 to January 1872, followed by Treasurer until January 1873 and finally High Priest of Demeter until November 1883. His terms overlapped with Dudley T. Chase, National Executive Committee member from February 1875 through November 1877.

The list continues chronologically from there, with varied offices.

William Stinson served as Assistant Steward from 1883-1887.

Charles McDaniel served as Chaplain from 1891-1893.

Nahum J. Bachelder was more of an overachiever. He served on the Executive Committee from 1895-1899; Lecturer from 1899-1903; and Priest Archon/Master from 1905-1911.

Esther Patee served as Ceres from 1911-1915.

Fred Rogers (not the television host) served as Gatekeeper from 1919-1921.

N. Grace Sawyer served as Ceres from 1923-1927.

James Farmer served as Lecturer from 1927-1947.

Helen Eastman served as Ceres from 1951-1953.

Asa Morgan served as Gatekeeper from 1961-1963.

John Saturley served as Priest Archon from 1969-1971.
B. Franklin Hayes served as Secretary from 1979-1983.
Daniel Bascom served as Gatekeeper from 1999-2003 and Priest Archon from 2007-2013.
John West served as Chaplain from 2005 until his death in 2008.
Beth Merrill served as Lady Assistant Steward from 2007-2013.
James Tetreault served as Lecturer from 2013-2015.
Last but not least, Leroy Watson joined the National Executive Committee in 2014 and served until 2024.
I'm pleased to announce that Brother B. Richard Bailey will be taking over the role of Historian. Lester Gibbs will be our new museum curator at the State Grange building.

Fraternally submitted,
Arthur Merrill, Historian, NH State Grange

JUNIOR REPORT

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

Good morning. Our State Junior Grange is still going strong. We have currently 14 on the books. If you have children or grandchildren that would benefit from Junior Grange. we would love to have you join us at Junior Grange.

My theme for 2025 is "Learning and Growing Here". National Junior Theme is "Raised Right Here".

December 1, 2023, Gloria Davis, Norman Brandt and I attended Hooksett's "Lighting up the Village" in the State Grange building. We brought tree crafts to decorate and take home to put a photo in and place on their Christmas tree.

Junior Fun Day was held Feb 10, in Hooksett, with seven Juniors present with many adults and youth joining at lunch. We frosted cookies and put sprinkles on to be ready for lunch. Hooksett Boy Scouts were invited to show how to tie knots and our own Jacob Scanzani, being a Scout, worked on tying knots too. The Big E contest this year was Air Dry Modeling Clay with six entries completed. Lunch was corn chowder and hot dogs, chips and cookies. We made sign a song hand to show I love you and then joined the Youth in watching a video and tried the alphabet and a song.

The Grange bowling held by our State Lecturer, Matt Clark, was enjoyed by ten Juniors this year. Bowling winners were ages 3-6 - Ethan Clark, Ages 7-10 - Abigail McColley and Ages 11-14 - Rebecca Boisvert. Congratulations to all. Thank you Matt.

I attended the Old House and Barn Expo with Gloria Davis, and Norman Brandt. We set up a table with Grange information and craft making God's Eyes as it's an old craft.

We are looking to find any Junior Grange Charter on Town building's wall, and to take a photo, and send to me so by 2027 Junior Grange will celebrate 100 years.

June 8 was Junior Fun Day with rain brought a small attendance.

September 21 Norman and I attended Moosup Valley Junior Grange #27 in Rhode Island, my grandchildren, Tristan was being installed as Master this year. Scarlet is Steward and Kendall is Lady Assistant Steward. I have printed a few photos to put on the Junior Display as their Junior Grange has just turned 80 years this year.

The Big E Junior craft contest this year from New Hampshire was sent to Springfield and you can see them on the poster board on display. New Hampshire had winners!

The Junior Department had an entry at Deerfield Fair this year receiving a red ribbon and a copy of the photo is in our display thanks to Martha Fowler and others who assisted.

We have four Juniors graduating this year. Mallory Enman of Rochester Grange, Madison Brandt of Wingold Grange, Seth Clark of Arlington Grange and Aiden Materson of Rockingham Grange. This leaves our numbers very low and members need to grow the Juniors for our future.

In closing, I want to thank our Worthy State Master, Tricia Taylor, for all her support with the Junior activities this year along with Gloria Davis, Anne Boisvert and Chris Heath. Of course, parents, grandparents and Grangers are an important part of our program as without them, we could not travel and attend Junior activities or even grow new Youth and our future.

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

Fraternally submitted,
Joann Brandt, Junior Director

LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD

Worthy Master, Fellow State Officers, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters, all;

It is my pleasure to give my yearly report as the State Lady Assistant Steward.

The Grange year started off in December with Deputy School at the State Grange Building where directors and their committees planned activities for the year, and the deputies planned for their instruction and inspection visits. I was honored to serve as a deputy to two Granges again this year.

Some events that I attended were Winter Youth Rally, where we created herb gardens, origami, and had tacos for dinner; State Grange Bowling at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester; a youth fun day, where we visited Highway View Farm, toured their dairy operation, and got to pet baby cows; fun and fellowship before glow bowling at Boutwell's in Concord; and participating in the third degree at Antrim Grange.

This year, I had the privilege of serving on the bylaws committee. We met several times over the course of the summer to go through and update the bylaws. We worked diligently to go through them page by page to make sure that everything was updated that needed to be. It was a humbling experience to be on the committee with people like Arthur Merrill and Rick Bailey, but I think I held my own just fine.

At the end of the summer, the Stewards and the State Master met at the State Grange building to organize the equipment closet in preparation for this State Session.

Just days ago, the Steward, Assistant Steward, and I unpacked the truck and set up the meeting space that you see today. And when the session is over, we will break everything down and return it to the State Grange building.

In closing, I have really enjoyed my time as your State Lady Assistant Steward, and I hope to continue in this capacity for the coming years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Leclerc
Lady Assistant Steward, NH State Grange

LECTURER'S REPORT

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

Another busy year for the Clarks is in the books. This year found many exciting adventures and a few firsts for us. We traveled to Niagara Falls, New York, which was a first for everyone except Lynn, for National Grange Convention. December found us traveling to deputy school. We were very grateful for the opportunity to travel to Virginia with Lynn's parents to spend Christmas with her brother and family. Trevor bowled for the Keene High JV team again this past season. Seth Played JSB travel baseball again this year as well as for the Keene High freshman team. Seth has started football again this fall where he is playing on both varsity and JV. Both Trevor and Seth continue to excel at their studies at school, taking after their mother in that respect. Jared played baseball for the local league. Ethan continues to keep Grammy and Papa, when he is home, company when not in preschool. April vacation found us traveling to Pennsylvania for a getaway. Stops included Sight and Sound Theater for the production of "Daniel", Hershey Chocolate Company, and a horse drawn buggy ride through Amish country. A major change for the family this year came in the form of Trevor obtaining his driver's license.

Now for the Grange news. Our first Grange event for the year was our annual bowling day on March 24th at Lakeside Lanes. We had 40 adult bowlers and 10 junior bowlers as well as others who came to support. The following is a list of the winners:

Grange Team Winner – Arlington Grange – Matthew, Lynn, and Seth Clark & Goldie French

Women Class A
1st Goldie French (Free)
2nd Brenda Spaulding (1/2 price)

Men Class A
1st Arthur Merrill (Free)
2nd Matthew Clark (1/2 price)

Women Class B

1st Esther Herrick (free)
2nd Sarah Leclerc (1/2 price)
3rd Lynn Clark

Men Class B

1st Seth Clark (free)
2nd Armond Gerritsen (1/2 price)
3rd Norman Brandt

Women Class C

1st Emilie Leclerc (free)
2nd Ava Twiss (1/2 price)
3rd Karen Rogier

Men Class C

1st Trevor Clark (free)
1st Blaze McMullen (1/2 price)
3rd Emmanuel Twiss

Junior – overall winners

Rebecca Boisvert & Martin McColley

I am pleased to announce that the 2025 bowling day will be Saturday, March 22nd, 2025, 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 27th where we found a small group of Grangers gathering at the State Grange building for the Grange month event. Once again, we did a “paint night” event. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 12th 2025 for the Grange month event. I hope to see many of you there.

In June the seven northeast Lecturers got together and hosted a Lecturers’ Conference for the first time in a few years. With many of the Lecturers having never attended a Lecturers’ Conference it was time to shake things up. A big thanks to Connecticut State Grange Lecturer Dave Roberts with the help of Judy Doyle for planning and working with the hotel. We had a well-attended weekend of fun and learning. Looking forward to the next one in 2026, to be hosted by New York. I was also appointed to the New England Grange Building Board of Trustees as the third representative from New Hampshire State Grange.

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 – Deena Hupper – Wicwas Lake
2nd – Brian Hupper – Wicwas Lake
3rd – Roberta Twiss - Watatic

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

B. Painting

1st – Edith Jennings – Joe English
2nd – Emilie Leclerc - Hudson
3rd – Joyce Martin - Claremont

C. Collage

- 1st – Beth Merrill – Antrim
- 2nd – Roberta Twiss - Watatic
- 3rd – Dennis Boulanger – Wicwas Lake

Photography Contest

A. Fair Season

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

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

B. My Favorite Things

- 1st – Jane Trombi - Walpole
- 2nd – Lois Enman – Rochester
- 3rd – Alton Martin - Claremont

C. Let's Hit The Road

- 1st – Joyce Martin - Claremont
- 2nd – Tammy Dugrenier – Joe English
- 3rd – Gail Stout – Joe English

Junior (5-9) – 1st – Tim Boisvert - Chichester

Creative Writing

I. Poetry

- 1st – Roberta Twiss - Watatic
- 2nd – Sarah Leclerc - Hudson
- 3rd – Tammy Dugrenier – Joe English

Create A Card Contest

Category I - Recycled

Class A: Sympathy

- 1st – Edith Jennings – Joe English

Class B: Father's Day

- 1st – Beth Merrill - Antrim

Class C: Birth of a Child

- 1st – Beth Merrill - Antrim

Category II – Computer Generated

Class A: Sympathy

- 1st – Beth Merrill – Antrim

Class B: Father's Day
1st – Beth Merrill - Antrim

Class C: Birth of a Child
1st – Beth Merrill - Antrim

Category III – Hand Stamped and/or Decorated

Class A: Sympathy
1st – Sandra Marcoux - Watatic
2nd – Jane Trombi - Walpole
3rd – Beth Merrill - Antrim

Class B: Father's Day
1st – Beth Merrill - Antrim
2nd – Roberta Twiss - Watatic
3rd – Anne Boisvert - Chichester

Class C: Birth of a Child
1st – Beth Merrill - Antrim
2nd – Jane Trombi - Walpole
3rd – Roberta Twiss - Watatic

As we travel home to our local Granges, please encourage each other to participate in meetings, contests, and events. I look forward to seeing what this next year brings.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Clark, Lecturer

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Fellow Officers, Grangers All.

It is with some embarrassment that I offer this report. I have no accomplishments to report. We in New Hampshire had planned for the National Grange Fly In to take place in New Hampshire in January. National Grange chose not to hold the Fly In in NH this time. We had set aside money for the event, and as a result we have some extra money in the Legislative account.

We were in the midst of planning a spring Grange Day at the State House. In February I got sick. As some of you know, I went to the hospital in February and went home 12 weeks later. I spent the next four months recovering at home with both nursing service and physical rehab. Grange Day at the State House of course did not happen, also resulting in more unspent money.

Fraternally
Bob Haefner, Legislative Director

MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

It is my honor to stand here to give my second Master's Address. Although the year has seemed relatively quiet, there has been quite a bit going on.

As I am sure most of you have heard, Deputy State Master Ida Hutchins has been unable to continue as a Deputy, Secretary of Pemigewassett Valley Pomona, and Secretary of Baker's River Grange. While Baker's River had enough members to remain open there were not enough willing to put in the time and effort to keep it going. The members who were helping Ida did not come from Rumney with the exception of one. The others came from Haverhill, Thornton, and Bristol. Reluctantly the vote was taken to close Baker's River Grange.

Pemigewassett Valley Pomona was destined for a similar fate but Wicwas Lake has risen to the challenge and meetings are being held to elect new officers, determine when meetings will be held and update their By-Laws. Pemi's new home will be at Wicwas Lake Grange Hall.

