

What is the Grange?

Order of Patrons of Husbandry

The Grange, officially known as the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, is a fraternal organization with a rich history and a highly visible community presence in the United States.

Grassroots Organization

The Grange is a perfect example of a grassroots. The backbone of the Grange is the local “subordinate” or community Granges located across the country. These Granges offer a wide range of locally-oriented programs and activities for children, youth and adults. Each holds regular meetings where issues of community concern are discussed. They sponsor social events and community service projects.

On the county or regional level these local Granges band together into units known as Pomona Granges, primarily for discussion of concerns affecting a larger territory. On the statewide level, Granges cooperate by supporting a State Grange organization that conducts lobbying and other activities on behalf of all members in the state.

The National Grange owns an office building a couple of blocks from the White House. National programs are headquartered there, and the lobbying staff is active on Capitol Hill. For more information, see www.nationalgrange.org

Historical Summary

The Grange came into being in 1867 because of the vision of Oliver Hudson Kelley, a Minnesota farmer and activist. He had long held that farmers, because of their independent and scattered nature, needed a national organization to represent them like unions were beginning to do for industrial workers.

Farmers were at the mercy of merchants for needed farm supplies and for marketing their crops. Railroads and warehouse companies were taking advantage of farmers. Kelley and some of his friends organized the National Grange as a fraternal group similar to the Masonic lodge. The

early leaders were responsible for promoting cooperatives, which had the potential of helping farmers economically.

From its earliest day, Grange lobbying efforts were effective; they remain a primary Grange service to rural America. By championing education, dramatic improvements were made in rural schools. The birth of the Extension Service, Rural Free Delivery, and the Farm Credit System were largely due to Grange lobbying.

The Grange at all levels is strictly non-partisan and does not endorse candidates for public office nor contribute to their campaigns. At the national level, the Grange actively lobbies for causes in accord with organizational policy. All policy within the Grange originates at the local level. Thus the organization remains as one of America's best examples of democratic, grass-roots activism.

The primary legislative objective of the Grange is to represent the views of rural residents and the agricultural community. These issues include transportation, farm programs, rural economic development, education, health and safety concerns, and many others. Each year the policies are summarized and published in booklet form.

Early in its history Grange leaders realized that social interaction was especially important to rural residents. For 140 years Grange halls have existed as community centers where residents gather for educational events, town meetings, dances, potlucks, and entertainment. Junior Grange, 4-H, FFA, Boy Scout, Girl Scout and other youth groups have thrived because of Grange involvement. Each year tens of thousands Grange members give back to their community by participating in numerous service projects.

Important Dates in National Grange History

1867 The first nationwide farm organization and the first national organization to give full voice and vote to women, 60 years before the adoption of Universal Suffrage in the United States.

1870 The first national farm organization to attempt to organize African American farmers following the Civil War.

1871 Chicago entrepreneur Montgomery Ward begins his mail order business as a contractor to the National Grange selling exclusively to Grange members.

1874-on Grange sponsored fairs, attracting more than 1 million visitors each year, provide entertainment, education, a showcase for local agriculture production and community-based economic development opportunities.

1875-on introduces the “Rochdale” system of cooperative business organization to America; over time, successful national and regional farm cooperative were formed from locally organized Grange cooperatives and Grange stores.

1876 Munn vs. Illinois U.S. Supreme Court decision affirms the constitutionality of Granger Laws to regulate railroads and other monopolies in the public interest.

1887-1919 Secures passage of legislation to protect the political and economic rights of farmers and consumers including: the Hatch Act creating “Experimental Stations” at state colleges of agriculture (1887), elevation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the President’s Cabinet (1889), the Sherman Anti-Trust Act (1890), rural free delivery mail service (1901), the first legislation promoting ethanol as a motor fuel (1906), the Pure Food and Drug Act (1906), direct election of U.S. Senators (1913), federal income tax (1913), Smith-Lever Act for vocational education (1914), the Clayton Anti-Trust Act (1914), and Universal Suffrage (1919)

1914-on Secures passage of successive pieces of legislation to finance general transportation improvements to benefit farming and rural communities based on dedicated user fees deposited in highway, waterways and airport trust funds.

1916-1941 Secures passage of federal legislation to assist struggling farmers by strengthening their property rights and bargaining position including: the Federal Farm Loan Act (1916), the Packers and Stockyards Act (1921), Capper-Volstead Act (1922), the Grain Futures Act (1922), Farm Credit Act (1933), Produce Agency Act (1927), Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (1930), Agricultural Marketing Agreements act (1937), Pure Seed Act (1939), and the Livestock Theft Act (1941).

1920-1950 Organizes mutual insurance companies, focused on serving farm and rural markets, that were among the first to offer property and casualty insurance to Japanese-American farmers returning from internment following WWII.

1920-1980 Instrumental in organizing rural electric, telephone, and water service cooperatives, public utility districts, volunteer fire departments and state police programs.

1945-1970 Assists in rebuilding a world ravaged by economic depression and war. Advised the U.S. delegation at the founding of the United Nations (1945). Helped found CARE (Cooperatives for American Relief Everywhere) (1946). The Grange/Germany Friendship program, a part of the U.S. Marshall Plan, brought more than 1700 German and European farm teenagers to live with Grange farm families to learn about modern agriculture practices and the advantages of democracy (1950-66). Participated in agriculture development programs for the U.S. Peace Corps (1963-70).

1947-on Stead fastly supported national farm legislation as well as multilateral trade negotiations and food aid programs to open foreign markets to U.S. farmers. Advised Congress

and supported every periodic re-authorization of national farm legislation, known as the “Farm Bill.” Gave counsel and support to every U.S. President on international discussions leading to multilateral trade agreements and international food aid programs such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the World Trade Organization, Food for Peace, the Caribbean Basin Initiative, North American Free Trade Agreement, and the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

1953-on Sponsored community service programs that generated more than 1 million volunteer hours annually for community improvement projects.

Grange Knowledge Quiz

1.) Who is the founder father of the grange?

- A.) Albert Einstein
- B.) George Clooney
- C.) Oliver H. Kelley
- D.) James Dean

2.) In what year was the Grange found?

- A.) 1867
- B.) 1967
- C.) 2001
- D.) 1776

3.) What was the main focus for organizing the Grange?

- A.) Help the economy
- B.) Help the farmers and ranchers
- C.) Helping the community
- D.) All the above

4.) How many local or subordinate granges are in the United States?

- A.) 5,265
- B.) 10,487
- C.) 648
- D.) 2,573

5.) Within the United States, how many of our states do not have granges?

- A.) 5
- B.) 10
- C.) 20
- D.) 15

Grassroots, Nonpartisan Advocacy

Due to the tumultuous times that led to the creation of the Grange in 1867, our by-laws dictate that our organization abstain from supporting candidates along the very lines that divided the country and led to the succession of the confederate states. The divisions in our country created by this war, as well as union divisions, took years to heal and we strongly believe that national policy must be established through debate, but in collaboration and unity.

There are currently Granges operating in 37 states; representing more than 200,000 members throughout rural America. Grange Halls house pillars of rural communities, dedicated to preserving vibrant and competitive hometowns where their citizens have access to the same quality education, health care and technologies as their urban counterparts.

Our policies at the National Grange are born from the local and state Granges across the country. Legislative proposals, called resolutions, are brought forth by members and debated by State Granges. Those that pass at the state level are brought before the National Grange Convention and debated, with passing resolutions becoming National Grange Policy, available in our Journal of Proceedings and Legislative Policy Books. Policy at the National Grange is developed by membership and implemented by staff in a truly grassroots fashion.

The Grange is committed to an issue-based grassroots mechanism which allows us to support civic leaders based on policy rather than local politics. Although we do not support individual candidates, we strongly encourage our membership to engage in local politics and elections that can better the communities they serve. We open our Grange Halls for candidate debates, issue forums and other civic meetings and strongly believe that voting and participation in our governing systems is a civic responsibility.

Family Centric

Family is one of the cornerstones on which the Grange was built. This is evident just by the way we refer to one another as Brothers and Sisters. Family values in farm, rural and suburban communities are promoted, taught, and woven into Grange activities and events. We serve as a safe environment for every member of the family, from newborns to great-grandparents, to spend time. Unlike many other social organizations, there is a place for everyone at the Grange.

Many of our Grangers have attended meetings and events since birth and looked forward to the time when they turned 5 and could become a part of the Junior Grange. The Junior Grange allows children to have fun, participate in activities, learn leadership roles and responsibility, and make a difference in their community. At 14, young adults become members in the Subordinate Grange, with full voting rights and the ability to hold any office at any level of the organization.

If you and your family are looking for some an organization that you can join together, or if you're looking to make friends and find an extended family in a new town, the Grange is the place for you. We understand the meaning of family and at the end of the day, we welcome all of the Brothers and Sisters who join us.

