

Life Membership

- Current purchase (State Grange) minimum is 10 times the OSG annual dues (currently \$45) & one year's dues for your Grange. A Subordinate Grange may set a higher fee. All the money, except for the one year's dues, is sent into the State Grange. This dollar amount is your investment and is used to figure how much money your Grange will receive.
- Money must be invested with the State Grange through one entire calendar year before it provides returns. Best to collect and send money in during the month of December or January, although it may be sent in any time.
- Once the money has been invested for an entire calendar year the State Grange begins paying back on the invested funds at the percentage earned across all the investments.
- This money is currently paid back to the Subordinate Grange in April of each year.
- The Subordinate Grange must pay dues to the State Grange for any living life member.
- The Subordinate Grange no longer pays in dues for life members once they have passed away, but the Subordinate Grange will continue to collect money each April off of the invested funds.
- The Subordinate Grange may not assess a life member for dues, but can assess them for fees – the same as any other member. You cannot assess a life member for fees, unless all members are assessed.
- Life members may not be dropped for NPD, because they have paid for their entire lifetime.
- Life members may be dropped by their request – but not because they have been threatened with paying dues.
- Life members who change Granges must notify the State Grange in writing if they want their life membership transferred to another Grange. A demit does not automatically transfer the life membership.
- You can belong to one Grange and have your life membership at another. If you demit out from that Grange (who holds the life membership) and demit into another one without changing the life membership – the Grange with your life membership will continue to receive the money from the State Grange, but will no longer have to pay on you. You will have to pay your new Grange for dues though.
- The larger the life membership fee is that is invested, the more money your Grange will receive back from the State Grange.
- Your Grange may supplement their investments by purchasing Memorial Life Memberships. They may be purchased for \$100 and as a memorial dues are not paid so the investment is simply higher.