At one point we were excited to learn that a group of people in Sandwich were very interested in starting a Grange there. The Worthy Treasurer was asked to be the liaison as he is a Mason and many of the prospective Grangers were as well. Unfortunately, it was discovered that they weren't really interested in becoming a Grange as it was more about not having to pay property taxes.

Many of our Granges are struggling to get a quorum together. Some are concerned with having enough members as people unfortunately pass away. Most of these Granges are still very active in their communities which makes me reluctant to pull their charter. I understand that another state is considering a resolution to reduce the number of members needed for a Grange to function to eight. I'm not sure what this would mean for number necessary for a quorum. If this resolution makes it to National, I am sure there will be quite a discussion. As to our own Granges, I challenge each and every one of you to make the effort to visit other Granges. I know not all of us are as young as we used to be and we aren't as able to get out and about but some of these Granges haven't seen a Pink Sash member other than their Deputy State Master in a number of years. To this end each State Officer is being given two Granges to visit in the coming year. These Granges will not be in their Pomona and for the Deputy State Masters the Granges will not be part of their Instruction and Inspection lists. If you see something exciting, please, let us know! If you are disappointed, please, let us know! We need to celebrate good Grange work and help those who are struggling. Help me let them know they are not alone and not forgotten. I will give a list of these Granges to the Membership Committee in hopes they will reach out and do their best to help the process of gaining new members.

How many of you are aware of what all Granges will need to do in the year 2025 and every five years from now on? The Executive Committee isn't allowed to answer this one. It's the reincorporation year! It happens every five years. The Worthy Treasurer has worked hard get the Granges who had let it slide back on the list. We only have one Grange that hasn't managed it yet. Hopefully they get on board before it will cost them a lot more than \$25.00. I challenge each of the Granges to get this taken care of early in the year so it doesn't get forgotten.

I mentioned earlier about updating By-Laws. I did appoint a committee to update our State By-Laws and we have worked very hard to get them ready for this State Session. A copy was sent to each Grange and hopefully they were given to the delegates and you have your copy here. If not, I believe that the Worthy Secretary has hard copies if you need one. We will be presenting these tomorrow during the Election. I know that several Granges have updated their By-Laws and others are working on it. I challenge all of those who have not yet updated their By-Laws and share them with the State Executive Committee as soon as possible. This is necessary as not adhering to your By-Laws can cause serious problems as it has out West when a Grange lost their hall to a business because they had not updated their By-Laws to reflect what they were currently doing. You may not own a hall but it can still cause problems if anyone were to look too closely.

We have a few Granges who are working the various degrees. I encourage all of you to keep an eye on the grapevine and make a note of where and when these are being done. Most of us have new members that have never seen a degree. Some probably haven't been obligated. Seeing these degrees give them a better understanding of the Order they have joined. Make the effort to engage your newer members and encourage them to attend. My guess is that if you ask them to accompany you to the event, they will be more likely to agree to attend.

This year the NH State Grange was invited to have a table at the NH Preservation Alliance's Old House and Barn Expo. The Membership and Agriculture Committees did an excellent job representing us. I know this because several people from Danbury and surrounding areas told me so. I would like to see our participation in this event continue. Our presence at this event and at the Farm and Forest do get our organization into the public eye.

I have enjoyed traveling to Granges this year, as well as to National and Regional events, such as the Leader's Conference put on by National, the Northeast Youth Rally, and, of course our own Family Weekend, Youth Rallies and the Lecturer's Day in April. I encourage all of you to attend these various events. Youth and Junior Days are not just for the Youth and Juniors. Everyone is invited. Children learn by example and what better example than to show them that adults can enjoy these days as well.

Thank you for giving me the chance to serve these two years as your State Master. It is an honor and a privilege to serve in this way.

Tricia J Taylor

MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS COMMITTEE

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

Your 2024 State Master's Annual Address Committee is honored to present this report regarding the Annual Address that was delivered by our Worthy State Master, Tricia Taylor.

We commend the recognition by Sister Taylor of the life and service to our Order in New Hampshire by Sister Ida Hutchins.

We were pleased to note in Sister Taylor's remarks that the criteria she uses to make the difficult decision to close Granges who struggle to get a quorum together for their meetings depends on the overall community involvement of those Granges and not just on the number of active members in that Grange. We support this decision. Granges that demonstrate a commitment to community involvement are more likely to attract and retain new members, despite temporary low membership or attendance numbers and deserve the chance to revitalize themselves, with the support of our State Grange.

Anticipating that there will be resolutions at the upcoming session of the National Grange in Bettendorf, Iowa, to reduce the minimum number of grange members needed to maintain an active Grange charter from 13 to 8, we urge our State Master to carefully weigh the arguments for and against this proposal before deciding how to cast her vote.

We are pleased that Sister Taylor will assign two local Grange visitation assignments in 2025 to all sitting State Officers so that these Granges will have a chance to interact with a "pink sash", other than the Deputy State Master assigned to their Grange. The responsibilities of an elected State Officer must extend beyond their duties and assignments during the State Grange session, to help build enthusiasm and fellowship among our grassroots membership in communities across New Hampshire.

We are glad that Sister Taylor included in her address information about the important administrative responsibility of every local Grange to file their reincorporation documents with the NH Secretary of State in 2025. To help all of us reach her goal of achieving 100% compliance with the requirements for reincorporation for all New Hampshire Granges, we recommend three courses of action by the State Grange in 2025.

First, all Deputies and State Officers be asked to make inquiry and remind every local Grange they visit in 2025 about the requirement to file for reincorporation of their Grange with the NH Secretary of State. Second, every issue of the Granite State Granger contain a stand-alone, filler reminder banner, somewhere in the paper asking, "HAS YOUR GRANGE FILED ITS REINCORPORATION PAPERS WITH THE NH SECRETARY OF STATE?" Third, place a link in a prominent place on the front page of the New Hampshire State Grange website that goes directly to any officially published information, documents and instructions from the Office of the Secretary of State regarding the procedure to file reincorporation papers with that office.

The challenge by Sister Taylor for all Granges to update their by-laws and submit a copy of those by-laws to the NH State Grange is a goal that every local Grange in our state can proudly attain! To remind our local Granges of this goal, beyond the encouragement of our Deputies and State Grange Officers during their visits in 2025, we recommend that every issue of the Granite State Granger contain a stand-alone, filler reminder banner, somewhere in the paper asking, “HAS YOUR GRANGE UPDATED ITS BY-LAWS AND SUBMITTED A COPY TO THE STATE GRANGE SECRETARY?”

We were inspired by Sister Taylor’s challenge to us to assure that every new Grange member in New Hampshire has an opportunity to witness the Degrees of our Order to give them a better understanding of the culture, mission, and history of our organization.

We were also excited by the attention Sister Taylor paid in her address to important participatory events for Granges and Grange members, such as the Old House and Barn Expo, The National Grange Leaders Conference, the Northeast Youth Rally, and our Family Weekend, to name just a few. Sister Taylor wisely reminded us that “participation draws attention” from both members and non-members regarding what our Order has to offer to everyone, if we are just willing to get out there and have fun!

In conclusion, your 2024 State Master’s Annual Address Committee wants to thank Sister Tricia Taylor for sharing her time, talents, wisdom and enthusiasm for the New Hampshire State Grange with all of us as our Worthy State Master these past two years.

Fraternally Submitted,

Leroy Watson, Pat Bailey, and Steve Durand

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Worthy Master, Brother, sisters and honored guest:

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. At State Grange last year, we sponsored a membership workshop from one of the Shipmates Kelly Reilly of the Rhode Island State Grange.

The membership sponsorship of the hospitality room at the National Grange Session in Niagara Falls was a big success. People were pleased with the food offerings that we had. The pizza was a big hit. Thank you to all who contributed whether financially or labor-wise.

Two additional events we participated in this year was in November the “Light up Hooksett” event the State Grange building was open and available for people to come in, get warm and do a

craft project. During the month of April, we participated in the Barn Expo. This was a new event for us. We hope to participate again during the coming year.

The New Hampshire Farm and Forest Exposition was held this year on May 2-4th at the Deerfield Fairgrounds. This was the second year being held at the Fairgrounds. This felt like an agricultural event. This was the first year we didn't win an award, but 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.

We were also excited to write articles this year for the revamped Granite State Granger. Our goals for next year are 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!

STATISTICAL REPORT:

Subordinate Membership

Close of 2 nd quarter 2023:	888 Members
Close of 2 nd quarter 2024:	875 members

Pomona Membership

Close of 2 nd quarter 2023:	278 Members
Close of 2 nd quarter 2024:	292 Members

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

MUSICIAN

Worthy Master, Distinguished guests, Brothers and Sisters,

Since our last Session, I attended the National Grange Session where I displayed my Grange Memorabilia Collection and served as pianist for the National Youth Officer Team.

As pianist, I played for the NE Grange Service in Vermont and attended the New England Leaders Conference. I also played for Degree exemplification at Arlington and Antrim Granges and performed Deputy duties for Claremont Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

Lester Gibbs, Musician

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 three meetings held this year. For the first time since the pandemic, the Northeast Region was able to gather together for its traditional Leaders' Conference, thus the annual January meeting of the New England Grange Building trustees was held in Concord, with all three of the NH trustees in attendance. Discussion at this meeting included a report of the success and challenges of providing a vaccination clinic at the 2023 fair, and a proposal to consider creating one or more youth trustee positions intending to spark interest in the Building by the younger generation, essential to the survival of this unique Grange resource. I was both surprised and dismayed at the reluctance and actual push-back of some of the trustees to move forward with the proposal, but was eventually successful in getting a favorable vote to continue with the project. I was assigned the task of reporting back at the next meeting with a procedure for selection of up to three Youth Trustees.

A second meeting was held in the Massachusetts Building on the grounds at the Big E in April, again with all three NH trustees in attendance. And again, there was more push-back when discussing the Youth Trustee proposal, this time from the Youth Director of one of the states. The project was put on hold until January, once it was realized this would require a by-law change, which can only be done at the annual meeting. Also at this meeting was discussion about the success of the vaccination program that was done during the 2023 fair in concurrence with the National Grange and it was decided to pursue the prospect of doing it again for the 2024 fair.

The traditional work/cleaning meeting was held on site at the building in June, for which Tricia and I travelled once again to West Springfield.

Arthur and I accompanied Family and Community Directors, Kathy Yardley and Joyce Martin, on Labor Day when they made the trip to the Building to deliver the needlework contest entries and the accumulation of handcrafted goods donated by many NH Grange crafters. During the visit, Kathy and Joyce assisted the Craft Sales Manager, Dawn Percoski, and her crew of volunteers in pricing the mountain of donated items. Arthur and I also helped with this when we finished doing a deep clean of the NH room.

Brother Bob Trombi accompanied Arthur and I to the fair to volunteer at the Grange Building for two days and then Arthur and I returned on Grange Day for the specific purpose of hosting visitors in the NH room upstairs. It's the only time that the upstairs is open to the public – IF there are volunteers on hand for that to happen. It was delightful to meet and chat with visitors who expressed appreciation for this 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, but we opted out of that ride this year.

The Vermont State Grange donated the quilt for the annual charity raffle, which raised \$6,003.00 for The Josh Palotta Fund, Inc., in support of veterans and service members. They offer a variety

of services including meals, dogs for support, holistic health, a suicide prevention lifeline, etc. I submitted an article for the Granite State Granger letting readers know that, for the first time this year, anyone can support the fundraiser without requirement of attending the fair. Several NH members responded by sending me their donation, which I was happy to take to the fair and submit on their behalf, giving them a chance to win while supporting a good cause. It will be NH's turn to provide this quilt next year, and thanks to the efforts and leadership of Jane Heath, said quilt is currently being finished off for us by a professional long arm quilter. All that is needed before the 2025 fair is to decide what NH charity will benefit from this fundraiser.