“My earliest memories are at Grange functions, so it only seemed natural that when I became old enough I would join. However, I did not really know how much it would change my life. The friendships I have made and the experiences I have had in Grange helped me to be a more confident and outgoing person. Through the Youth Program I have made lasting friendships with people from around the country, but more importantly having the opportunity to be a leader in Grange has allowed me to step outside my comfort zone and become more confident in public speaking and my ability to lead.”

Christopher Szkutak

“When I was a junior in high school, my parents literally forced me into a caravan and drove me to Washington D.C. for a youth experience. I wanted nothing to do with the trip. I just wanted to stay home for a week and a half all by myself. When we got to D.C., I met some of the best friends I currently have from all parts of the country. I have been a part of three weddings with people I met that summer. The following summer at the Midwest Youth Conference, I met my best Grange friend to date. I stood up with him at his wedding a couple months ago and even though, through our jobs, I technically should call him Sir and salute him, we are just the same friends we have been since that summer.”

Douglas Baldwin

Building Character and Leaders

For generations, people have credited their involvement in the Grange with personal growth, character development, leadership skills and confidence. The Grange's structure allows everyone an equal voice, and nurtures skills and values through a structured program in the Junior Grange as early as age 5.

Adults serving as mentors and leaders of Junior and Youth programs also find joy in their work with the next generation who will carry the spirit of America forward.

"As a Junior Grange leader for about 20 years, my greatest joy is seeing young people come into the Grange as shy 5-year-olds and grow into great community leaders." Patty Swing, who with her daughter, leads the Junior Grange that is attached to Aracadia Grange in North Carolina."

Patty Swing

"I don't know if my girls would have the confidence they have today if they were not Grange members." Leah Santos, speaking about daughters, Shalynne Santos, 14, and Kasey Santos, 8, who have been Junior Granger members since they were 5-years-old."

Leah Santos

"Following my parents and grandparents, I joined the Grange at 7-years-old. I attended State Youth Programs and activities where I gained the confidence and experience to do more things than I ever thought I could do. In the Grange I gained the confidence and ability to handle anything set before me. In employment, I became a Child Protective Services Investigator, a difficult job requiring confidence and finesse in difficult situations. The Grange helped prepare me for life, to handle anything that comes my way."

Nancy Wolfe

Expanding Knowledge

The Grange strives to allow each individual to reach their full potential. As part of the original design of the organization, an officer position was created that was solely responsible for bringing to the members entertainment and activities which expanded their knowledge of different subject areas. This officer, the Lecturer, is vital to Grange meetings because they planned and conducted programs. Moreover, Grange members often attend cultural and educational forums, political rallies and hearings, and research topics of interest to bring information to their fellow members.

Today, Lecturers plan programs, help to identify what issues the Grange should focus on and what members want and need to learn more about. They put on programs not just for Grange members, but also for the community at large, hoping to expand the knowledge of every citizen in their community. Grange programs use readings, lectures, multimedia and more to inform the audience. The National Grange is happy to provide many tools Granges can use to learn about issues that are important to rural America as well as our organization.

Deaf Focus

For many years the National Grange has focused on establishing programs that promote deaf awareness. Programs and other initiatives to aid in medical, educational and recreational assistance for the deaf have impacted thousands across the nation. Some of these programs include, a partnership with Gallaudet University, the Deaf Awareness Grant Program in conjunction with the National Grange Foundation and an ongoing supportive relationship with Dogs for the Deaf.

Many state Grange's across the country have taken deaf awareness even further. The Mandy Project, established by the Kansas State Grange has been proliferated by the National Grange throughout the country. The Mandy Project provides financial assistance to families experiencing hardships due to a child's hearing loss.

Colorado State Grange, while supporting the Mandy Project, also collects Campbell's product labels to help raise money for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.

Many other of our State Granges such as Florida, Washington and Ohio have comprehensive programs that aid in deaf awareness as well. Each of these programs, and programs developed in local Granges across the United States, are provided assistance and fraternal support through the National Grange programs and communications departments.

Legislative initiatives related to deaf awareness, support, technology and protection have been a priority in our lobbying efforts at the National Grange. Further, the National Grange offers many opportunities for members to interact with the deaf community, learn basic and advanced American Sign Language and raise awareness about hearing loss and its causes.

Gallaudet University Internship Endowment

The Deaf Foundation endows an internship fund with Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Gallaudet University was founded in 1864 and is one of the only universities specifically designed for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. This fund is intended to assist interns with living expenses, including transportation, housing, and meals. The internship is strictly used for career-related work activities. Example of the internships that students have participated in with our help include: the Library of Congress, the White House, and Booz Allen Hamilton. All Grange members who come to Washington, D.C. to visit Gallaudet University are encourage to visit Gallaudet, you can set up a tour by contacting the National Grange office. To learn more about Gallaudet University go to www.gallaudet.edu .

Deaf Awareness Grant Program

For many years the National Grange conducted an active Deaf Awareness Program which led to many valuable projects that enabled our members to learn more about deaf people and their challenges. In many cases, great relationships were also built with the deaf community. A fund was developed within the National Grange Foundation for the purpose of supporting deaf activities within the Grange. Because funds are still available, this grant program is being offered to assist states with funding various deaf awareness activities.

[National Grange Deaf Awareness Grant Program Application](http://www.nationalgrange.org/deaf-focus/)

Dogs for the Deaf

The National Grange is pleased to present *The Dogs for the Deaf* DVD. This DVD highlights the Grange's relationship with Dogs for the Deaf and CEO Robin Dickson's demonstration from the 2009 National Grange Convention. The DVD is available to all Granges and Grange members and is approximately 15 minutes.



The National Grange, along with local Granges, has worked with Dogs for the Deaf for many years and this DVD expands on that relationship. The National Grange encourages you to use this as a new tool to get your Grangers involved with Dogs for the Deaf.

Please visit Dogs for the Deaf to learn more about how you can help. <http://www.dogsforthe deaf.org/D>

Community Service

Community Service is an integral part of the Grange that allows local members to interact and serve the communities where they reside.

Granger members participate in big and small projects, partner with other community organizations, they fundraise for various causes within their community and nationally. Serving our communities whether it is helping our neighbor in need or bake sale to raise money for the local school, you can always count on the Grange being involved.

Our local Grangers recognize outstanding citizens in their communities, like fireman and policeman and sponsor local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. This allows for Grange families and other citizens to participate in community service.

If you want to be more involved in your neighborhood or your community then the Grange is the place for you. Connecting Communities through Service is the Grange way.

2014 National Community Service Award Winners

1st Place: Ekonk Community Grange #89

Sterling/Moosup, Connecticut

Master of Ekonk Community Grange: Lincoln A. Cooper

151 Grange Members

The National Grange is happy to announce that Ekonk Community Grange #89 took 1st place in this year's Community Service Contest! Fifty-two participating members of the Ekonk Community Grange contributed 21,001 hours to their community service projects, along with the help of 197 community citizens who themselves contributed over 800 hours!

New projects for Ekonk this year included: a Grange pavilion; Sterling Town Halloween Party; and a fund raiser for Kenneth Phaiah and EMT who is fighting a very serious intestinal disease he inherited while working. Ekonk along with other raised more than \$3,000 for Kenneth. They work closely with the town library and Sterling Recreation Department. A special project dear to their hearts is letter writing and boxed gifts to the military, whom are former Junior Grangers. Ongoing projects for Ekonk: Sterling Family Day participation; entertaining out of State Grangers; the American Legion Veterans Housing, Inc.; annual Meet the Candidates night; Earth Day Contest; the Dictionary Project; Farm Tour participation, and adopt families just to name a few. They are using the internet to promote their projects which includes an active Facebook page. The Ekonk Community Grange has a long history of charitable community service, and does not refuse assistance to any requests for help. We at the National Grange commend the Ekonk Community Grange for their unyielding devotion to helping others in need.

2nd Place: Stanford Grange #808

Stanfordville, New York
Master of Stanford Grange: Margaret Plantier
93 Grange Members

Well done Stanford Grange #808 for being this year's 2nd place winner of the National Grange Community Service Award. Not only are we celebrating them in the National Community Service category, but they have also been recognized this year for the 5th consecutive year as a Distinguished Grange.

Stanford Grange worked on several projects this year. A new service project was for Creative Crossroads, which is dedicated to all aspects of art. Creative Crossroads was headed by their own active Grange member Martine Vermeulen, who set up the project to make sure artists in all disciplines had space to reach local audiences. Other projects included: 55th Annual Stanford Community Day; FFA Fall Agricultural Festival; meet the Candidates forum; Election day spaghetti dinner; Pine Plains Community Food Locker; fundraised for the John Flood family who was left homeless after a fire. These are only a few of the community activities Stanford Grange is involved in. Thank you to everyone in the Stanford Grange for all your hard work!

3rd Place: Clear Lake Grange #692

Aitkin, Minnesota
Master of Clear Lake Grange: Vern Peterson
26 Grange Members

Good job Clear Lake Grange #692 for taking third in this year's Community Service Contest! We are so excited to include them on this list. The members of Clear Lake Grange have put in over 2,100 hours into their community service projects.

