

2016 Honor Grange Program Subordinate/Community Granges

The **Honor Grange Program** is to recognize those Subordinate/Community Granges that are succeeding in being an exemplary Grange. This means making an impact on your community and having active members. The **Honor Grange Program** has three levels: **Bronze, Silver and Gold**. Each Oregon Grange will have an opportunity to win a plaque when it first achieves one of these levels. Each year thereafter, if the Grange qualifies, it will receive a bronze, silver or gold bar with the year of the award engraved to attach to the plaque.

To receive an award, each Grange must keep track of its progress on the checklist for one year from January to December. The Grange should designate one member to be Tracker. At the end of the year, the Tracker will **send the tracking form to Oregon State Grange Office postmarked by March 31, 2017** with a brief summary of what level the Grange has achieved. The plaques or bars will be awarded at the June State Session. *We look forward to presenting your Grange with an award!*

The tracking form is a tool for your use, but the awards will be based on your completion of the criteria as listed on the back of this notice and judging will include the recap of your Grange events from the back of the tracking form. Please complete that recap, specifying what award you believe you should receive and the items you have completed to qualify for it.



(Criteria for award listed on the back of this notice)

To receive a **Bronze**, a Grange must achieve the following:

1. A minimum of one (1) new Subordinate or Junior member (includes new, reinstated, demits and affiliate members).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month for at least ten (10) months of the year.
3. Visit another Grange meeting (Pomona/Subordinate) during the year.
4. One (1) Community Service-Involvement project or activity.
5. Two (2) standing committees appointed to report at the majority of the meetings. (see #12)

To receive a **Silver**, a Grange must achieve the following:

1. A minimum of three (3) new Subordinate or Junior members (includes new, reinstated, demits and affiliate members).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month for at least 11 months of the year.
3. Representation of the Grange at two (2) Pomona meetings during the year.
4. One (1) Community Service-Involvement project or activity.
5. Four (4) standing committees appointed to report at the majority of the meetings. (see #12)
6. Have a delegate present at State Grange Session.
7. **Must complete at least ten (10) of the requirements (9-28) of the Gold level.**

To receive a **Gold**, a must Grange achieve the following:

1. A minimum of five (5) new Subordinate or Junior members (includes new, reinstated, demits and affiliate members).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month for at least 12 months of the year.
3. Representation of the Grange at all regular Pomona meetings during the year.
4. One (1) Community Service-Involvement project or activity.
5. Have a delegate present at State Grange Session.
6. Have one or more members present at State Grange Session, in addition to the primary delegate.
7. Conduct an annual audit.
8. **Must complete at least fifteen (15) of the following items.**
9. Hold an officers' planning meeting and set goals for year.
10. Lecturer has a program or report at each meeting.
11. One (1) resolution on a community or legislative issue adopted by the Grange.
12. Standing Committee chairs appointed by the Master and reporting at the majority of meetings. Standing Committees are Finance, Agriculture, Legislative, Community Service-Involvement, Membership, Youth, (as per the OSG By-Laws).
13. At least three (3) members, as a group, visit another Subordinate/Community Grange at least once during the year.
14. Master must attend at least two (2) Pomona meetings.
15. Hold at least one (1) activity to support the Junior Grange or Youth Program. (Example – assist at a meeting or fundraiser, help leader with activities, provide camp scholarship, etc.)
16. At least one (1) member must participate in one (1) State Grange contest or program.
17. At least one (1) member must attend and participate in one (1) yearly conference.
18. Submit Community Service-Involvement Annual Report (due May 15, 2016). If a notebook is to be included it needs to be submitted for judging by 5:00 p.m. of the first day of the State Session with a copy of the annual form in the front of the book, or mailed to the Community Service Director by May 15th.
19. Hold at least one (1) Open House or other community activity in the hall with public invited.
20. Volunteer for a State Grange event. (examples - Ag Fest, State Fair Log Cabin, Ag Luncheon at the Legislature)
21. Participate in a parade.
22. Participate in a county/community fair.
23. Donate to the Oregon State Grange Foundation.
24. Contact a public official, county commissioner or state legislator about an issue to be addressed.
25. Submit an article to the Grange Bulletin.
26. Submit an article to local/regional newspaper.
27. Grange promotion at local event. (examples – Booth at Farmers Mkt; Info table at car show; Grange month display at local library)
28. Maintain a Grange Website or Facebook page.