The fair this year was blessed with favorable weather most all of its seventeen days, resulting in a record-breaking total attendance of 1,633,935 visitors and several days had record-breaking attendance figures for that particular day of the fair. We had fewer craft items this year, but with the record attendance and more equitable pricing on the donated goods we sell, the Building's revenues were up this year with crafts taking in \$17,047.74 while the general store earned \$14,301.40. Scrubbies, dish cloths, hanging towels, baby items, and Christmas ornaments continue to be big sellers. Hats, scarves, and mittens are also good sellers, as are pet items such as catnip fish, tennis balls on a rope and other such treats. Large size quilts and afghans are selling well, with customers showing a willingness to pay the big price for them. I, myself, finished two afghans, both given to me in an incomplete condition for different circumstances, one of which had been started by Sister Happy Pelton, mother of Kim Bascom, years ago. It is a good feeling to get both projects out of the house, knowing that they are now whole and complete and being welcomed to their forever home.

We DO so much appreciate all your handmade donations and hope that you are able to continue your generous gifts of time and craftsmanship. Grange meetings are a good venue to get your members together to work on fun, simple projects. If your group is not handy, nor interested in making things, but can contribute financially you might consider purchasing gift cards to Michaels, Joanns, or Hobby Lobby, so that materials can be purchased by those who are crafty but unable to donate more than their time. I will be happy to accept the cards and pass them on to Dawn, who will know the folks who can best use them to keep on creating for our cause. Proceeds from these sales go to maintenance and improvements to the building.

I hope each member can find a way to support this unique part of our Grange heritage in the coming year. There are plenty of small ways everyone can contribute to help in a big way to preserve the legacy of the Grange at the Eastern States Exposition. And perhaps 2025 will be the year that YOU venture your way south to experience for yourself all that the Big "E" and specifically, the New England Grange Building, has to offer. See you there!

Fraternally submitted,

Beth Merrill
Matthew Clark
Tricia Taylor

POMONA

Good day Worthy Master, State Officers, Delegates, Special Guests, & Fellow Grangers,

The past two years have been full of change and growth for me as your NH State Grange Pomona.

My mother passed away in the early morning hours of June 6, 2023. I have often heard it said, "...the year following any death is the hardest". My parents were just shy of their 56th wedding anniversary so this transition has been most difficult for my father. Having cared for my Mom and been her Power of Attorney for health care for over 20 years, I grieved her vascular dementia diagnosis long before her symptoms were terminal. The morning she passed, I cried tears of relief that she was at peace and no longer suffering.

Caring for an aging and dying parent has been the most difficult and most rewarding experience I have ever had. I am sure many of you have lived in the shoes of a caregiver and understand the challenges, time commitment, and at times, exhaustion it entails. More importantly, it also can bring you a sense of home, peace, and comfort that you are providing care to someone who brought you into the world.

My new favorite quote is, "Do Good because it matters, not because it gets noticed." In all honesty, I found it initially awkward to list things in my report that I do for State Grange because I don't do things for Grange or the community so I can get "credit" for them. After all, isn't that what being a Granger is all about; to remain unspotted from the world?

Understandably, I have realigned some priorities over the last year. My Dad & I have committed to completing projects around our home that had been either, neglected due to my Mom's failing health or because of lack of time. I recently made the difficult decision to resign from my LNA position as working both full time and per diem has not granted me the necessary chunks of time needed to address these family responsibilities. Personally, I have also taken my health off the back burner and lost not only the thirty pounds I gained during my Mom's final year, but also more thanks to new medication that has been a game changer for me.

This coming year, I will continue to be an active member of Chichester Grange. I will continue to support Rockingham Grange #183 with Facebook and other social media promotional needs. I will still donate paper shopping bags to two local food pantries- one in Epping and one in Candia. I will still attend as many Grange events as possible. I will still send handwritten letters & cards to Grange members who are sick & in distress. I will care for my home. Care for the sick. Care for the newly born. Care for the aging and care for the dying.

It has been an honor to serve as a Grace of the NH State Grange and I thank the delegates for believing in me to serve in this role. I wish you a year filled with blessings, laughter, & fun. Do Good because it matters; not because it gets noticed!

Fraternally, Crystal E. Seward, NH State Pomona

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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

It is with pleasure that I present the 2024 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, and for doing such good and thoughtful work on the resolutions.

This was a great year for resolutions submissions! Thank you all very much for your hard work writing them. Special kudos go out to the members of Walpole Grange #125 who submitted **eight** resolutions! They spent time at a monthly meeting coming up with ideas, and, with Leroy Watson’s excellent guidance, they crafted well-written and well-thought-out resolutions. Congratulations!

The committee met via Zoom on Tuesday, October 15, to discuss these resolutions, suggest amendments, and to vote on whether or not to recommend them for passage by the delegates. These are the committee’s recommendations:

Resolution #1: Establishing credentials for individuals with communication disabilities and educating First Responders to identify them in emergency situations.

Approved by Antrim Grange #98

RESOLVED that the New Hampshire State Grange legislative committee adds this to state grange policy where it supports legislation in the NH State Legislature that allows individuals with communication disabilities (ie: Deaf, hard of hearing, autistic, auditory processing disorder, language disorder, and voice disorder) to be identified with their medical condition noted on their license and they can have an optional decal sticker to be placed on the top right of the license plates of their vehicle(s); Be it further

RESOLVED that the New Hampshire State Grange legislative committee supports legislation in the NH State Legislature to fund training and education about communication disabilities for all first responders: Be it further

Resolved, that, if this resolution is passed, the NH State Grange will send this resolution to the National Grange to consider this idea nationally and community it to the other State Granges.

The committee felt that this was a very good idea, and it would be a great benefit both to those drivers with communication disabilities and to the state’s first responders. However, we thought that second Resolved section that supports legislation to fund training and education should be removed.

After discussion, the vote of **Recommend with amendment** was passed unanimously.

Resolution #2: Location of National Grange Session

Submitted by the State Executive Committee (edited from a submission of Sunrise Pomona #9, MA)

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Article 4.9.5 of the National Grange Digest be amended by removing the period at the end of the first sentence and adding ‘in a location within the borders of the United States that is affordable and accessible to members’ ensuring that future National Grange Sessions are held in a manner that supports maximum members participation and minimize financial burdens on delegates and members.

The committee had discussion about whether it was necessary to limit the location of the National Grange Sessions to within the borders of the United States, but ultimately decided that the National Grange should do everything possible to make the National Grange Sessions accessible and affordable for all members.

The committee voted unanimously to **Recommend** this resolution as submitted.

The following 8 resolutions were all submitted by the Walpole Grange #125

Resolution #3: Opposition to Mandatory Adoption of Electric Powered Farm Machinery

Resolved, that the New Hampshire State Grange and the National Grange oppose any state or national laws or regulations that attempt to impose mandatory adoption of electricity powered farm machinery to replace farm machinery that operates on fossil fuels, and be it further

Resolved, that the New Hampshire and National Granges continue to support further research into efficiency, alternative fuels and appropriate technologies that will reduce the carbon footprint from the operation of farm machinery.

After discussion, the committee voted unanimously to **Not Recommend** this resolution. We think this needs more work. We agreed that we did not want to see mandatory adoption of electric farm equipment, but we think this is premature at this time.

Resolution #4: National Grange Partnership with Seed Companies and Horticultural Groups to Increase the Availability of Heirloom Seed Varieties to Farmers and Gardeners

Resolved, that the National Grange undertake a signature national program and work to raise money to develop partnerships with seed companies, State Land Grant Experiment Stations, and horticultural organizations to preserve and reintroduce heirloom varieties of row crops, tree/bush crops and other horticultural products to the USA market for farmers, horticulturalists and gardeners, and, be it further,

Resolved, that the National Grange support the establishment of the USDA Office of Preservation Gardens to seek out and reintroduce heirloom varieties of diverse row crops and tree/bush crops to American farmers, horticulturalists and gardeners.

In a quick Google search of ‘heirloom seeds’, the names of no fewer than 21 well-established heirloom seed companies came up. National Organic Farmers Association (NOFA) has for years been dealing with organic and heirloom fruits and vegetables. The effort to save heirloom seed varieties already exists and is successful

For this reason, the committee voted unanimously to **Not Recommend** this resolution.

Resolution #5: Installing Air Conditioning in All New Hampshire Public Schools, K-12

Resolved, that the New Hampshire State Grange encourage the New Hampshire state government and New Hampshire's local school districts to all begin working to develop a plan to install appropriate air conditioning equipment in all New Hampshire public schools over the next ten years.

Despite knowing that the average cost to install air conditioning in a school building was \$1.9 million in 2009, and realizing the fact that most school districts cannot afford this capital expenditure, we felt that the issue of air conditioning warrants study, which is what this Resolution seeks. However, we voted to change the study period from 10 to 20 years. The committee voted unanimously to **Recommend with amendment** this resolution.

Resolution #6: Equal Prices for All

Resolved that the New Hampshire State Grange and the National Grange support legislation at the state and federal level outlawing the practice of offering lower prices to retail customers who sign up for technology that tracks their individual shopping habits, especially in grocery stores, so that all customers receive the lowest prices possible, in order to control food and consumer staples price inflation.

During the committee's discussion, we recognized that this resolution was in support of outlawing retail practices. The Grange shouldn't be asking government to do that. The Grange consistently supports technology, and this resolution is anti-technology. Because of this, the committee unanimously voted to **Not Recommend** this resolution.

Resolution #7: Teaching Cursive Writing in Schools

Resolved, that the New Hampshire State Grange and the National Grange support mandating that all school curriculums in New Hampshire and the United States be required to include instruction of cursive script writing.

The committee discussed this resolution at length. The main problem we had was that it was making the teaching of cursive mandatory, despite the costs and the wishes of the school district. Rather than this rigid wording, we suggest that the Resolved section be amended to read 'Resolved, that the New Hampshire State Grange and the National Grange encourage school curriculums to offer cursive writing.

The committee unanimously **Recommends this resolution with amendment.**

Resolution #8: Retroactive Recognition of Disability by the Social Security Administration

Resolved, that the New Hampshire State Grange and the National Grange support requiring all Social Security disability benefit recipients to receive retroactive payments from the date that their valid evidence of disability was submitted to the Social Security Administration.

After discussion, the committee unanimously **Recommends** this Resolution.

Resolution #9: Student Dress Codes Promote Decorum in Schools

Resolved, that the New Hampshire State Grange support requiring all New Hampshire school districts to enforce modest and uniform dress codes, appropriate for all students of all ages, during times of regular instruction, in order to reduce distractions of inappropriate clothing worn by students.

After much discussion, the committee recommends amending the Resolved to read ‘Resolved, that the New Hampshire State Grange and the National Grange support schools having a dress code’.

The vote was 3 in favor of **Recommending with amendment** this Resolution, with one abstention.

Resolution #10: Taxpayer Preference for Public Funding for Public Schools in New Hampshire
Resolved, that the New Hampshire State Grange support state legislation to require all local property tax bills to be printed with a checkoff box that clearly indicates that the individual taxpayers may direct, by checking the box, that their portion of the statewide property tax assessment must be used only for funding traditional local schools and public school districts in New Hampshire.

This, as one can imagine, was debated at length. The resulting vote was 3 in favor of **Recommending** this Resolution, with one member voting against. (‘but not a strong no’)

Following the deadline, the following resolution was submitted. Despite this, our committee decided to vote on it prior to the session.

Mental Health Therapy for First Responders

Approved by Antrim Grange #98

Therefore, be it resolved, that the New Hampshire State Grange encourage all Law Enforcement Officers, First Responders, and Emergency Dispatchers be provided with regular Mental Health checks, as well as Mental health awareness and suicide prevention training.

Three of the four committee members responded, reflecting a quorum of the committee, and voted to **Recommend** this resolution.

In summary, it was a pleasure to read and debate these resolutions, and we want to congratulate everyone who submitted them to us for consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Chair, Resolutions Committee

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Worthy Grange family,

I’m pleased to report that while I wasn’t appreciative as it was happening, looking back, it seems that my second year as Secretary did, in fact, go more smoothly than the first.

I'm still terrible with email. Twice I skipped a day of checking and discovered the Executive Committee had finished voting on a motion before I realized it had been made. Interestingly, when I'm anxiously awaiting approval of my minutes, it can take them months to finalize a vote.

I still haven't had a successful membership award order with National Grange. It's possible I'm not only on a different page from the National Sales/Benefits Director but that we're working out of different bookcases.