Clear Lake Grange chooses community service projects that will have the most impact on their community as a whole. This year they worked on more than 20 different projects. They sponsored classes with AARP for the Mature Driving Classes and they have assisted victims of domestic abuse. Clear Lake collected food and money for the Aitkin Area Food Shelf, helped the Aitkin County Historical Society, Aitkin Health Services, Aitkin TRIAD, and Aitkin Women of today. They also support the Ronald McDonald House, the Bell Ringers of the Salvation Army, and Servicemen Projects for military at home and abroad. Thank you to everyone in the Clear Lake Grange #692 for all your hard work!

4th Place: Maple Grove Grange #148

Sebago, Maine
Master of Maple Grove Grange: Norma Haines
20 Grange Members

Well done Maple Grove Grange #148 for taking fourth place in this year's Community Service Contest! Eighteen participating members of the Maple Grove Grange contributed more than 100 hours to their community service projects, along help of non-Grange members in their community.

The Maple Grove Grange focused on a new project this year, collecting and donating new books to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital (BBCH). All members of the Grange participated and allowed them to help BBCH's library with new books for rotation. They also continued with providing on meal per month for the Community Meal project, along with the town of Sebago, the food pantry, and the Nazarene Church. They placed flags on all Veteran's graves in Sebago. Maple Grove also worked with the Sebago Lions Club and

SES PTC to sponsor breakfast with Santa, project Linus for the Center for Grieving Children, the Dictionary Project, and the Maine Grange Store. We at the National Grange commend the Maple Grove Grange for their unyielding devotion to helping others in need.

Writing Resolutions that Work

The Grange has a long history rooted in member participation in our policy development through our resolution process. Each Granger is tasked with addressing voids and surpluses in our policy and can propose to implement these changes by offering amendments to your local and State Granges. Drafting resolutions may seem like a daunting task at first, but if you follow the simple format listed below, you will soon be on your way to writing a clear and effective resolution.

First, it is important to know the anatomy of a resolution. There are three main parts: the Title, the body or Whereas section, and the conclusion or Resolved section.

1. The Title should clearly state the issue to be addressed. Be clear about the topic, the more specific you are the easier it is to differentiate between resolutions on similar topics.
2. The Whereas section is where you get to make your argument for why this resolution is necessary. This section does not become policy but explains to other Grangers why the issue is important and provides details, data, and other reference material so they can be better educated on voting for the issue. It is important to note that these should be rooted in facts and not based on the opinions of the writer.
3. The Resolved section must be a complete sentence which sums up what your resolution is trying to achieve and can stand alone without any of the supporting information.

Example:

Deregulation of the Postal Service

WHEREAS the federal government imposes unreasonable regulations and mandates on the U.S. Postal Service but no longer funds any of the organization's operating costs; and WHEREAS the U.S. Postal Service will continue to be forced to close local post offices and reduce services under such a business model; and WHEREAS the U.S. Postal Service could survive and compete if allowed to create its own business model free of Congressional oversight; and WHEREAS the National Grange has a rich tradition in helping to ensure the rural free delivery of mail; therefore be it RESOLVED that the National Grange support legislation that creates an autonomous U.S. Postal Service, which can set its own operating procedures and business model without the undue regulation of the federal government.

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Once the resolution is written, it must be approved by a Subordinate or Pomona Grange before it moves on to State or National Session. It is helpful for the writer of the resolution to keep track of all the resources used to assemble the resolution. Then when the resolution is being debated, members can be referred to these resources for more information before making an informed decision. It is important to present both sides of the argument. Though you may not agree with the opposing viewpoint, it is still valid and needs to be part of your information.

Note to State Masters/Secretaries: After a resolution has passed that will be sent to National Grange, it is helpful to the committees that will be taking a look at the resolutions if you include background information

about the topics. Again, the more information you provide the more informed the committee will be and this greatly enhances the deliberative process. As stated above, please try to submit opposing viewpoints on the topic.

Samples of Useful Supplementary Information:

- Government statistics or academic articles with documented sources
- Fact sheets from groups who lobby for or against the subject matter
- Newspaper articles
- Books or magazine articles

In closing, make sure your resolution can stand the test of time. A good deal of Grange policy dates back 75 years or more and continues to be relevant because the ideals and concepts hold true today. However, we also have policy that is out-of-date and relates to issues that have been dealt with on the local and congressional levels. If you have a resolution that deals with an issue that is connected to a current event or particular bill, your resolution may be included in the committee of jurisdiction's policy statement for that year, rather than passed as a resolution. Rest assured that this is still very important and is actually a better home for your resolution. Every resolution that is sent to National Grange is taken seriously by the committee that it was assigned to and is given consideration. For information about resolution writing contact your State Legislative Director or State Master. Good luck and happy policymaking!

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Do you want your child to have opportunities for positive growth, to participate in community service, and to have fun with others their age while being supported by caring adults?

The Grange recognizes that one of the greatest needs of young families today is a place the family can go together – where children are welcome.

That place is the Grange. The children usually conduct their meeting and take part in activities at the same time that the parents take part in the Grange meeting for adults.

Junior Grange provides an opportunity for children to build character, develop self-confidence, responsibility, and respect. Grange encourages honor, patriotism, and a concern for agriculture and the communities where the children live and play.

Junior Grange programs are designed to provide training for young members to take on leadership roles as they learn about parliamentary procedure and public speaking. They learn to serve on committees and have fun at the same time. Junior Grange members also create and lead teams to complete community service activities.

Now there are more opportunities for children to join in the Junior Grange program. A by-law change at the 2013 National Grange Session allows children ages 5 to 14 to join a Subordinate/Community Grange and they can participate in all of the regular Junior Grange programs.

Want more information about the Junior Grange Program, then [download our flyer](#).



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JUNIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Here are only some of the wonderful things being done by the Junior Granges around the country

Ojai Valley Jr. Grange	CA	Toys for tots, Grange hall cleanup, Horseshoe demonstration, helped with monthly dinner for homeless. Beacon Valley, CT - Make favors or bought gifts for residents at Veterans Hospital.
Idaho State Jr. Grange	ID	collected soup labels.
Flora Jr. Grange	IL	one on one with elderly, collected stuffed toys.
Country Friends Jr. Grange	IL	Visit nursing home, make things for shut-ins on holidays, host farm safety and fire safety program.
Flora Jr. Grange	IL	participate in the one on one program with the elderly and collected 80 books for he Right to Read project.
Community Jr. Grange	MA	egg pins for soldiers home, donated school supplies for Mission, Halloween favors for nursing home, colored tissue box covers for pediatric center.
Williamsburg Jr. Grange	MA	held talent show for kids.
Highland Jr. Grange	MA	Are involved with local 4-H and support each others activities.
Riverside Jr. Grange	ME	had a variety show for community. Highland, MA - community breakfast.
Dirigo Jr. Grange	ME	helped with bike safety day.
Fredonia Jr. Grange	MI	Ladies night out, military support, pancake brunch, Walk for Life.
Oceana Center Jr. Grange	MI	trash pick up.
Brookline Jr. Grange	NH	food and gifts for SHARE.
Mullica Hill Jr. Grange	NJ	Planted a tree in the park, had a table at Harrison Township Day, and have given out goodie bags with our name on them.
Vincetown Jr. Grange	NJ	Make gifts and visit nursing home and donation to animal shelters, parade float.
Shushan Jr. Grange	NY	Raised close to \$4,000 with benefit breakfasts to assist a 14 month old child with Leukemia, and assisted a handicapped gentleman keeping wheel chair van working.
Cayuga Lake Jr. Grange	NY	Volunteer at nursing home and take table favors for holidays, help with food pantry, Salvation Army kettle