I think there are invasive creatures that interfere with the data as it goes from local to State so that if I deep dive, the numbers never quite seem to match. Those same creatures may or may not be stealing communications, so that my follow-up questions go unanswered, payments aren't received and expensive mailings vanish. Stay tuned for a children's book about this phenomenon, or perhaps a custom stamp depicting these creatures, so you can keep an eye out.

However, I persevered! There are now 41 Granges that need quarterly packets, as Baker's River and Pine Grove Granges closed this year. Blazing Star and Wicwas Lake are still neck and neck for most members at 59 and 57 respectively. I filled orders for 28 membership awards, including 3 silver certificates, 4 golden sheaf, and 5 diamond certificates. (All achievements are impressive, but not all of them have fancy names.)

I think I've been slightly less high maintenance this year, but still need to voice some gratitude. My family puts up with the life and house disruption that comes with this job. My sister does lots of post office runs and the computer formatting I don't have patience for. She also tediously printed all the draft bylaws on Mom's color printer, which does *not* print double-sided, when I couldn't bear to drop \$1200 at Staples. Dan Bascom still makes sure I don't miss anything time-sensitive. And a special thank you to Watatic secretary Roberta Twiss. She's working hard to understand all the ins and outs of the office. As a notorious question-asker myself, I have a soft spot for others who aren't afraid to ask!

Last year I strongly encouraged you to reach out to the Grange friends you don't see regularly. I know in my Grange the number on the quarterly report doesn't match the attendance sheet. Let's make sure they know they're still part of the Grange family. At the credentials table you'll find notecards kindly donated by Hannah West. Please take one or more and send some Grange love!

The following membership award requests were fulfilled:

3~ 25 Year Silver Star Certificates: Lawrence Brandt of Wingold Grange #308, and Brian Twiss and Melissa Lynch of Watatic Grange #36.

5~ 30 Year Seals

4 ~ 35 Year Seals

1 ~ 45 Year Seals

4 ~ 50 Year Golden Sheaf Certificates: Gerald Leclerc of Hudson Grange #11, Daniel Bascom and Judy Bailey of Rochester Grange #86, and Esther Herrick of Concord Grange #322

1 ~ 55 Year Seals

1 ~ 60 Year Seals

1 ~ 65 Year Seals
3 ~ 70 Year Seals
5 ~ 75 Year Diamond Certificates

Betty Anderson
Richard Harding
Robert Glover
Donald Hartshorn
Rhoda Hardy

Crown Point Grange #65
Crown Point Grange #65
Watatic Grange #36
Concord Grange #322
Concord Grange #322

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange

SESSION COORDINATORS REPORT

Worthy Master, Worthy National Assistant Steward Hartley, State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to welcome you all back to the Lakes Region and The Margate on Winnepesaukee. As Session Coordinator I hope your stay here will be a pleasant and memorable one. Please take advantage of all the area has to offer during our downtime. Please visit the display room, spend some time looking at entries created by the many talented members, and maybe spend a little money at the silent auction tables as well. Be sure to stop by the Hospitality Room and enjoy some social time with fellow members.

2017 was the last time State Session was held here, Chris Heath was Master and National Master, Betsy Huber was our National Representative. The sixth degree was conferred on Theresa Avery, Esther Herrick, Debra Standley and 11 candidates.

During my report last year, I encouraged all in attendance to complete an evaluation form. I am pleased to report that I received 47 evaluations, the most I have ever received. Many of the responses were positive and expected. Most were in favor of the continuation of pre-registration format and the registration process at the credentials table. Received mixed responses regarding reports, the banquet and costs. One question was asking where to hold the 2024 Annual State Grange Session. The choices were West Lebanon or the Portsmouth area. By two votes the survey said West Lebanon. So why are we in the Lakes Region?

Well, it's a long story. Once the results of the votes from the evaluations were determined, I contacted the Fireside Inn & Suites in W. Lebanon only to find out that they were not available for either of the weekends that fall within the time frame governed by the By-laws. I looked for other facilities in the area and found nothing that would be able to accommodate us.

Having no luck in W. Lebanon, I began my search for a location in the Portsmouth area. Again, each facility I contacted couldn't accommodate us for the entire length of the session. I went back to the Holiday Inn Downtown Concord, but the room wasn't available either of the Fridays.

I made visits and phone calls to several facilities in Concord, Manchester and Nashua and was not able to secure a location.

In early April I made a call to the Margate on Winnepesaukee and was pleased to find that they could accommodate us for the session. I communicated with the Executive Committee, and they approved the contract which was signed and deposit was made. Now was time for planning the session. A walk through of the facility for the ones with room set up and food planning responsibilities was held.

I asked the hotel representative if there was any negotiation of the room rates and she informed me that we were being offered the winter rate and not the fall foliage rate. This troubled me knowing that many of our members would choose not to attend some or any of the session, due to the cost.

This year being an election year, and the presentation and vote on the proposed By-law changes it was felt that something needed to be done to encourage the members to attend. Again, I contacted the Executive Committee with this concern and asked for a meeting. The committee met to discuss what we could offer the members. After some suggestions and much discussion, it was voted favorably to pay \$75 per night per room for the 2024 session only. When you check out you will only be charged the discounted rate plus the taxes. If you are staying here at the Margate and I haven't spoken to you yet, please come and see me so that I can make sure you are on the Grange rooming list.

I am pleased to report that the contract has been signed and deposit made for the 2025 Annual State Grange Session. Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 16 to Saturday October 18, 2025. The Fireside Inn & Suites in W Lebanon will be our host. Rates and other information will be published in an issue of the Granite State Granger and will be sent to each Grange Secretary early in 2025.

In a typical year coordinating the Annual State Session is the only event I'm responsible for. However, last November, the State Master contacted me while she was at National session informing me that New Hampshire would be hosting the 2024 Northeast Region Leaders Conference. She asked if I would be willing to take care of this. My response was, as we say in NH "I'd be delighted".

Without any hesitation I called the Holiday Inn, Downtown Concord and was able to contract with them for January 12~14, 2024. Due to the short timeline for the event, registration forms, a tentative program and other information needed to be created and sent to each state in the region. I'm really amazed at how smoothly everything went. Those in attendance seemed to enjoy their stay and were very complimentary to their New Hampshire hosts. I, for one, was very happy to return home but would do it again if needed.

Some of you may have noticed that there is no evaluation form in your packets. I have spoken to the State Master and have requested a special committee be formed to look at our current format for the annual session. The committee will be charged with making suggestions and recommendations for sessions going forward and report back at the 2025 session. If you would

be interested in serving on this committee, please let me or the State Master know. A committee will be formed from the list.

Within the next month, each Grange will receive a questionnaire pertaining to State Session. It is my hope that each Grange participates. This will be strictly anonymous and will be explained in the letter that will be sent. Deputies and State Officers will be reminding and encouraging their assigned Granges to complete and return the form. I'm looking forward to hearing what ideas and suggestions you all have.

As I close this report, I would like to thank the Stewards, Graces and all those who set up the meeting space, court and display area. Many hands make light work, as well as those who assisted with the Leaders Conference. I would also like to thank the Worthy State Master for placing confidence in me to take charge of this responsibility and to the members of the State Executive Committee for granting my requests and working with me. To my fellow Grangers, thank you for attending this session and participating in the activities.

See you all, and hopefully more at the Fireside Inn & Suites, October 16~18, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc,
Session Coordinator

STATE GRANGE BUILDING MANAGER

This has not been the most eventful year ever for the State Grange Building. There were hopes that a groundskeeper would be on duty in the spring and summer... but then he was in a bike accident, so weeding and seeding was cancelled. Beth Merrill and Kathy Yardley came a couple of times with Kathy's weed-whacker to keep things from becoming a complete jungle. We'll try to do better next year.

Improvements to the building didn't include anything fancy (like the new furnace and air conditioning system that I told you about last year) but we did have a new outside outlet installed recently. I think the electrician did a great job and the work looks quite professional, but if anyone were to ask if I'd recommend him to others, I might have to warn them about his scheduling skills. After two attempts to contact him, I got a return email and arranged a day for him to come and put the outlet in. He hadn't given me a specific time window, but I had told him that I could be there anytime between 9am and 2pm while my kids were at school. I arrived at the building that day with a few bags of paperwork that I was supposed to go through at pretty close to 9am (many of you may know that I am not the most punctual person ever) and I listened to a podcast and I went through a whole bag of paperwork and I played a few games on my phone and eventually it was about 2:15 so I went home again. I e-mailed him to say that I hadn't seen him that day so I supposed we would need to reschedule. He said he'd completely forgotten, and we agreed on a new day for him to come. This time he told me he'd be there at 9am. I arrived at about ten past nine and didn't see any other cars, so I unlocked the building and

waited. At 10am I sent him an email asking if he was still coming. He wrote back to say that he was running late. He arrived around 10:30, observed that the building was made of brick and cement blocks and said “oh, I don’t have the tools for that with me” but we looked around and I showed him where everything was and he made a plan for where the outlet would go. We scheduled another day for him to come with the right tools for the mission. That time he arrived only an hour after the agreed upon time and actually sent me a message to say he was running late, so I figure he’s making progress. Once he was there, everything went quickly and smoothly and the new outlet was all set for use. It will be helpful to the groundskeeper to have an outside outlet but the main reason it was moved to the top of the list is due to Christmas lights. We have been participating in the Light Up the Village event in Hooksett for a couple of years now and having an outside outlet is very important if the alternative is to run an extension cord out a window or door when it is very cold outside. The heating system was not installed to heat the neighborhood. Someone professional is doing our lights this year so you’ll have to drive by and see them.

Other than the new outlet, the building was inspected last winter. At first the inspector said we would need to install a full fire alarm system as an upgrade to the eight smoke detectors he insisted we put in a couple of years ago. I got a quote on that which was alarmingly high (get it?) and would require a hefty yearly fee, but luckily Mark Collins has been on the planning board in his town and knows a thing or two about regulations. The inspector backed down quickly after I told him the Executive Committee needed to see the code he was referring to which required us to install the system. He said “Oh...uh... it was just a suggestion.” The fire extinguishers were also checked. The guy who scheduled the appointment with me to do that didn’t show up at the time I thought we had agreed upon, so I figured there had been miscommunication, and I came again on the alternate time and day he had offered. After an hour I called the company and once I had explained the scenario, the person on the other end of the phone said “Oh, I bet I know who that was.” I was then contacted the following Monday by the guy who had checked the extinguishers the past two years. Apparently, he had been transferred to another area, but had been called back to cover since the original guy that stood me up twice had put in for 40 hours of work the previous week but the company GPS in his truck showed he had only left his house in the truck for about three hours. He did not work there long.

We made a valiant attempt to fix the internet issues at the building by getting a T-Mobile Hot Spot. We cancelled the old internet service which was bundled with the phone. We saved ourselves a whopping \$5 a month on the phone bill. The internet does work better than it did, I believe, but not always. The general consensus is that the internet there may just be cursed.

Luckily, I like driving, have a very flexible schedule, and usually don’t plan anything more than a few minutes in advance, so I was generally amused by the wild goose chases that landed me at the State Grange Building repeatedly to meet (or not meet) various people. It all eventually

worked out. Beth Merrill continues to be the custodian, cleaning the building and checking on paper supplies and such. We still rent to the church on a regular basis, some Nepali groups on an irregular basis, and once in a while someone else (such as Norman Brandt's bird club). Various State Grange events were held at the building and the Crafty Ladies continue to meet there from Thursday through Saturday on a semi-monthly schedule.

Upcoming projects include hopefully finally doing something about the floor, hopefully finally having a groundskeeper, and hopefully painting the building, particularly the back where new boards were added when they installed the new chimney a few years ago. We'll see how it goes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Boisvert
State Grange Building Manager

TREASURER REPORT

Worthy Master Tricia Taylor, National Reps. Walter & Danielle Hartley, Fellow Officers, Brothers & Sisters All:

2024 Kim and I started the year by checking off a big item on our bucket list, our 111-day world cruise. We left Ft. Lauderdale on Jan. 4th and returned on April 25th. Visiting 21 countries and 40 ports of call. Went thru the Panama Canal, up west coast of Central America, LA to Hawaii, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Africa, Canary Islands, Morocco, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Greece, France, Portugal and Bermuda. When we reached Australia, our trip got changed. We were supposed to go thru Suez Canal, bBut due to the war the cruise line took a safer route. We lost eight ports of call but were well compensated for it. Americans were very well received at each port. My most favorite port was Pompei.

Back to reality, we arrived in Ft Lauderdale on Thursday April 25th. Closed our Florida home and we were on the road early Sunday morning, arriving in Maine on Monday April 29th. Just in time for Rochester Grange, Oddfellow, Masonic and executive meetings. I continue to serve as deputy in the north country. Beth and Arthur met up with us at Stratford Grange and spent a couple of nights at our cottage. We joined Arthur on his spring deputy visit to Mohawk Grange. I also agreed to take on one more Grange as deputy and visited three out of my four Granges. One has not met for a year and a half.

As for Treasurer's work, when I became Treasurer in 2013, the State Grange accounts were in a downward spiral. We had been taking large amounts from our investments just to balance the budget. Expenses were out of control. The executive committee took a hard look at the budget and instituted many changes. The stipend to Treasurer and Secretary were reduced greatly (both were accepted by then Secretary Jerry Leclerc and me). I would like to share with you four of our major accounts.

	<u>In 2013</u>	<u>In 2024</u>
<u>Operating Account</u>	\$158,944.15	\$280,766.17
an increase of \$121,822.02		

<u>Educational Loan Fund</u>	\$130,629.65	\$211,168.68
an increase of \$80,539.03		
<u>Randall Richardson Youth Fund</u>	\$21,872.42	\$43,800.00
an increase of \$21,927.58		
<u>NH State Grange Trust Fund</u>	\$55,711.19	\$98,609.38
an increase of \$42,898.19		

These 2024 totals do not include any amounts withdrawn from the accounts over the last ten years. “I - no we” owe a big thanks to the executive committee for their due diligence in managing our accounts and invested funds.

So, with that in mind I have suggested some changes in the budget due to inflation and such. An increase in two of the officer’s stipends. These will be presented in the budget on Saturday. 2024 has been very good for us, our investments have increased nicely. Any Grange having escrow accounts please see me later as I have printouts on each account.

I also serve as Treasurer of the Trust Funds. This is a very underused fund. We only had one applicant last year and none the year before. I am very surprised that during and since Covid we have had so few applicants. These funds are there to assist our NH brothers and sisters in need. In the past, funds have been used for medical bills, heating assistance, home repairs, etc. Your information is kept in strict confidence. Please help get the information out to those who might need it.

On a different note, NH State Grange, by vote of the Executive Committee, sent a \$1,000 donation to the North Carolina Disaster Relief fund to help NC Grangers recover from Hurricane Helene.

The Educational Loan Account is another underused fund. There is money there to help Grangers and family members with their education -not just with loans but with scholarships as well. See anyone on the Grange Services committee for information.

I have completed all the 990N e-postcards. You will find them in your packets.

Bonding continues to be a problem as many Granges paid late with one still not paid for last year and this year is now due. The State Secretary and I both have a list of what each Grange should pay based on last year’s deputy reports. Please take note as all bonding fees have increased. The minimum payment is now \$53.00.

In 2025, the incorporation fee (\$25.00) is due to the NH Corporate Division. This is due every five years. Notices are sent out by the corporate division to the secretary listed five years ago. If your secretary has changed since, then you may not receive one. Paying this keeps each Grange listed as a non-profit with the State of New Hampshire. If you ever try to change a bank account, most banks now require this before issuing an account. I will try to keep tabs on their website to make sure each Grange is up to date. All Granges are presently current except one. Both the bonding and incorporation are required by our by-laws.

This past week I dropped off the tax info to our accountant. It has taken me about one full week to compile all the information. The information for the Journal of Proceedings is ready for the Secretary as soon as the budget is passed. Another item checked off my list.

I would also like to pass on kudos to Pat Bailey and Patrice Lawlor for their excellent work with the GSG. Thank you for keeping within the budget. Finally, I would like to thank Anne Boisvert for all her help as assistant Treasurer during our world cruise. She handled the few glitches we had very efficiently and quickly. Thanks, Anne. To Mary it is such a pleasure working with you, thank you for all you do. Kim thanks for holding my hand throughout. Retirement is so much better with you.

Fraternally,
Daniel P Bascom, Treasurer
New Hampshire State Grange

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No report submitted

WEBMASTER REPORT

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

Another year in the Grange has ended and as the new starts our organization is moving forward. This past year has had the same challenges that I have faced in the past but the future's looking brighter. I apologize that I still have not finished the Grange pages that I promised last year. Maybe with the upcoming changes to roles in the Grange I will have more time to get it completed and added to the website. One of the issues that I would like to go over and explain to those of you who have @nhgrange.org email accounts. Each officer and committee director has an email address for the @nhgrange.org which is forwarded to their personal email address. This works great for getting important emails but doesn't remove the emails from the @nhgrange.org email account. For officers and directors that don't get a lot of email, this is no problem but for officers that get many communications from their counterparts, the mailbox can fill up quickly. How many of you have received an email saying that you are reaching your quota? How many of you know what this is and how to fix it? The standard size limit of the mailbox for all users is set to 250MB by default. When the quota gets close, the system emails the user. Unfortunately, when the mailbox reaches its quota, the user must clear out some of the messages to lower the storage being used. In order to complete this step you must log into the webmail interface and clean out the mailbox. Here is how the email user can log into the system and clear it out.

1. Open a browser and navigate to <https://web218.dnchosting.com:2096/logout/?locale=en>
2. At the login screen enter your email address @nhgrange.org and the default password ConfidentPatrons1!

3. Next you will arrive at a landing page where you have control over your email account.
4. Here you can change your password, set up auto responses, filter emails and many other things.
5. To access your email platform, click on the “Blue” open button near the top of the page.
6. Here you have the full function of the web client and can read, move, delete and compose and send emails.
7. To logout out of the mailbox, click on the logout button in the lower left corner.

As your webmaster for the past year, I have tried my best to keep the website up to date and relevant for what has been happening throughout the year. I want to thank each and every person who has provided positive comments that have been passed along and sent in corrections for the website. I have done what I can to make sure that the information provided was posted. I also answered emails from members and non-members looking for more information like what Granges are near me and where I can find this or that.

Parting is such sweet sorrow but I have great expectations for the future of our organization. I would like to announce that I am stepping down as the webmaster for the New Hampshire State Grange. When I was writing this report, I thought back to how many years I have been involved, in one way or another with the State Grange website. I can remember when we first added a website to our tools and the growing pains we have experienced through this process. I would like to announce that your new webmaster is none other than our State Secretary Mary West. She volunteered to take over the responsibility of the website. Not only because she is the State Secretary and receives almost all communications for activities, but also because she has a passion to make some changes and improvements to the site.

So long gone are the days of you hearing me say that we need the information to put on the website or give the address for the webmaster a dozen times in my report. Moving forward, please reach out to Mary for concerns or information that needs to be updated or added to the website. I will be here to help her in the transition and educate her in any aspects of the position that she needs assistance with.

Thank you Worthy State Master for the opportunity to serve the organization in this capacity. Thank you to those members who have provided information and corrections to update the website over the years. I also want to thank all who pointed out things that were wrong or missing. I personally want to thank everyone who has had a part in the website throughout the years. Their hard work and dedication to organization and the webmaster job has made a difference for all our members.

Respectfully,

Chris Heath
NH State Grange Webmaster

YOUTH REPORT

I want to thank everyone who helped me this past year, as well as everyone that showed up for youth events. It was not as great a year as I was hoping, but your support gives me hope that next year could be better.

I want to give a special thanks to Kevin (and Mary), Roberta (and Brian), Emilie, Tiffani, Joanne, Rachel, and Lynn. You were all willing to join my committee, and your help was invaluable in making all these events happen this past year. I also want to thank Tricia with trusting me with this challenge. I hope that I have lived up to her expectations.

I met with this amazing team last December to collect ideas, and start planning events for the upcoming year. Many great ideas were discussed, and we did our best to pick the best from them to move forward with during the year.

In January, I attended the Northeast Leader's Conference. There I met with many of the youth directors (or representatives) from the region, and we began planning the Northeast Youth Conference. New York agreed to host the event, and details were worked out during several Zoom meetings that followed over the next couple of months.

February brought us the Winter Youth Rally where 30 of us gathered at the State Grange building for some fun and fellowship. In addition to the traditional Grange Knowledge Test, we also had workshops that included sign language, herb gardens, and origami. Attendees had a great time and enjoyed a delicious taco dinner. As we had very few actual youth members present, we reviewed the answers to the Grange Knowledge Test in lieu of holding a meeting.

Later in February, 15 of us journeyed west, and enjoyed the hospitality offered by Mark and Diane Collins. We were welcomed into their home, and spent the evening enjoying good company, food, and a moonlit walk around their property. In addition to the beautiful location, there were a few man-made wonders to marvel at as well.

In April, we held a Youth Day. This began with 14 of us visiting the Highway View Farm to learn how robots can be used on a dairy farm. It was a fascinating experience, and I wish more people had been able to join us. We followed up the farm visit with an afternoon of board games at the State Grange building, where some of the farm visitors were joined by a few latecomers. We opened with Half-Truth, a fun trivia game, and then moved onto many other games that included rolling dice and pigs. Later that evening, a dozen bowlers met up at Boutwell's in Concord for some Glow Bowling. We set up one of the lanes with bumpers for some extra fun, and a good time was had by all.

In June we combined the Youth Rally with our mini golf tournament. Five members showed up ready to play at Chuckster's in Hooksett. Arthur Merrill had a strong start to our first round, and despite Tricia and Blaze each picking up a hole-in-one, none were able to catch him. My only standout moment was sinking the putt on the 19th hole, and thus winning a free round of golf. Emboldened by this success, I took an early lead when Arthur and Blaze joined me for a second

round. It didn't last long, though, and Arthur once again came out on top. Technically the winner of our golf tournament is Blaze, though, because he outscored all the other youth present.

We had no entries in the Sign a Song or Public Speaking contests this year. To fill some time, we broke out Half-Truth again. This was clearly a good day to be Arthur, as he was able to claim victory once again.

This year we tried to encourage some form of public speaking by holding a "Seuss Off". Participants read as much of a Dr. Seuss book as they could with a 5-minute time limit (completing the book was not expected). Thank you to Kevin and Mary for providing a selection of books to choose from. We set up 3 categories, the first of which was for participants who had prepared ahead of time. Kevin and Mary faced off, and the judges were unable to decide on a winner, as they both brought their respective books to life in a different but delightful way. The tie satisfied both contestants, though. The second category was for juniors, and Xander did a wonderful job, and was crowned the winner as the other juniors present declined to participate. The third category was for the unprepared. We had two volunteers who stepped up to the challenge. Hannah gave us a great reading from a lesser-known Seuss book, but Roberta stole the show when she made a hasty decision to give us a spirited reading of One Fish Two Fish.

The Northeastern Youth Conference was held in July, but I was unable to go as multiple family obligations popped up that weekend. Due to low registrations, the event was moved to a smaller venue, but I heard from those who did attend that a great time was had by all attendees.

I am hoping for greater youth participation next year. I know not everyone has the option, but I would love to see those of you that can, take a page out of Tricia's playbook by bringing your (grand)children with you. We all know they'll have a good time.

Fraternally,
Andrew Savage
Youth Chair

**New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2023 – Holiday Inn, Concord, NH**

Present: Tricia J. Taylor, Robert Haefner, Daniel Bascom, Beth Merrill, Arthur Merrill, Jerry Leclerc, Lester Gibbs, Anne Boisvert, Mary West

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 pm by Chairman Arthur Merrill.

Motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Tricia Taylor to appoint Arthur Merrill as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Vote in the affirmative.

Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Tricia Taylor to appoint Mary West as Secretary of the Executive Committee. Vote in the affirmative.

There was brief discussion of the October 21 meeting minutes, but no approval.

Next meeting will be December 9 at 9:30 am. Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee

**New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
December 9, 2023 - State Grange Building**

Committee members present: Mary West, Beth Merrill, Anne Boisvert, Tricia Taylor, Jerry Leclerc, Lester Gibbs, and Arthur Merrill.