		drive, Christmas caroling and cheer boxes.
E. Pembroke Jr. Grange	NY	helped ring Salvation Army bells at Christmas, made Christmas boxes for kids for Operation Child.
Whitehal Jr. Grange # 1	NY	made Christmas boxes, had dances for youth, food pantry shopping & donation collection.
Champion Jr. Grange	NY	flower boxes for Grange, flowers for park, Kids boxes, parade floats with theme "Disaster Preparedness."
Cayuga Lake Jr. Grange	NY	collected bottles and cans, donated "Ranger Rick" subscription to library, placed flags at cemetery on Memorial Day.
Stanford Jr. Grange	NY	earned funds for playground equipment, planted around Grange.
Villanova Jr. Grange	NY	donated all our pens for sunshine bags, stuffed toys for hospital, helped with pancake breakfast, donated backpacks.
Pleasant Valley Jr. Grange	NY	donated funds to Youth Shelter, donated duffle bags, made boxes for overseas.
Walton Jr. Grange	NY	toys for needy family.
Villanova Jr. Grange	NY	Christmas boxes, Help a child, and wait on tables for pancake breakfast.
Ravena Jr. Grange	NY	collected cap tops.
Bethlehem Jr. Grange	NY	Halloween & Christmas Party, program on Kids Helping Kids and will enter Fireman's parade.
Edweyville Jr. Grange	NC	visit rest homes, roadside beautification.
Star Jr. Grange	OH	collected can tabs & soup labels for Deaf school.
Tiverton Jr. Grange	OH	clean roads.
Mile Branch Jr. Grange	OH	Walk for Cancer, caroling.
Union Jr. Grange # 955	OH	Help with Farm City Dinner and checking on the elderly during the winter.
SteVideo Jr. Grange	OH	caroling, Walmart giving tree, decorated Grange hall, donated money to needy family, toys for tots, and to Appalachian Project.
Smith Jr. Grange	OH	Collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
Columbia Jr. Grange	OR	made and delivered items for nursing homes, clean yards for elderly, donated clothes to needy, pennies for Ronald McDonald house.
Royal Jr. Grange	PA	Adopted a nursing home, planted flowers at the fire hall, and Adopt-A-Highway litter pick-up.
East New Castle Jr. Grange	PA	Stuff toys/pillows for nursing homes and help with kids activities at county fair.
East New Castle Jr. Grange	PA	hosted child ID at fair.
Newport County Jr. Grange	RI	care packages for overseas, food baskets for needy families, donated books, donated labels, donated miscellaneous items to soup kitchen.
Vermont State Jr. Grange	VT	picked apples for food shelf and fund raising with seasonal crafts.
Green Bluff Jr. Grange	WA	cleaned cemetery, coats for kids, food bank, My Bag Program.

Sequin Prairie Jr. Grange	WA	helped with food bank, planted flowers.
Ewartsville Jr. Grange	WA	decorated nursing home for Valentine's, can pick up, donated books and backpacks.

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California State Grange reorganized, officers installed

ORANGEVALE, Calif. (July 12, 2014) – On Saturday, more than 30 members from 10 of the 24 eligible Granges in California came together at the Orangevale Grange Hall to complete the process of reorganization and witness the installation of officers for the chartered California State Grange.

National Grange President Ed Luttrell was the presiding officer, installing the new chartered California State Grange President Ed Kowski, of Fallbrook, Calif., as well as several other officers.

“We are so happy to have the members of these Granges fully integrated with our national organization again,” Luttrell said after the day’s activities were complete.

Kowski said the members gathered for the reorganizational meeting cannot wait to get back to work, serving their hometowns in true Grange fashion.

“These folks are Grangers, have always been Grangers, and just want to work within the bonds of fraternal fellowship to meet the needs of their communities, educate one another and advocate at the local and state level important issues of the day,” Kowski said.

The new State Grange was reorganized several months after leaders of the former California State Grange notified the National Grange Executive Board that they had voted to disaffiliate from the national organization. This disaffiliation has caused great confusion on the part of many of our members in local Granges in California and the general public.



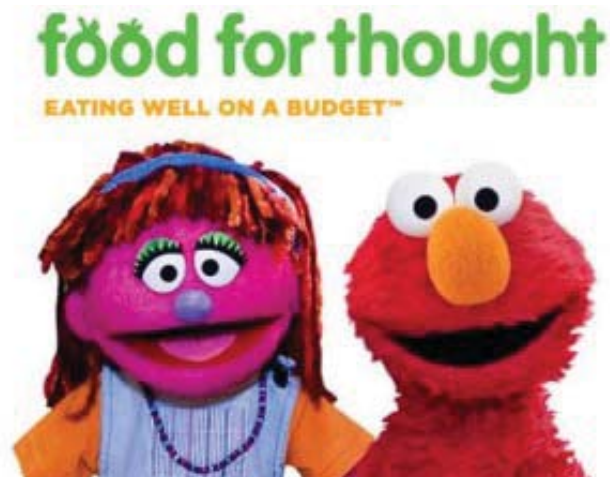
Officers of the newly reorganized chartered California State Grange sit in front of the group of more than 30 members who were at Orangevale Grange Hall on Saturday for the reorganizational meeting.

“So it was decided a new, officially-chartered State Grange in California needed to be organized to take the former Grange’s place,” Kowski said.

“Every Grange member and every Grange from the State of California is welcome to join this newly reorganized California State Grange,” Luttrell said.

Food for Thought

This program went so well with our members I went through 3,000 kits in one month. I am happy to announce that I was able to get more “Food for Thought: Eating Well on a Budget” kits created by Sesame Workshop and material produced with United Healthcare and Merck Company Foundation. These packets are available to all Grange members and Granges who would like to distribute these to the communities. This is a great to get the Grange name and help people in your community to make the best meals out of the food they have in their kitchen. At this time I am capping requests at 100 kits at a time, so more Grangers have access to them.



As some of you know the packet includes a CD/DVD, recipe cards, and a mini comic book. All of this material is available in English and Spanish. The booklet and other material is a way to show kids how to eat on a budget but eat nutritiously and getting them to try new foods The DVD has a presentation on a local farmers market, so kids can understand where food comes from.

I would love for our members to send me stories about how they were able to use these kits in their Granges. You can get your kits and send me stories by contacting me at sjohnson@nationalgrange.org or 202-628-3507 ext. 109.

First artifacts of ‘Justi Collection’ donated, to be digitized

June 13 was a special day at the National Grange office when daughter of first Grange Youth Director, Wib Justi, met with National President Ed Luttrell to present just a portion her father’s collection of artifacts for the National Grange.

Mary Justi Sheppard, of Chesapeake Bay, Va., delivered framed photos, scrapbooks, audio recordings, pins and other memorabilia along with boxes of Wib’s personal



collection to the headquarters.

“These are things that he had begun marking and told my mother [June Just] were specifically to come to National Grange,” Sheppard said Friday as she opened a box to show Luttrell.



Luttrell said the addition of the Just materials were incredible.

“These boxes tell an amazing story of the organization and the things our youth were able to accomplish,” Luttrell said. “And they’re just the start of what Mary expects to find as part of her father’s well-kept collection.”

Luttrell said much of the materials would be digitized in the coming months and years and would be stored as the Just Collection at the National Grange building.

“Historians will look through this material and get a much better sense of the great things Grangers took part in and initiated thanks to Wib’s dedication to preserving this history,” Luttrell said.

As materials are digitized and released, Luttrell and Sheppard said they hoped those who supported continuation of youth programs in the Grange would take time to review materials and donate to the Youth Fund through the National Grange Foundation, a 501(c)3, tax-deductible charity, that supports things like leadership training and youth officer participation at National Session.

“He would just be over the moon with knowing his collection could help today’s Grange Youth,” Sheppard said. “He’d be delighted.”

Patriots Program

I am pleased to announce the Korean War Veteran CD is complete and you can get your free copy now. The CD includes a power point presentation on the Korean War, a video and notes on the National Korean War Memorial, and pdfs of firsthand accounts of events in the Korean War. This will continue our program that began in 2013 when we honored our WWII veterans and learned more about this war through 3 different CDs that Lecturers used throughout the year.

The certificates used to recognize your Korean War vet, can be ordered from me, and are ready now. To request the certificate, please make sure to include the following information: name of veteran, name of the Grange they belong to or who is giving it out, the name of the local master and lecturer, the city and town the Grange/Veteran is located in and a shipping address. There is no cost to you or your Grange for program material or the certificates. This program is sponsored by Potomac Grange #1.



If you missed out on our program information for WWII, it is still available to receive while you’re requesting your Korean War CD. All you need to do is contact myself, Samantha Johnson, at sjohnson@nationalgrange.org or call at 888-4Grange ext. 100. If you have any questions, please do not

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New National Grange member benefit offers the perfect get away

We have a brand new member benefit, Global Travel Business. This goes along with our ever expanding discounts of hotels, rental cars, flights, cruises, and vacation. Make sure you compare our two travel sites to make sure get the best deal.



Global Travel for Business is excited to earn your business. As one of the nation's largest booking engines, our aim is to slash your travel expenses, while giving you the amenities that will make your next trip plush.

For our clients, we offer:

- *Up to 50% off of Hotel & Rental Car Bookings
- * Award Winning Customer Service with our Travel Consultants
- *100% Secure Grange-only Portal
- *Low Price Guarantee plus access to 150,000 hotels worldwide, flights, rental cars and cruises
- As a leader in travel, your bottom-line is our business.

All you have to do is click on nationalgrange.globaltravel.com and our pin number is already in place but if you want to call, **800-254-4493**, all you have to do is simply give them this pin number 4011615 and they will make sure you get your discounts.

Is your Grange hall busy?

What do people think as they drive by your Grange hall day after day and week after week? What do they see? I'm sharing a provocative article from the Oregon State Grange Bulletin. I met Sister Pat Heard, Community Service Involvement Director for the Oregon State Grange at Irving Grange.

Pat put into words one of the things I tell every Grange group I speak with. We have to make our meeting places and Grange Halls inviting in order to attract new members. So, with her permission, I'm sharing this message.



Nothing Ever Happens....