The following email votes took place:

- Motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Beth Merrill that Light Up the Village be allowed to have a firepit at the State Grange building during their event on December 1. Motion declared passed on November 28 with 5 affirmative votes.
- Motion was made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Tricia Taylor that NH State Grange pay the hotel deposit for Northeast Leader's Conference. Motion declared passed on December 1 with 5 affirmative votes.

The meeting was called to order at 9:52 am by Chairman Arthur Merrill.

A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Beth Merrill to approve the minutes of the Oct. 21 meeting. It was a vote in the affirmative. A motion was made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the minutes of Saturday's session. It was a vote in the affirmative. A motion was made by Lester Gibbs and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the minutes of the Oct. 28 meeting. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Master's Report: Tricia Taylor thanked everyone for all they did during State Session and asked for feedback. Arthur mentioned that the credentials and Master's address committee should be appointed by September 1. She announced that Christine Hamp is our new National Master, so she expects many changes. She found chairing a committee at National both interesting and educational. There were 24 from NH present at National Session. We were well represented Saturday night at the evening of excellence and had one candidate take the 6th degree in Niagara, and 5 take the 7th degree. We'll be in Iowa in 2024. The traveling gavel has been to Harmony Grange and is still traveling, with seven Granges left to visit. Arlington, Antrim, Chichester, Walpole, and Watatic Granges will be receiving blue ribbons for a 2022-2023 total membership gain. Blazing Star, Centennial, Chichester, Hudson, Rochester, Rockingham and Wingold, Granges with a Junior +1, will receive red ribbons. The Northeast Connection is excited that Leader's Conference will be held this year, on January 12-14 in NH. Our theme is Cultural

Reconnection with the intent of providing a chance to meet with our counterparts and work towards reuniting our states with events. We have allowed for plenty of meet and greet, planning, and scheduling time. The Northeast Connection will pay for the ballroom where we will hold our common time and the workshops.

Session Coordinator: The Fireside Inn in West Lebanon is not available for State Session Oct. 24-27. The Hilton Garden Inn in Portsmouth is a possibility, as is a location in Bartlett and the Grappone Center in Concord. We paid the deposit for Northeast Leader's Conference at the Holiday Inn in Concord, but will be reimbursed from the Northeast Connection. We will open the 2024 session Thursday evening at 7:30pm, conduct the sixth degree on Friday night, elect officers on Saturday and install them on Sunday.

After a recess for auditing books, the meeting reconvened at 11:35 am.

New Business: Anne Boisvert presented a plowing quote, which is based on quantity of snow received. The committee felt more quotes should be solicited. Beth will reach out to her Hooksett contacts.

We will dispose of any trophies stored at the State Grange building that are no longer needed. A motion was made by Mary West and seconded by Beth Merrill that we reach out to the steward of Concord Grange and ask that they retrieve their regalia, which is currently stored at the State Grange building. It was a vote in the affirmative. The museum room needs an intervention with better storage options.

A motion was made by Mary West and seconded by Beth Merrill to put an ad in the GSG to see if anyone has the technology and know-how to convert the State Session VHS tapes to DVDs. It was a vote in the affirmative.

We adjourned for lunch at 12pm. We reconvened at 1:40pm.

Unfinished Business: Mary West opened a T-mobile account for the internet tower, which should be delivered on Tuesday. We'll set up a guest wifi password to be given out. Anne Boisvert was advised by the Hooksett fire captain that the suggested fire alarm system was a recommendation not a requirement. We should have an auto-close on the back door. Tiffani Price is looking into the problems with the State Grange building floor.

Motion to adjourn made by Mary West and seconded by Tricia Taylor. It was a vote in the affirmative. Meeting closed at 2:03 pm.

The next meeting will be Friday, March 29, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee

**New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
April 13, 2024 - State Grange Building**

Committee members present: Arthur and Beth Merrill, Mary West, Lester Gibbs, Jerry Leclerc, and Anne Boisvert. Tricia Taylor joined via phone due to illness.

The following email votes took place:

- Motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Anne Boisvert to approve the December 9 minutes. Motion declared passed on December 17 with 5 affirmative votes.
- Motion was made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Bob Haefner that we solicit Paul Lachance to continue plowing the State Grange building lot in 2024. Motion declared passed on January 4, with 4 affirmative votes.
- Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Jerry Leclerc that the Executive Committee (1) authorize the State Secretary to send the organizers of the NH Preservation Alliance's Old House and Barn Expo either the address list or pre-printed labels of each Grange Secretary (only) so they can mail each Grange a promotional postcard, thus making us an organizational sponsor and (2) donate \$100 to cover that cost. Motion declared passed on February 7, with 4 affirmative votes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman Arthur Merrill.

Master's Report: Tricia Taylor reported that Northeast Leadership Conference went well. It was better attended than the National Leadership Conference held in Myrtle Beach, in February. The 2025 National Grange Convention will be eight days, held on a cruise ship. There will be no Evening of Excellence in 2024. Each State Master has been assigned to a convention committee so they can meet ahead of this year's convention to review current policies. Tricia is on the Education and Health Committee, with Mark Gibbons as chair. NH's Junior and youth rallies seemed to have more attendees than usual. The Membership and Agriculture Committees did an excellent job representing Grange at the NH Preservation Alliance's Old House and Barn Expo. Everything with the Affordable Connectivity Program is on hold, but she is hopeful Congress will opt to fund the program again. National Grange would like each state to come up with a mission statement and S.M.A.R.T. goals. She's looking forward to completing the traveling gavel visits in warmer weather. The By-laws Committee will be meeting at the State Grange building (SGB) in May.

Secretary's Report: Blazing Star, Dorchester, Pine Grove, and Mascoma Valley Pomona Granges have not yet paid their fourth quarter dues, and thus haven't received the 2024 password. Stratford Grange has reported some struggles. Tuftonboro now has only 12 members.

Motion made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Lester Gibbs that we accept the reports of the Master and Secretary. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Treasurer's Report: We reviewed the current income and expense reports. It appears that the sesquicentennial expenses should include \$90.00 for banquet tickets for the logo designers. A motion was made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the Treasurer's report. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Session Coordinator: Jerry reported that we have a proposed date and location for State Session, but have not yet been able to obtain a contract to sign.

Unfinished Business: Mary will send a new lease agreement to Liberty Bible Baptist Church. Motion made by Jerry Leclerc and second by Anne Boisvert that the Secretary endeavor to cancel our internet service with Consolidated Communications. The current internet through T-Mobile has a limit of 20 connections. Northeast Connection needs to be invoiced for the meeting room of Northeast Leader's Conference. Concord Grange no longer wants the regalia stored in the museum room. We've received two responses about the VHS conversions.

New Business: Northeast Connection met last weekend. Northeast Lecturer's Conference is coming up June 21-23, in Connecticut, Northeast Youth Conference will be July 20 and Go to Church Weekend July 27, in Vermont. Matt and Lynn Clark are now on the National Youth Team. Lester Gibbs has been asked to serve on the National Historic Team. Jerry Leclerc will be starting yard maintenance at the State Grange building. He will also look into obtaining a new floor mat for the back door of the State Grange building. The State Historian has received information requests from Boston University, the Town of Deering and Harmony Grange.

Task List: Tricia Taylor will follow up with Tiffani Price on SGB floor repair and Mark Collins on the policy manual. The building manager will look into having an outside electrical outlet installed. Jerry Leclerc will research paint options for the building.

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 3, at 4pm – potluck.

Motion to adjourn made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Anne Boisvert. It was a vote in the affirmative. Meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee

**New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
May 10, 2024 - State Grange Building**

Committee members present: Tricia Taylor, Arthur and Beth Merrill, Mary West, Lester Gibbs, Jerry Leclerc, Dan Bascom and Anne Boisvert.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman Arthur Merrill.

A motion was made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the minutes of the April 13 meeting. It was a vote in the affirmative.

New Business: The room rates for the 151st annual state session range from \$179-\$249 + tax/night. Facts: The suggestion to discount \$75/room/night last year would have cost \$3825. We do not have a minimum room usage as part of our contract.

A motion was made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Lester Gibbs that every room rented at the Margate during State Session, Thurs., Friday, or Saturday, be reimbursed \$75.00 per night. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 2.

A motion was made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Lester Gibbs to charge \$35 per person for the banquet. There was discussion of adding entertainment to the banquet. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1.

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 3, at 4pm – potluck.

Motion to adjourn made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Tricia Taylor. It was a vote in the affirmative. Meeting closed at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee

**New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
August 3, 2024 - State Grange Building**

Committee members present: Tricia Taylor, Arthur and Beth Merrill, Mary West, Lester Gibbs, Dan Bascom and Anne Boisvert.

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 pm by Chairman Arthur Merrill. We then immediately recessed for a delicious potluck supper and reconvened at 4:59 pm.

The following email votes took place prior to this meeting:

- Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the minutes of the May 10 meeting. Motion declared passed on June 18.
- Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Tricia Taylor to keep the landline at the State Grange building but cancel the extra features of the plan. Motion declared passed on July 23 with four votes in favor and one opposed.

Secretary's Report: Blazing Star, Blow Me Down, Dorchester, Lake Shore, Mt Pistareen, Pine Grove, Wingold, Mascoma Valley Pomona and Pemi Valley Pomona have yet to submit their second quarter reports. Mary is still following up on Granges reporting fewer than 13 members, but Tuftonboro Grange is now off that list. The savings for changing our phone plan with

Consolidated Communications will only be \$5.00/month since taxes weren't included in the quote we'd received. Committee members opted to proceed with the July 23 motion.

Treasurer's Report: Danny reached out to ten Granges who had not yet paid bonding. Motion made by Lester Gibbs and seconded by Beth Merrill that we approve the oil pre-buy again. It was a vote in the affirmative. The second quarter expense and income reports match well with the proposed budget.

Motion made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Beth Merrill to approve both the Secretary and Treasurer's reports. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Master's Report: Grafton County Pomona's charter and Baker's River's roll book are now in the museum room. Baker's River Grange will close effective September 30. Cleanout of their hall is progressing. It was suggested that we post details of a yard sale on the Grange Grapevine. We're told we need to have a new client meeting with Attorney Carl W. Potvin before we can utilize his services regarding Baker's River's land and hall. Currently the first available appointment is in October. Danny will try to set up a meeting ASAP.

Pemigewasset Valley Pomona Grange is meeting August 17 at 3pm at Blazing Star Grange Hall to discuss closure. If they close effective Sept. 30, their members would likely transfer to Suncook Valley Pomona Grange.

Blow-Me-Down Grange has requested that we assist them in obtaining access to Meriden Grange Hall. Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mary West that the State Master grant the request of Blow-Me-Down Grange to issue an edict, affixed with the embossed State Grange seal directing the former Master of Meriden Grange to provide the keys of the Meriden Grange Hall to the Master of Blow -Me-Down Grange within 10 days of receipt. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Pine Grove Grange #298 is officially closed effective today.

The agenda for State Grange session is being finalized and will be sent to subordinate Masters and Secretaries. National Assistant Steward Walter Hartley will be our honored guest.

Tricia attended Antrim Grange's 3rd degree, the Northeast Youth Conference and the State Grange youth rally. The Freedom gavel went to Dorchester. We're still looking for someone to take over management of Family Weekend.

Motion made by Lester Gibbs and seconded by Anne Boisvert to accept the Master's report. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Unfinished Business: Kathy Yardley and Beth Merrill spent some time weed whacking the yard during a June visit to the State Grange building.

New Business: It was suggested that there be a resolution regarding inclusion of signing the roll book in the Secretary's part of the obligation ceremony.

Light Up the Village has notified us that there is matching funding available if we want to have the professional lighting for the State Grange building. It would be a 90-day lease of the lights, which the company will set up and take down. In the proposal, we would pay \$1000 and they would pay \$1000. We still need to install an outdoor outlet. Motion made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Lester Gibbs to pay the matching funds up to \$1000 to have the State Grange building professionally lit for Light up the Village. It was a vote in the affirmative. We are seeking ideas of what to do inside the building as a draw. Lester offered a few Christmas village

display options.

The proposed income and expense budgets were reviewed.

We need to ponder replacing Mark Collins on the Morgan Stanley accounts.