In that old building over there. I have been driving by for years and rarely do I see a car. It's got a sign out front that says Grange and a number. Somebody mows the lawn, somebody paints it. But other than that the parking lot is empty day after day. It's a little creepy, it almost looks abandoned. It's not for sale, there's no sign. Saw a few cars there sometime last summer but other than that the parking lot is empty nearly all of the time. Is this what you want people thinking about your Grange? Is it always empty except for on meeting nights?

It has long been one of those aphorisms that you can always tell if a restaurant is good because of the number of cars in the parking lot. People look at an empty parking lot and think "nothing ever happens there"; so if people are looking for a place to hold a community event they think "people don't know where this is or maybe its unpleasant inside, or it must be pretty small or even that it is not available at all."

Work to change that perception. Start by hosting events that won't cost much. Host a candidate forum. Serve coffee and drinks and put out a donation can. Host a Boy Scout or Girl Scout Troop. Host a 4-H club. Ask the Fire Department or the Marines to use your Grange as a collection point for a toy or school supply drive. Host swap meets, put on a play, or a music night to raise money for charity. Just make yourself visible.

Advertise, advertise, advertise. If your Grange has a reader board, use it. Put up flyers all over town, the café, the store, the school, churches, and the library. Most members can find at least two places to post it. Send it to your non-Grange friends on Facebook. Pass it out at community events you are already hosting. And if you have access to radio, TV and newspapers you can usually get it onto the community event pages for free. Make sure your phone number and Grange name are highly visible both on the sign out front and on any advertising you do.

But, you say, we have tried all these things and nobody comes. Well keep trying. Remember that empty parking lot? The more things people see going on, the more people will think that the things going on are worthwhile, and exciting.....and that includes joining the Grange.

Many thanks to Pat Heard for sharing her article from the May 2014 Oregon State Grange Bulletin.

National Grange welcomes new Controller

On June 30, the National Grange welcomed Andrew Sampson to the D.C. headquarters as the new Controller for the 147-year-old nonprofit, fraternal advocacy organization focusing on rural America and agriculture.

Sampson, a native of Neenah, Wisconsin, believes that the National Grange's work in community support and development are important to growing responsible, engaged adults.

"I am excited to be part of an organization that is focused on family and community in rural areas," Sampson said. "I look forward to being able to use my skills in operational management and human resources to help every state and local Grange achieve their goals."

National Grange President Ed Luttrell said the organization is happy to welcome Sampson to the staff.



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"I believe Andrew brings an exceptional skillset to the position and we are lucky to have him with us," Luttrell said.

Sampson graduated from Wesleyan University and is currently a resident of Tysons Corner, Virginia. He is a member of Potomac Grange No. 1 and will soon be a member of Fox Valley Good Earth Grange No. 776 in Wisconsin.



National Grange presents Maryland woman with National Ag Advocate of the Year Award

During the National Agriculture in the Classroom conference this morning at the Hershey Lodge, National Grange Board of Directors Chairwoman Betsy Huber presented the annual National Ag Advocate of the Year Award to Evelyn Wilcom of Frederick, Md.

Wilcom, who was not raised in a rural environment, became a champion of agriculture and ag education after marrying and moving to a dairy farm where she and her husband, Mike, raised their three sons.

Wilcom is a retired nurse and has spent countless hours volunteering for organizations that introduce the general public and students to agriculture at shopping centers, fairs, festivals and in schools.

She worked to get children's books about agriculture into Maryland schools, created and fundraised for Frederick's "City Streets, Country Roads" fair, and assisted with teacher training for agriculture in the classroom. She is past chair of both the Frederick County and Maryland Farm Bureau Women's

Committees, past board member of the Frederick County Farm Bureau, and current chair of its Education Committee. She also serves as chair of the Elementary Education Committee for the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation. She was also recently recognized for her work with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maryland Farm Bureau.

Huber, during her remarks at a breakfast honoring Wilcom, said education is a key priority of the Grange.

"Think of rural America in the 1860s. Farm families were spread over the wide open spaces, with little or no opportunity for educational advancement or even social interaction," Huber said. "The Grange founders recognized this need and created the Grange to serve as the social center of rural communities and source of information about happenings in the outside world. The Grange also was a forum for discussions and learning about scientific advancements and new farming methods.

"Huber said this focus on education remains a cornerstone of the organization, introducing those who do not come from farms to agriculture in many ways. The National Ag Advocate Award, she said, allows the



Grange to recognized individuals like Wilcom, who inspire children and adults alike and bring to them information and awareness about agriculture.

Huber said she was especially proud to present the award to a fellow Grange member. Wilcom is a member of New Market Grange #362, New Market, Md.

“She is a model for our members who have dedicated themselves to our educational principles,” Huber said after she learned Wilcom would be the award recipient. “I couldn’t be more thrilled to present her with this very fitting tribute.”

Memorial Notice – Wib Justi

Wib Justi, age 91, peacefully passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at home in Wesley Glen Retirement Center. He was predeceased by his parents Cora and Henry Justi. He is survived by his wife of over 67 years, he and June were married in 1946, after his returning from active duty. He is also survived by their children, Lee Justi and Mary (Bill) Sheppard; one grandson, Joey Fernandes; many nieces and nephews.

Wib was a graduate of Berlin Heights High School and The Ohio State University. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II on Saipan and Guam in the Pacific Theatre.

Wib was the first appointed National Grange Director of Youth Activities serving from 1949 to 1966. Part of his responsibility was to direct the National Grange international youth activities. June was often on hand as a volunteer. One of his assignments was the Grange/Germany/USA Friendship Program. He Served for 18 years. During this time Wib found his life calling. He remained active with international youth exchange programs and was responsible for placing 1,918 young people in homes throughout the USA.

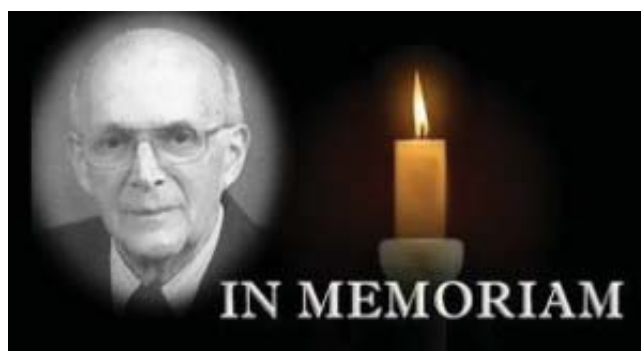
He was a member of Blendon Grange #708, Franklin County, where he had served many years as the Secretary. Wib was a great source of nearly endless Grange history and other information.

He was elected to the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame and the Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame. Wib remained active in the 50 Year Club of the Ohio State Fair (a past president), 4-H, National Junior Horticultural Association, and the Ohio Junior Horticultural Association. He worked as a courier for State Savings Bank.

Wib was a member of West Berlin Presbyterian Church. A private family graveside gathering will be held at a later date in North Jackson, Ohio.

Memorial contributions can be made to the National Grange for future youth exchange programs at National Grange Headquarters, 1616 H Street NW, Washington DC 20006.

June has ask that due to the problems with her eyesight, no cards be sent to her. She knows that Grange members all over will have her in their thoughts, and that is all she needs.



Memorial Notice – Ted Doane

Ted H. Doane, Nebraska State Grange Master passed away surrounded by his loved ones Feb. 18, 2014, at the age of 83. He was born May 12, 1930, on the family farm near Fairview, Okla. to Harry and Clarella (Odell) Doane.

Ted graduated from Oklahoma A&M in 1952 and received his M.S. and Ph.D. from Kansas State University. He served in the United States Army from 1953-1955. On July 18, 1954, he married Alice Lee Watt. In 1955 he began his career with the University of Nebraska in Dawson County as assistant county agent.

Throughout his career he advised nearly 1,200 and taught over 10,000 students. A 4-H club leader for 20 years, he also worked with youth in 4-H and FFA at county and state fairs as superintendent for the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Sheep Show and the State Fair Sheep Show for more than 30 years.

Through the Doane Undergraduate Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources, Ted and Alice annually help an animal science student.

He served as a lead teacher from 1967-1972 when the winter 12 weeks Japanese Agricultural Training Program began on East Campus. Ted retired from UNL in 1996, but returned to the program in 1997-2007 as professor and then program coordinator.

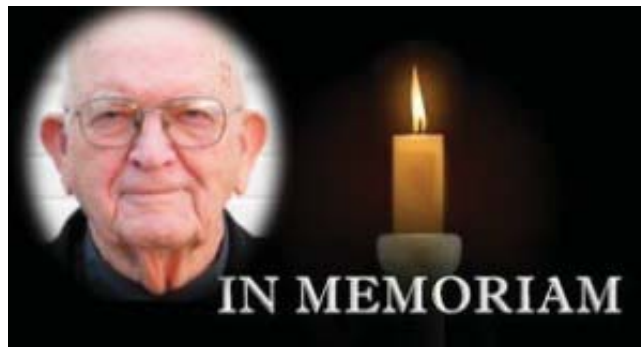
In 1964, Professor Doane and his family spent two years at Ataturk University in Turkey and in 1975 spent two years at Kabul University in Afghanistan lending their expertise to university teaching and extension programs. They've led student study tours to Australia, New Zealand, France, Italy, and many more countries.

Ted's honors include: the UNL Distinguished Teaching Award, the Parents of Student Teaching Award-four times, the Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award of Merit, the LK Crowe Outstanding Student Advisor Award, the Walnut Grove Livestock Service Award, The National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Fellow Award, the CASNR Alumni Association Legacy Award, the UNL Alumni Association's Doc Elliot Award, and the Award of Merit from the Nebraska Agriculture Youth Council.

He was an active contributor to numerous university committees, adviser for Block and Bridle Club, Nebraska Registered Sheep Association as well as a member of the Waverly Methodist Church, Waverly Grange and Nebraska State Grange Master.

Survivors include his wife, Alice; daughters and spouses, Bonnie and Mark Lemke of Walton, Amy and Scott Kica of Omaha; grandchildren and spouses, Valerie and Adam Hunt of Lincoln, Bryce Lemke of Clermont, Fla., Connie and Michael Bridges, Ashlee and Lee Kica-Johnson, Kortnee and fiance Kyle Lechtenberger and Zyree Kica of Omaha; four great-grandchildren; brother and spouse, Ben and Betty Doane of Lawton, Okla.; sister, Harriet Doane of Fairview, Okla.; and many nieces and nephews.

The viewing is Saturday 3-5 p.m. at Roper & Sons Funeral home, 4300 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510. Burial



is at 1 p.m. on Sunday with a service following at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Waverly at 14410 Folkestone, Waverly, NE. Family will greet friends 3-5 pm Saturday at Roper and Sons, 4300 'O' St., Lincoln.

Memorials to Waverly Methodist Church elevator fund, 14410 Folkstone, Waverly NE, 68461; UN Foundation Doane Scholarship, mail to Animal Science UNL, P0 Box 830908, Lincoln NE, 68583-0908.

Cards and condolences can be sent to:

Alice Doane
17705 Bluffs Road
Waverly, NE 68462

Junior Grange is celebrating 125 years

This year, the Junior Grange is turning 125 years old! We want your help ensuring it lasts another 125 years by having you make a donation to the Grange Foundation. For all donation's \$10 or more, you will receive a Junior Grange sticker celebrating this historic milestone. Even better, the Grange Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization and contributions to it should be tax deductible. Make sure to consult your tax advisor. The Grange store also has plenty of great Junior Grange apparel in stock. Make sure to stock up today! <http://www.grangestore.org/>



Michaela Pearl Martin birth

On July 5th, National Grange Leadership and Membership Director Michael Martin and his wife Wendy welcomed Michaela Pearl, a beautiful baby girl, into the world. She arrived at 7lbs. 3 oz. and 19" long. Both mother and daughter are doing well. Cards and well wishes may be sent to:

Michael and Wendy Martin
102 Coventry Drive
Carlisle, PA. 17015



Christmas comes early to North Pole Grange #6

HO! HO! HO! Merry... April? On April 24th, North Pole Grange #6, in North Pole, Alaska, welcomed a new member into its halls; Santa Claus. Mr. Claus (and yes that's his real name) is a resident of North Pole and serves as the President of the North Pole Chamber of Commerce.



How well do you know the Grange's history?

Do you consider yourself a trivia buff? Do you impress your friends with your knowledge of the Grange? Then why not show your skills over at the National Grange Facebook page? Everyday, at 7:00PM Eastern, we ask our followers a new Grange Trivia question. It's a great way to hone your skills and make you remember what makes the Grange great. And the more the merrier! Make sure you invite your friends to like the National Grange Facebook page, at www.facebook.com/nationalgrange. Challenge each other to see who knows the most Grange Trivia!



Toy Drive

Join the National Grange and the Midwest Region in a stuffed toy drive this year at the 148th National Session in Sandusky, Ohio. The stuffed animals should be no more than \$12.00 and will be displayed in a kid's swimming pool at the National Convention. All toys will then be given to Children's Hospital and other children charities throughout the Midwest Host Region. We would love to have all states participate in this drive. This is a great gift for children so near Christmas. You can bring your stuffed animal with you, send it with your delegate, or mail it to Edythe Walter. A great site to check out is www.Douglascuddletogs.com this is where the Grange Herd came from and would be a great place to get some



stuffed animals for this drive. If you are mailing it to Edythe please do by November 4th to:

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Edythe Walter
230 North Elm St.
Woodville, OH 43469

Thank you for your support of this wonderful project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at sjohnson@nationalgrange.org or 888-447-2643 ext. 109.

Mulberry Valley Grange

The Grange welcomes back Mulberry Grove Grange in Ozone, Arkansas who recently reunited with their Grange family after an error in communication



Dunstable Grange

Dunstable Grange #31 enjoyed a 100th Birthday Celebration in honor of Sister Barbara Gilcrest. Many family, friends, and grange members were in attendance. Sister Barbara was recently presented her 85 year Grange Award in December 2013. Barbara joined Lunenburg Grange #169 in October 1928 until December 2009 and joined Dunstable Grange until the present. She still attends all Dunstable grange meetings and enters the State Lecturer's book and poetry contests. We are proud to have her as our member!!!



National Grange Reveals Online Membership Database

The National Grange has been working hard to provide a new online membership database site! This site has been developed as a tool to help all local, state and national users by providing a consolidated, comprehensive online database site which includes all relevant member and Grange information. As a Local User, you have access through this site to your local Grange information as well as all members in your Grange. You are able to view, update and add Grange and member information, output rosters and membership reports quickly and easily and save time on administrative duties and reporting requirements.



The National Grange Membership Database site has been designed to be intuitive and user-friendly. Written instructions, complete with video tutorials are also available for your convenience. Log-In credentials have been assigned to every Local Grange and can be obtained from our State Grange.

As soon as possible, please do the following for your local Grange:

1. Obtain your login credential and written instructions from your State Grange
2. Visit the National Grange Member Database site <https://gra.live.bluetahiti.com>
3. Review and update your Grange information (physical/ mailing address, etc.)
4. Review and update all member records as soon as possible, adding any members that are currently missing, making sure ALL of your members are entered into the site and that their records are as complete as possible

The sooner we have up-to-date information, the sooner we can finalize the initial Subordinate Quarterly Report that you will be able to submit electronically going forward once it is implemented.

If you have questions or comments on the site functionality or on the data loaded for your local Grange, please contact Stephanie Wilkins in the national office via email to swilkins@nationalgrange.org or via phone at (202) 628-3507 ext. 101

Washington State Grange Herd promises to be Heard!

At the recently concluded 125th annual convention of the Washington State Grange, Pierce the Elk (Washington State Grange's original herd member) gained a herd of helpers. These new herd members received introductory training and have been sent out into the world with the Washington State Grange officers to assist their efforts to raise Grange awareness and increase our social media presence in communities across the state. Several of the new herd members already have their own FB pages and are getting right to work. Herd members include Ollie the Mouse, Junior the Moose, Goatee the Goat, Bartlett the Buffalo, Percy the Penguin, Truman the Otter, Omaha the Tiger, Manilow the Bear, Mr. Crabby the Crab, Scoop the Pelican, Bessie the Holstein Cow, Shep

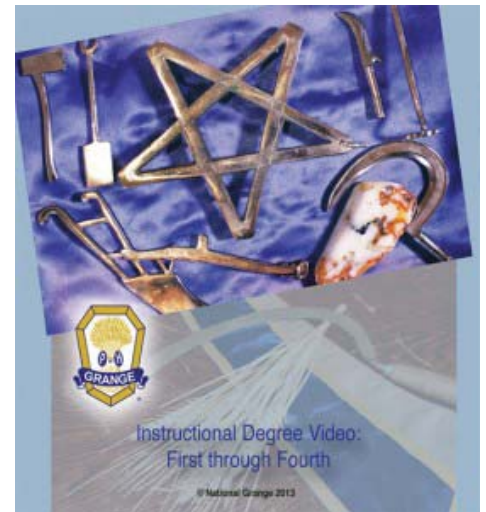


the Dog, Roam the Bison, Spike the Rhino, Fiona the Fish and Tracker the Basset Hound. Please give a warm welcome to these new members of the herd!



Instructional Degree Video: First through fourth

Does your Grange need a refresher course on the first four Degrees? Well then, you're in luck! The National Grange, in conjunction with the Assembly of Demeter and Granges and Grange members in Oregon and Washington, has put together an Instructional Degree video covering the first four Degrees of the Order. This DVD walks you through the key elements that encompass up each Degree. This is a perfect addition to any Grange just starting out or for those Granges who might have forgotten a few things. A single DVD is on sale for \$5 or, if you prefer to buy in bulk, 10 DVDs are available for \$45. Orders can be placed by calling National Grange Sales Director, Samantha Johnson, at 202-628-3507 ext 109. Make sure to order yours today!