Next meeting: **October 19 at 10am** at the State Grange building. The Secretary and Treasurer's books will be audited at this meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Mary West and seconded by Tricia Taylor and Beth Merrill. It was a vote in the affirmative. Meeting closed at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee

**New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
October 19, 2024 - State Grange Building**

Committee members present: Tricia Taylor, Arthur and Beth Merrill, Mary West, Lester Gibbs, Dan Bascom, Jerry Leclerc, Bob Haefner, and Anne Boisvert.

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

The following email votes took place prior to this meeting:

- Motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Anne Boisvert to approve the minutes of the August 3 meeting. It was a vote in the affirmative.
- Motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Lester Gibbs to place a resolution drafted by Massachusetts Grange Sunrise Pomona #9 on the agenda for State Session. It was a vote in the affirmative with four in favor.
- A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Beth Merrill to donate \$1000 to the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund using moneys from the defunct Grange account. It was a vote in the affirmative with five in favor.

Master's Report: Rumor has it that the man who owns the land that Baker's River Grange Hall sits on is interested in the building. Tricia is looking to get in touch with him. Cleanout of the former Meriden Grange Hall is progressing. Pemigewasset Valley Pomona met in August and voted not to close. They need to elect a new Master, Secretary and Treasurer. They will meet in conjunction with Wicwas Lake Grange.

Treasurer's Report: Income and expense reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Bob Haefner to approve the income/expense reports as presented. It was a vote in the affirmative. The tax info is ready for the CPA. Dorchester and Pemi Valley Pomona Granges are the only Granges who have not yet paid 2024 bonding. State Grange is due for an independent audit for bonding, which Danny will look into. The incorporation fees to the State of NH are due in 2025. Blow-Me-Down Grange is still behind one year for incorporation. We'll ask the deputies to check in with their Granges about receiving incorporation invoices from the State

of NH. Danny has created a document with estimated bonding for each Grange for billing purposes, as needed. A motion was made by Jerry Leclerc and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the Treasurer's report. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Secretary's Report: Dorchester, Mascoma Valley Pomona and Pemi Valley Pomona have not submitted their second quarter reports, so they will not be able to send delegates to State Session. Mary will work, once again, to rework the membership award process. She suspects there will be fewer attendees at this year's annual session based on pre-registration. A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Secretary's report. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Session Coordinator's Report: The 2025 annual session contract has been approved for The Fireside Inn in West Lebanon, October 16-19. There are 22 rooms booked for the 2024 session. The room payments covered by the State Grange will be added to our hotel bill rather than having to reimburse individuals. Jerry proposed a study committee for next year to research how we can improve the annual session. He plans to send an anonymous conference survey to Granges after session. There was discussion of multi-year contracts and other hotel options for future years.

Unfinished Business: The meeting with our new lawyer Carl Potvin went well. The new outside outlet has been installed at the State Grange building. The deposit was made for professional lighting of the building for Light Up the Village. We still need to decide on how to use the building for Light Up the Village. Beth suggested a committee to make that decision. We reviewed the grant application for the vaccine clinic at the Big E.

New Business: Aurora Grange is concerned now that they have dropped to 14 members. A group in Sandwich reached out about opening a Grange. Danny followed up, but it turned out their intentions were not pure. Mt. Livermore and Lake Shore Granges are not meeting regularly. A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Beth Merrill that we withhold the escrow funds for Mt. Livermore and Lake Shore Granges pending proof that they are meeting regularly. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Beth shared that Lois Enman asked if there could be a memorabilia item for the 150th State Grange anniversary after the fact.

A motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Bob Haefner that Leroy Watson be our second delegate to National Grange. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Budget: The operating account has increased significantly due to an increase from invested funds. After much review and five changes, a motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Beth Merrill to approve the proposed budgets. It was a vote in the affirmative.

Next meeting: At the call of the chair

Motion to adjourn made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mary West. It was a vote in the affirmative. Meeting closed at 12:45 pm.

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

NH GRANGE FOUNDATION MEETING

Minutes of the NH State Grange Foundation - Annual Meeting
October 24, 2024 - Margate Resort, Laconia, NH and via Zoom

Present: (In person) Jim Tetreault, President; Andrew Savage, Treasurer; Tara Sad, Secretary, Jozi Best (via Zoom) John Porter, Josh Marshall
Pres. Tetreault welcomed the board at 7:00 pm

Approval of Secretary's Report

Sec. Tara Sad had distributed the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting, as well as the two winter/spring meetings held in 2024. John Porter had a change to be made – in the list of scholarship recipients, in the April minutes, it said the individual scholarships awarded were \$5,000 each. The correct amount was \$3,000 each. The change will be corrected. Jozi Best moved and Andrew Savage seconded a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as amended (amended minutes attached). The resulting vote was unanimous in favor. The Grange Delegates voted unanimously in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treas. Andrew Savage reported on the state of the Foundation accounts.
As of the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2024)

The Morgan Stanley Account had \$115,547.01

Provident Bank Checking Account \$2,735.10

Funds being held on behalf of Antrim Grange - \$460.00

Five scholarships were awarded, totaling \$15,000.00

Tara Sad moved and Bob Haefner seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, and the resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

The Grange Delegates voted unanimously in favor.

Elections of Directors

Bob Haefner presented the following slate of directors for approval.

Jim Tetreault – 3 year term

Jozi Best – 3 year term

Tara Sad moved and Andrew Savage seconded the motion to approve the slate. The resulting vote was unanimously approved.

The Grange Delegates voted in favor unanimously as well.

Bob Haefner reported that we lost two board members this year – Dave Babson passed away earlier this year. We will miss him, his humor and his devotion to agriculture in the state. We have opted not to replace him.

Gail McWilliam Jellie has opted not to renew her term. Leroy Watson has agreed to serve as a board member for a 3 year term.

Bob Haefner moved and Jozi Best seconded the election of Leroy Watson as board member for a three year term. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

The Delegates of the NH State Grange voted unanimously in favor.

Election of Officers

The following officers were submitted for approval

Jim Tetreault, President
John Porter, Vice President
Andrew Savage, Treasurer
Tara Sad, Secretary

Bob Haefner moved and Jozi Best 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

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

This year we approved five scholarships, in the total amount of \$15,000.00 if you are looking for educational opportunity the Grange Foundation's requirements are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

We held a total of 3 regular meetings via zoom and our annual meeting which is always in person.

We were saddened this year with the unexpected death of long-time board member Dave Babson, he was a strong advocate for education and the work of the foundation. He was also a great resource when it came to agriculture in Carroll County. Dave will be missed not only for his advocacy of Agriculture and education, but his sense of humor and sense of being a total gentleman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Tetreault, NH Grange Foundation President

Tara Sad moved and Jozi Best seconded a motion to accept the President's Report as submitted. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

The Grange Delegates voted unanimously in favor.

Date of Next Meeting

John Porter offered that the meeting we had in January and the two in April worked well for the review and awarding of scholarships last year, he moved and Bob Haefner seconded approval for scheduling the 2025 meetings for January 21st, a date in April prior to the 15th, and discussion it was decided that the next meeting of the State Grange Foundation Board be **Tuesday, January 21st, 2025, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.** (Tara will distribute the zoom link soon) **John Porter then moved to have a meeting to review the scholarship applications in April prior to the 15th, and schedule the awarding of scholarships for April 29th.**

John Porter moved and Bob Haefner seconded the motion for scheduling of the 2025 meetings, and the resulting vote was unanimously in favor.

The Grange Delegates voted unanimously in favor.

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 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Secretary

New Hampshire State Grange Expense Budget 2024-2025

	Proposed 2023-24	Actual 2023-24	Proposed 2024-2025
Accounting Services	2,100.00	2,295.00	2,400.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	2,500.00	2,453.00	2,378.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	179.00	179.00	185.00
Defunct Grange Account		181.83	0.00
Department Expenses			
Agriculture	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family & Community Services	750.00	750.00	750.00
Grange Services	300.00	300.00	150.00
Lecturer	600.00	600.00	600.00
Legislative	350.00	350.00	350.00
Membership	1,000.00	1,000.00	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	2,500.00	1,704.79	2,500.00
Dues-National Grange	11,000.00	11,011.00	10,700.00

<i>Family Weekend</i>	200.00	0.00	200.00
General Deputy Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	5,000.00	2,927.24	5,000.00
Legal Fees	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	100.00	55,728.99	100.00
National Session Assessment	925.00	888.00	875.00
National Session NEC	900.00	0.00	900.00
Office Equipment	500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Officer Expenses			
Master's Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00
Secretary Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Treasurer Expenses	600.00	595.00	600.00
Asst Sec./Treas.			500.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	2,250.00	672.07	2,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees- National	25.00	0.00	25.00
Spring Fling	350.00	0.00	350.00
State Grange Insurance	1,900.00	1,742.00	1,800.00
State Grange Building	15,000.00	8,540.09	10,000.00
S G Building Grounds Keeper	585.00	0.00	585.00
Other Grange Hall Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00
State Session	5,000.00	5,077.38	9,000.00
State Session Deposit	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
State Session Sound System	200.00	0.00	200.00
Supply		0.00	0.00
Website	600.00	500.00	400.00
Totals	64,914.00	104,795.39	68,048.00
		-49,508.51	
misc - Nat Gr travel, new flags,		55,286.88	
bk chg, Arlington			
Defunct - Northern NH			
State Gr Building-new furnace			
Deputy Ex - increase to .50/mile			

**New Hampshire State Grange Income Budget
2024-2025**

	Proposed 2023-2024	Actual 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025
<u>Invested Funds</u>			
Income	12,979.43	12,979.44	12,561.94
Withdrawals from Principal	0.00	0.00	0.00

Defunct Grange Accounts	8,255.94	8,255.94	14,016.32
Defunct Grange Accounts - withdrawals	0	181.82	0.00
Investment Management-Escrows	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Uncashed checks		775.00	
<u>Other Budget Income</u>			
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	2,500.00	2,061.00	2,378.00
Dues & Fees	24,500.00	25,078.60	24,000.00
Family Weekend	200.00	0.00	200.00
Granite State Granger Donations	50.00	50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous		59,529.87	0.00
Operations - Fund Raising	1,000.00	479.00	1,500.00
Sixth Degree Fees	50.00	40.00	50.00
Spring Fling	350.00	0.00	350.00
State Grange Building Fund Donations	100.00	299.00	250.00
State Grange Building Use	8,500.00	8,350.00	8,500.00
State Session	5,000.00	2,295.00	3,000.00
Supply		485.50	0.00
Total	64,685.37	120,860.17	68,056.26
Arlington		-53,000.00	
		67,860.17	

Misc - Arlington

Exhibit B: NH State Grange Income Annual Summary 2023-2024

Operating account	13,161.26
Withdrawals from Principal	
Defunct Grange Account	
Investment Management	0.00
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	
Donations	
Dues & Fees	25,078.60
Family Weekend	0.00
Granite State Granger Donations	
NE Leader's Conference	5,125.00
Miscellaneous	59,529.87
National Session 2023	
Sesquicentennial	250.00
Operations - Fund Raising	
Sixth Degree Fees	40.00
Spring Fling	0.00
State Grange Building Donations	
State Grange Building Use	
State Session	

Supply Department
Trust

Total Income

125,818.17

Exhibit C - New Hampshire State Grange Expenses 2023-2024

Date	Paid To	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/10/2023	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	124.78
10/17/2023	Morgan Stanley	Escrow	3560	49,326.68
10/21/2023	Arlington Grange	sale of building	3561	2,000.00
6/4/2024	void/used NH Grange Trust	reissued uncashed check 3598	3562	xxx
6/4/2024	void/used Chris Heath - \$42.87	reissued uncashed check 3575	3563	xxx
	void		3564	
	void		3665	
	void		3566	
9/26/2024	void/used Matt Clark - \$300	reissued lost check #3595	3567	xxx
9/11/2024	void/used Mary West - \$375	reissued lost check #3612	3568	xxx
10/17/2023	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Mileage	3569	141.60
10/17/2023	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3570	97.97
10/21/2023	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	3571	87.20
10/21/2023	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Mileage	3572	439.49
10/21/2023	Anne Boisvert	State Grange Building	3573	169.55
10/21/2023	Dan Bascom	Deputy Mileage	3574	161.70
10/27/2023	Chris Heath	150th expenses	3575	42.87
10/27/2023	Arlington Grange	over payment of dues	3576	23.25
10/28/2023	Anne Boisvert	supplies	3577	41.97
10/28/2023	Kim Bascom	State Session	3578	244.00
11/9/2023	Business Card	postage	3579	12.81
11/9/2023	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	3580	94.75
11/9/2023	Hampshire Fire Protection	State Grange Building	3581	55.00
11/9/2023	Kathy Yardley	State Session	3582	100.00
11/8/2023	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	94.73
11/25/2023	Orkin	State Grange Building	3583	571.20
11/25/2023	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3584	98.34
11/30/2023	Centennial Grange	over payment of dues	3585	31.00
11/20/2023	National Grange	Dues	3586	2,747.50
12/2/2023	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	109.55
12/3/2023	Business Card	State Session	3587	3,994.89
12/12/2023	Tricia Taylor	Masters Expenses	3588	1,250.00
12/12/2023	Mary West	Secretary Expenses	3589	375.00