Distinguished Grange Reminder

Reminder that the 2013-2014 Distinguished Grange Application due date is closely approaching. Last year we honored 10 State Grange and 50 Subordinate Granges at the 2013 National Grange Convention. This year 2 State and 6 Subordinate Granges are eligible for their fifth consecutive honor which means they will receive a plaque for their hall. The deadline is due August 15, 2014; make sure to get it in on time so we can celebrate you at the 2014 National Grange Convention.



125 years of continuity and character-building cornerstones of Junior Grange

By Lillian Booth
National Junior Grange Development Director



Many people we meet ask us “What is the Grange?” There are so many answers to that question subject to where we live and where we are in our Grange journey. Then we may be asked: “What is the Junior Grange?” One response is “Continuity.”



Continuity — a special organization for the children of the next generation and the next. This concept was recently experienced by the family of National Grange President Ed Luttrell. Recently, President Luttrell had the honor and privilege of obligating his 5-year-old grandson, Mason, into the Junior Grange.

According to Luttrell, Mason was a little overwhelmed with all of the adults in the room, so First Lady Celia Luttrell, carried their grandson to the Altar for the obligation. Secure there, he relaxed and enjoyed this special time with his grandparents. At his age, Mason does not know he is a third generation Junior Granger, and when he turns 14 he will become a fifth generation Grange member in the Luttrell Family. That is a lot of history for a little boy.

We identify generations in the workplace as the Veterans, the Baby Boomers, the Gen X, Gen Y, Millennials, and various other names. The Grange encompasses all of these generations within our Halls. However, it is always the newest generation that is the best and brightest. Those are our Junior Grangers. What an opportunity these children have of constant contact with all generations, and what an opportunity for us to learn from our contact with these children.

This year, the Junior Grange celebrates its 125th year as an organization. We all have a special opportunity to give each child the gift of the Junior Grange – even if they do not come from a long lineage of Grangers. From their participation in this organization, children receive opportunities to experience the importance of keeping their promises, making friends, teamwork, and having fun. Their involvement builds leadership skills as they grow. They have adult members and youth members as leadership role models. They teach the adult members the need to keep our organization relevant for the next generation.



Even with a focus on continuity, changes to the structure are important to keep the program vibrant. A chartered Junior Grange requires 13 children to begin, but the National Grange Delegates took a new look at the framework of the organization over the past few years. At their annual convention in November, 2013, delegates ratified a By-Law change allowing a Community Grange to have individual Junior Grange members participate in the Junior Grange programs. The new “One Plus Program” for Junior Grangers is relevant for the current time, encouraging an opportunity for all children to have a Junior Grange experience. With the One Plus Program, the Junior Grange continues to grow, one member at a time.

Mason’s mother, Charlotte Taylor, said after watching her son become a Junior Granger, “I’ve always wanted to have my children participate in the Junior Program because it helped me so much to grow into the adult I am today. A good Junior program not only is about having fun with other kids, but it challenges its participants to step out of their comfort zone and try new things. It also teaches kids the importance of being a good person and helping others.”

In just a few years, she knows her daughter, Anne, will also take the obligation and join her brother as a

Junior Granger.

Mason's grandmother, Celia, said she wants to share with Mason "an organization that meant something to me and my children and now will mean something to my grandkids." She also emphasized the bonds created in Junior Grange as a lifelong benefit. "It's the friends you make. Some of the people that I know today were my friends in Junior Grange."

President Luttrell agrees that there are many opportunities the Grange can give to the children in any hometown across America.

"I know there are so many children in need of what we have in the Junior Grange program," Luttrell said recently. "Since 1888, our organization's goal for the Junior Grange program is to serve as a well-rounded leadership development program, one that allows every child reach their full potential and to prepare them for that moment when they are eligible to join a Community Grange as a young adult. We understand that the way to help people and children is one at a time."

The Junior Grange has a rich heritage, built on looking forward. This opportunity is extended to Mason. What will he take from it? What will any Junior Granger take from it? That is not a question we can answer. But for today, to Mason we simply say "Welcome to the Junior Grange. It is so nice to see you. Let's go have some fun!"

Grangers around the nation stand with the Luttrells in urging parents and grandparents to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun through the Junior Grange. Find a Grange, or start one, in your community and open your hearts to children whose potential you want to foster by bringing them into this national family as a Junior Granger.

Lillian Booth may be contacted at junior@nationalgrange.org for more information about the program, how a child may become a Junior Grange member or how you can join or start a Grange in your hometown.



Action Alert – Waters of the United States

The advocacy work continues here at the National Grange and we hope you can take a few minutes out of your day to help let the EPA know what we think about the proposed rules to Waters of the U.S. This is an important issue in the United States and one that affects Grangers, farmers, ranchers and all landowners.

The EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have published their proposed regulations and are attempting to and expand the scope of "navigable waters." According to the National Grange Conservation Committee and the Legislative Policy and Priorities Booklet, the Grange recognizes the importance of and

protection of all watersheds and the National Grange opposes any mandate that suggests all watersheds are to meet the same water quality standards. We need your help in making sure the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of



help in making sure the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers know this.

For how to help, check out this page here.

<http://bit.ly/watersofus>



Recipe: Banana Split Pie

2 c. milk	½ c. sugar
½ c. sugar	½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. salt	¼ c. cornstarch
¼ c. cornstarch	1 baked pie shell
¼ c. milk	Pineapple slices
1 tbsp. butter	Bananas, sliced
1 20oz. can crushed pineapple	Maraschino cherries, cut into quarters

Combine 2 cups milk, sugar and ½ teaspoon salt in saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add ¼ cup cornstarch dissolved in ¼ cup milk. Cook over medium heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in butter; cool. Combine pineapple, ½ cup sugar and ½ teaspoon salt in saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add ¼ cup cornstarch dissolved in ¼ cup cold water. Cook over medium heat until thickened and clear, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; cool. Pour cream filling into pie shell. Top with pineapple filling. Arrange pineapple, bananas and maraschino cherries over filling. Chill until serving time. Garnish with whipped cream.

Pan size: 9 inch

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Anita Bender, Sauvie Island Grange, Oregon

From The Glory of Cooking



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A Midwest Safari for the whole family

Registration is currently open for the 148th Annual National Grange Convention. This year's convention promises to be the most fun, family-oriented event ever. Convention will take place November 11th through the 16th in Sandusky, Ohio at the Kalahari Resort, home of the country's largest indoor water park. The Kalahari Resort not only features the water park but boasts five on-site restaurants, a spa, a game room (with laser tag, miniature golf and duck pin bowling), and family suites to accommodate up to 12 people. The suites include balconies, fireplaces, full size refrigerators and full kitchens with pots, pans and service for 12. Cooking meals on site will be great for keeping costs down especially for larger groups.



There is always plenty of fun to be had at the Convention activities. You can participate in workshops to learn something new; peruse the Idea Fair to bring back programs for your Grange; and check out the Best of Show with displays of award winning crafts, community service books, the Quilt Block contest and the Photo Contest. The Evening of Excellence talent show is always a great show to attend and for even more fun you could drop by the youth costume dance. This year there will be a safari theme. If Grange traditions are more your style, don't forget to obtain or observe the Sixth and Seventh Degrees or spend some time in Session watching the Delegates and Officers discuss the business of the Grange.

The host committee comprised of members from the hosting states of the Midwest Region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin), has been preparing for a fantastic convention for all. They have planned tours to a NASA facility where you could learn about rocket launches and the Thomas Edison Birthplace Museum in a neighboring town. The Junior Grange tour will visit the Merry-Go-Round Museum to ride an old restored merry-go-round and see carvers handcraft horses for these historic rides. The host

committee also promises an amazing hospitality suite to keep you well fed and they are collecting stuffed toys to later donate to children's hospitals and charity organizations.

This convention will be a great event from start to finish and will keep the whole family engaged and having fun. Special room rates are available only if you book by October 10th. There are lots of room types available so check out our website for a chart of options and book early so you are guaranteed the type of room you need. There is a discount for Early Bird Registration through October 10th as well so start making your plans now!

<http://bit.ly/conventionregistration2014>

National Grange names Legislative Affairs Director

J. Burton Eller, Jr., Managing Director of Burton Eller Associates in Washington, DC has been appointed Director of Legislative Affairs for the National Grange. Eller will be responsible for implementing the Grange public policy and government affairs agenda in the nation's capital while engaging grassroots Grange members in this process. He will represent the Grange before Congress, agencies of the Federal Government, coalitions, working groups, and other organizations. Another important responsibility of the Director will be to increase the organization's influence and visibility at the national level and to serve as a reliable resource on rural America, agricultural policy and other issues important to Grange members.

Eller, who starts September 1st, says he is "very excited to be working for an organization that has done so much for rural America and the rural community."

"We are pleased to have someone with Burton's agricultural experience and policy savvy in Washington join our team," said Grange President Ed Luttrell. "It is a pleasure to have him on our Grange team in Washington. Burton has been the head of two Washington offices, CEO of two associations and Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture at USDA. His experiences with advocacy, coalition building, stakeholder management and executive leadership will certainly be valuable to our grassroots Grange mission".

Eller operates a farm in southwest Virginia that has been in his family since 1868.



NGPR Shirt Sale

Earlier this year, our very own National Grange Public Radio suffered a catastrophic setback. The equipment used to produce and broadcast the station was damaged beyond repair by the



severe weather that afflicted the area. As many of you know, National Grange Public Radio has become an excellent resource for Grange members and non-Grange members alike. Since its inception in November of 2013, NGPR has been slowly but surely increasing not only the number of listeners, but also the types of informational, educational and informative programming that it has to offer.



To raise money for the new equipment, the National Grange held a Booster T-Shirt drive with all profits going to purchasing new equipment for NGPR. The shirts, emblazoned with the National Grange Public Radio logo, were one-of-a-kind and would never be sold again.

And the results were overwhelming. Over the 30 day period, we sold 88 shirts and raised \$1630 for National Grange Public Radio. We want to thank all of you that helped out this great cause. Your support will allow National Grange Public Radio to get back on the air and to continue offering high quality programming.

Toy Drive Update

In July, we announced the Stuffed Toy Drive the Host Region will be holding at the National Grange Convention. Due to the passing of Edythe Walter, some of the details have now changed. Instead of mailing them to her, they will now go to Ed Cochran, the co-chair of the Host Committee. You of course can still bring them to Convention to drop-off. Please make sure anyone who is working on this project for your State or Local Grange has this new information.

Ed Cochran
10034 Navarre Road, SW
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Believe in Yourself

By Michael Martin, Leadership/Membership Development Director

If, like me, you have belonged to the Grange since you were a child or teen, there is something about the Grange's "pull" on you that keeps you active and involved. Maybe you can't "put your finger on it," but there is definitely something "in your gut" that sustains your Grange membership. Believe in yourself. Believe in your gut level.



Grange membership. Believe in yourself. Believe in your gut-level emotional ties to the Grange. Believe in your Grange family and believe in your Grange heritage.

In today's culture of disbelief and the ever-seeking-something-new remedies for life's woes, our Grange heritage keeps us centered on the important things – family, faith, hope, and charity. Contemporary society needs the steadfastness of the Grange. The lessons about leadership that are inherent in our ritual and teachings are sorely lacking, it seems, in popular culture.



The steadfastness and harsh reality of the founding of our Order has been documented for all to read. Grange leaders today would benefit from pausing to look back on the dogged determination it took to create, manage and sustain our organization. In the Grange's early years, the daunting task of focusing the divergent perspectives of farm families in different regions of the nation into a national message of humanitarian demands for those who feed and clothe a nation fell to a determined group of Patrons. They forged a national message, hewn from thousands of local voices that changed the landscape of a nation. Creature comforts for those living in remote areas, equitable costs for producing and distributing the crops and products necessary to feed and equip a fast-growing nation, all emerged from our Order.

The Grange has continued to improve life in local communities for nearly 150 years. Yet the mainstream media and most citizens are blissfully unaware of the profound impact brought about by humble, hardworking folk. Rural communities, dependent on volunteers for governance, protection and recreation, would have foundered without the civic leadership of Grangers. Grange members become leaders in our Fraternity and then utilized the skills they honed in the Grange to build community beyond the Grange hall.

Ours is a great story. A Greek philosopher is credited with saying, "those who tell the stories rule the world." Public perception of the Grange is built upon the stories that people tell about us. If we do not exert the leadership to determine what those public stories will be, we become victims of uninformed anecdotes and our organization is perceived, perhaps, far differently than we would appreciate.

Who is telling your Grange's story? It is up to us to craft our story and share it with the public. Grange leaders must overcome the inertia of remaining internally focused on ourselves. We must feel compelled to champion our cause boldly; share our good work widely. We must make certain those beyond our halls know and appreciate us for our example of civil discourse and for gender equality long before women accessed the ballot box in public politics. We must focus a spotlight on the leadership abilities of Grange youth, not in the context of youth groups, but in the context of our multi-generational organization. We are proud of Grange youth as organizational leaders, not just leaders of their peers.

The Grange offers people something they are seeking and have a hard time finding; faith. People don't want more information. They are up to their eyeballs in information. They want faith – faith in an organization's goals, our success, in the story we tell...people are seeking what we offer. It is our job, and that of our leaders, to promote the wholesome values of the Grange. We are patriotic; we honor our Nation's flag. We are a moral people; we pray for one another, across the denominations. We are focused on the greater community, not just on our own selfish interests.

Leaders lead by telling stories that give others permission to lead, not follow. The ultimate act of leadership is learning how to get out of the way. First, leaders must help others find their bearings, but once the vision is clear and understood, leaders need to realize they are NOT the story.

The great story of the Grange is not a myth; it is a story about change; it is a story about continuity.

The great story of the Grange is not so much a story about change; it is, rather, a story about continuity. Continuity of a sense of family and community. Continuity of gender and generational equality. Continuity of the bedrock lessons so beneficial to all – faith, hope, charity, fidelity. Our task is to share our great Grange story with all who will listen or may not realize they would benefit from hearing. The late, great poet Maya Angelou said, “there is no greater burden than carrying an untold story.” Let us each, as Grange leaders, tell our story.

Fellows Announcement

In preparation for the 2014 National Grange Convention in Sandusky, Ohio, the National Grange Communications Department has selected its six DCI Communication Fellows. They are as follows: Karie Blasingame, Illinois; Chris Szkutak, Massachusetts; Suzy Ramm, Oregon; Lindsay Schroeder, Pennsylvania; Lisa Beckman, Washington; Amanda Bird, Louisiana and Deb Gegare, Wisconsin. This marks Deb’s third year as a DCI Communication Fellow. She will be a valuable asset in training and managing the new fellows. We can’t wait to get to work!



Last year’s Communications Fellows who served at the 147th National Grange Convention in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Memorial Notice – John D. “Jack” Silvers

Past National Delegate 1971-1983

Past National Executive Committee 1976-1992

Jack Silvers, Master of the Washington State Grange and National Delegate from 1971-1983 and on the National Executive Committee from 1976-1992 passed away July 21, 2014. He was born on September 27, 1922 in Yakima, Washington to George and Mabel Silvers. He graduated from Zillah High School in 1940 and attended Washington State University for two years before being called back to the farm during the war years.

Jack was a fruit grower on Buena Heights. Always interested and involved in the community and legislative activities, Jack joined the Buena Grange in 1944. Jack was a member of Big Y and Snokist for 60 years,

beginning in 1945 at Zillah. Jack joined the Zillah Masonic Lodge in October of 1946. Jack was instrumental in starting the Grange Library Museum at Central Washington Agricultural Museum Association in Union Gap. He is also a life member of Washington State Horticultural Association and honorary member of Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America.



First elected to office in 1949, Jack served 40 years as an elected officer of the Washington State Grange, including 14 years as Vice President and 12 years as State President. He was also a member of the national Grange Executive committee for 16 years, retiring in 1992. In these positions, Jack served on a multitude of legislative advisory committees and was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the National Advisory Committee on Vocational Education for two years. Jack also served on the State Vocational Education Advisory Committee. In 1977 he met privately with President Carter at the White House to discuss western water issues.



Jack served on the State Tax Advisory committees under Governors Dixie Lee Ray and John Spellman. He also served as Chairman of Washington Highway Users Conference for six years, meeting weekly during the Legislative sessions to discuss Highway issues.

Jack's favorite hobby was traveling. He made 36 trips to many parts of the world and enjoyed sharing these experiences with others. In 1963, as Vice President of a newly formed travel agency, he started a program of FFA tours to Europe and the Iron Curtain countries under the Eisenhower People to People program in cooperation with the Ag Education Travel Company of Spokane. Three years later, Jack began escorting international adult tours and later began organizing cruises.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Mabel Silvers, a twin brother, Charles, and sisters, Mildred Silvers and Frances Silvers Conway. Survivors include his niece, Janet Batchelor of Oakridge, Oregon and nephew, Jack Conway, of Guntersville, Alabama, along with two great nephews and two great great nephews, and special friends, Liz Wade, of Naches, and Don Deccio, of Yakima.

A graveside service is planned for Saturday at 11:00 AM at the Zillah Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Yakima Memorial Hospital Foundation, or Grange Library (PO Box 3008, Union Gap, WA, 98903). Valley Hills Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements. Online tributes may be shared with the family at www.valleyhillssf.com.

Neopolitan Angel Food Cake

1 Angel food cake mix
 Chocolate ice cream, softened
 Strawberry ice cream, softened
 Vanilla ice cream, softened
 2 Boxes dessert topping mix or whipped cream

Mix and bake cake as directed; cool. Slice into three layers. Spread chocolate ice cream on one layer, strawberry ice cream on second layer, and vanilla ice cream on third layer. Freeze; frost with dessert topping mix. Place back in freezer; slice with serrated or electric knife to serve

Yield: 12 servings



Mrs. F. Grove Miller, Maryland State Grange
From The Grange Cookbook: Desserts