12/12/2023	Christopher Heath	Web Master	3590	125.00
12/12/2023	Dan Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3591	150.00
12/12/2023	Norman Brandt	Dept. Expenses	3592	50.00
12/12/2023	Kathy Yardley	Dept. Expenses	3593	375.00
12/12/2023	Grange Services	Dept. Expenses	3594	150.00
12/12/2023	Matthew Clark	Dept. Expenses	3595	300.00
12/12/2023	Robert Haefner	Dept. Expenses	3596	175.00
12/12/2023	James Tetreault	Dept. Expenses	3597	500.00
12/12/2023	Trustees of Trust Fund	Dept. Expenses	3598	50.00
12/12/2023	Andrew Savage	Dept. Expenses	3599	100.00
12/12/2023	Joann Brandt	Dept. Expenses	3600	200.00
12/18/2023	National Grange	Bonding	3601	2,491.00
12/14/2023	State of NH Charitable Trust	Dept. Expenses	3602	75.00
12/14/2023	Hennessey & Vallee	Accounting	3603	2,295.00
12/20/2023	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3604	98.34
12/29/2023	Business Card	NE Leader's Conference	3605	1,459.15
1/10/2024	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	103.35
		void	wc001	xxx
1/14/2024	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	wc002	99.53
1/18/2024	T-Mobile	State Grange Building	direct	77.56
1/27/2024	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	wc003	460.00
1/28/2024	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	wc004	117.40
1/28/2024	Wharf Industries Printing	GSG	wc005	918.75
1/31/2024	Business Card - \$2,965.58	cancelled by bank	wc006	xxx
2/1/2024	T-Mobile	State Grange Building	direct	70.25
2/9/2024	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	114.70
2/12/2024	MSA Group	State Grange Building	wc007	1,742.00
2/16/2024	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	wc008	85.75
2/17/2024	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	wc009	99.53
2/23/2024	National Grange	Dues	wc010	2,761.50
2/23/2024	Trustees of Trust Fund	pay out	direct	739.00
2/28/2024	Antrim Grange	State Grange Building	wc011	862.50
2/28/2024	Beth Merrill	State Grange Building	wc012	154.35
3/1/2024	T-Mobile	State Grange Building	direct	40.41
3/5/2024	Business Card	postage, printing & supplies	wc013	3,128.52
3/11/2024	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	123.33
3/12/2024	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	wc014	240.00
3/19/2024	Business Card	paid twice # wc013	3606	3,128.52
3/20/2024	National Grange	Assessment	wc015	888.00
3/20/2024	Tricia Taylor	Masters Expenses	wc016	1,250.00
3/20/2024	Mary West	Secretary Expenses	wc017	375.00
3/20/2024	Anne Boisvert	Treasurers Expenses	wc018	150.00
3/20/2024	Chris Heath	Web Master	wc019	125.00

3/22/2024	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	wc020	99.53
4/1/2024	Business Card - wc021	printing, postage, supplies	3607	27.38
3/28/2024	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	wc022	120.00
4/1/2024	T-Mobile	State Grange Building	direct	58.25
4/6/2024	Eastern Propane	State Grange Building	wc023	125.00
4/9/2024	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	84.28
4/6/2024	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	wc024	122.50
4/10/2024	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	wc025	120.00
4/17/2024	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	wc026	99.17
1/29/2024	bounced check - \$45 + fee \$20	misc	direct	65.00
3/14/2024	bounced check - \$150 + fee \$20	misc	direct	170.00
5/5/2024	Paul Lachance to supply account	State Grange Building	transfer	460.00
5/15/2024	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	wc027	101.20
5/1/2024	T-Mobile	State Grange Building	direct	58.25
5/13/2024	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	78.16
5/21/2024	Wharf Industries Printing	GSG	3608	1,041.67
5/21/2024	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3609	21.99
5/25/2024	National Grange	Dues	3610	2,754.50
6/3/2024	T-Mobile	State Grange Building	direct	58.25
6/4/2024	Chris Heath	reissued uncashed check 3575	3563	xxx
6/4/2024	NH Grange Trust	reissued uncashed check 3598	3564	xxx
6/12/2024	Tricia Taylor	Masters Expenses	3611	1,250.00
6/12/2024	Mary West	Secretary Expenses	3612	375.00
6/12/2024	Dan Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3613	150.00
6/12/2024	Chris Heath	Web Master	3614	125.00
6/12/2024	Norman Brandt	Dept. Expenses	3615	50.00
6/12/2024	Kathy Yardley	Dept. Expenses	3616	375.00
6/12/2024	Grange Services	Dept. Expenses	3617	150.00
6/12/2024	Matthew Clark	Dept. Expenses	3618	300.00
6/12/2024	Robert Haefner	Dept. Expenses	3619	175.00
6/12/2024	James Tetreault	Dept. Expenses	3620	500.00
6/12/2024	Trustees of Trust Fund	Dept. Expenses	3621	50.00
6/12/2024	Andrew Savage	Dept. Expenses	3622	100.00
6/12/2024	Joann Brandt	Dept. Expenses	3623	200.00
6/12/2024	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	67.76
6/13/2024	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	3624	136.20
6/13/2024	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3625	94.52
7/9/2024	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	115.95
7/9/2024	Beth & Arthur Merrill	Deputy Mileage	3626	546.00
7/9/2024	Dan Bascom	Deputy Mileage	3627	268.00
7/15/2024	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	3628	85.75

7/15/2024	Andrew Savage	Deputy Mileage	3629	148.00
7/19/2024	Dead River Co,	State Grange Building	3630	1,078.61
		void	3631	xxx
7/24/2024	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3632	94.84
7/1/2024	T-Mobile	State Grange Building	direct	58.25
8/3/2024	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	3633	101.20
8/3/2024	Antrim Grange	State Grange Building	3634	487.50
7/3/2024	Business Card - \$ 51.67	postage	direct	xxx
8/13/2024	Wharf Industries Printing	State Grange Building	3635	966.82
8/17/2024	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3636	94.84
8/23/2024	National Grange	Dues	3637	2,747.50
8/29/2024	Business Card	postage, printing & supplies	3638	25.60
8/2/2024	T-Mobile	State Grange Building	direct	58.25
8/12/2024	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	169.00
9/3/2024	T-Mobile	State Grange Building	direct	58.25
9/10/2024	Eversource	State Grange Building	direct	150.21
9/11/2024	Mary West	reissued lost check #3612	35.68	xxx
9/22/2024	Tricia Taylor	Masters Expenses	3639	1,250.00
9/22/2024	Mary West	Secretary Expenses	3640	375.00
9/22/2024	Dan Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3641	145.00
9/22/2024	Chris Heath	Web Masters Expenses	3642	125.00
9/22/2024	Anne Boisvert	State Session	3643	6.99
9/22/2024	Consolidated Communications	State Grange Building	3644	94.84
9/26/2024	Matthew Clark	replacement check #3595	3567	xxx
9/26/2024	Dan Bascom	postage	3645	174.00
9/27/2024	Jane Trombi	State Session	3646	96.95

Exhibit D - New Hampshire State Grange Expense Annual Summary 2023 – 2024

Accounting Services	2,295.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	2,453.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	179.00
Defunct Grange Account	181.83
Department Expenses	
Agriculture	100.00
Family & Community	750.00
Grange Services	300.00
Lecturer	600.00
Legislative	350.00
Membership	1,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00
Youth	200.00
Junior	400.00
Deputies Expenses	1,704.79

Dues- National Grange Family Weekend	11,011.00
General Deputy Expenses	0.00
Granite State Granger/mailing permit	2,927.24
Leader's School-NEC	4,315.58
Legal Fees	.00
Miscellaneous	55,728.99
National Assessment	888.00
National Session 2020	
Office Equipment	
Officer Expenses	
Master	5,000.00
Secretary	1,500.00
Treasurer	595.00
Operations-Fund Raising	
Printing/Postage/Supplies	672.07
Sesquicentennial	132.87
Sixth Degree Fees	
Spring Fling	
State Grange Building	8,540.09
State Grange Insurance	1,742.00
Other Grange Hall Expenses	0
State Session	5,077.38
State Session Deposit	
State Session Sound System	
Supply Department	
Website	500.00
Totals	109,243.84

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2023	TD Bank Checking Account	7,052.62
	Income – Exhibit B	125,818.17
	Uncashed checks	.00
	Expense – Exhibit C	<u>-108,170.23</u>
September 30, 2024	Balance	24,700.56

Accounts Receivable		
October 1, 2023	Balance	1,673.32
Arlington	Interest	.00
	Payment on loans	<u>-1673.32</u>
September 30, 2024	Balance	.00

State Grange Building Hooksett		
October 1, 2023	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2024	Purchase Price	87,500.00

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

October 1, 2023	TD Checking Account	665.84
	Income	1,062.46
	Expense	<u>743.00</u>
September 30, 2024	Balance	985.30

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

October 1, 2023	Balance	236,956.95
	Transferred	.00
	Taxable Income	7,552.55
	Realized Gain/Loss	-497.59
	Deposits	2,896.56
	Quarterly Income Paid	-12,979.43
	Withdrawals	.00
	Fees Paid	-3,060.77
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	<u>27,042.50</u>
September 30, 2024	Ending Market Value	280,766.37

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

October 1, 2023	Balance	346,596.38
	Taxable Income	11,667.65
	Realized Gain/Loss	-423.20
	Deposit	226.18
	Withdrawals	-8,255.94
	Fees paid	-4460.69
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	<u>53,371.31</u>
September 30, 2024	Ending Market Value	407,063.88

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

October 1, 2023	Balance	562,452.63
	Taxable Income	20,814.51
	Realized Gain/Loss	19,046.78
	Paid Granges	-24,936.83
	Deposits	49,830.50
	Withdrawal	474.71
	Fees Paid	-7,683.78
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	<u>45,914.02</u>
September 30, 2024	Ending Market Value	707,349.37

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

October 1, 2023	Balance	32,983.91
	Taxable Income	1,134.39
	Contributions	.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	-30.42
	Aid to Youth	-.00
	Fees Paid	-472.98
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	<u>4,788.29</u>
September 30, 2024	Ending Market Value	43,876.61

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

October 1, 2023	Balance	175,170.11
	Taxable Income	6,041.14
	Realized Gain/Loss	-1,177.10
	Scholarships	3,603.93
	Fees Paid	-2,305.99
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	<u>18,868.30</u>
September 30, 2024	Ending Market Value	211,168.68

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

October 1, 2023	Balance	83,577.29
	Taxable Income	2,938.12
	Deposits	104.65
	Withdrawal	-75.00
	Memorial Donations	.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	-405.40
	Aid to Members	-739.00
	Fees Paid	-1,076.54
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	<u>11,279.09</u>
September 30, 2024	Ending Market Value	98,609.38

TRUST ACCOUNT CHECKBOOK SUMMARY

October 1, 2023	Morgan Stanley Checking Account	16,948.65
	Income	
	3.5% Income from investments	3,058.00
	Deposits	75.00
	Donations	.00
	Minus restricted donations & donations	<u>-.00</u>
	Total Income	20,081.65
	Expenses	
	Aid paid to members	-750.00
	State of NH – charitable filing fee	<u>-75.00</u>
	Total Expenses	825.00
September 30, 2024	Ending Balance	19,256.65
	Amount held is in investments that can be used for aid to members	