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Candidate Statements For 2016-18 OSG Officer Elections - Vote At Your Community/Subordinate Grange Meeting In April

The Oregon State Grange elects officers in even years. Below are the names of members who accepted the nomination for offices by Subordinate/Community Granges. No member may be a candidate for more than one office. Subordinate/Community Granges shall vote on State Officers at any regular meeting in April and send their results to the State Grange office no later than May 5 at 5pm. An Election Committee will tabulate the votes, and the results will be published in the June Bulletin.

MASTER

Susan Noah



Patrons,

I am indeed honored to accept your nominations for Master of the Oregon State Grange

and want to thank you for the opportunity to serve our State Grange. Serving the Oregon State Grange in this capacity has allowed me to grow and expand my capabilities and I appreciate the trust you have placed in me by this nomination. I will do everything in my power to serve the Grange to the best of my abilities and to assure you that the trust you have shown in me is well placed. I have been a member of Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747 for 47 years and have lived in the Springfield area for over 50 years.

Fraternally,
Susan Noah
Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747
Springfield, Lane County, Oregon

OVERSEER

Celia Luttrell



It is an honor to accept the nomination for Overseer of the Oregon State Grange. As a member of the Executive

Committee I pledge to continue to serve the best interests of the organization, and to build our influence in every way possible. I see a great future for the Grange, and I

will work alongside every member to make sure the Grange prospers and grows within each of our communities and in our state.

Celia Luttrell
Boring-Damascus Grange #260
Sandy, Clackamas County, Oregon

LECTURER

No nominations were accepted for the office of Lecturer of the Oregon State Grange. Nominations for this office will be accepted on the floor on second day of the annual Oregon State Grange Convention.

STEWARD

Alexa Suing



Hi, my name is Alexa Suing and I am honored to have been nominated for the position of Steward for the Oregon

State Grange.

I am a member of Crow Grange in Lane County where I am currently Lecturer. I have been in the Grange, including at State session, my entire life and have been a Grange member since age 5, 1st at Santa Clara Jr Grange, then at Crow Grange since age 14. I have held many State Jr offices, including Steward, and many State Youth offices, including Steward twice. I also represented the Oregon State Grange as a National Youth officer in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

I have wanted to become State Steward for quite some time now

because I feel that I am ready for that next level of being an Oregon State Granger. I feel that I have dedicated, well pretty much, my entire life to the Grange and I want to show that another position of high importance can be filled by another youth. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to show what I have learned over the years and be able to participate in the rich tradition of being an Oregon State Grange officer.

Fraternally,
Alexa Suing
Crow Grange #450
Eugene, Lane County, Oregon

Sam Keator



Sisters and Brothers,

What a great compliment to be asked to be the Steward of our fine State and I proudly accept this nomination.

In my short time of being an active Grange member in Oregon, I have been the Lecturer and am currently the Master of the Winona Grange #271, current District 3 Membership Committee and current Washington-Yamhill Pomona #2 Master.

I encourage every Granger to be involved in some capacity and am looking forward to the next two years as your Steward if our worthy Delegates at State Session elect me to this position.

Sam Keator
Winona Grange #271
Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon

ASST. STEWARD

Phil Van Buren



Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to thank you for your nominations for me to the office of

Assistant Steward of the Oregon State Grange.

I've enjoyed serving in this position for the current term and will continue to do so if it's your desire.

I currently hold the office of Steward in Midland Subordinate Grange #781, Klamath Co. and Deschutes Pomona Grange #25 respectively.

The ritualism of the Grange is very important to me. In traveling around the state I see there is lots of room for improvement. Hopefully as a state officer I feel we set an example for others to improve on.

Again, I thank you for your continued support and will do my best in the performance of my office.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Phillip (Phil) C. Van Buren
Midland Grange #781
Klamath Falls, Klamath County, OR

*April is...
Grange Month
Celebrate and
let your Grange
light shine!*

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April/May issue
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**LADY ASST.
STEWARD**

Louise Holst



Brother and Sisters,

Thank you for your nominations for the office of Lady Assistant

Steward. It has been a pleasure serving as your Lady Assistant Steward. I enjoy doing the ritual work and the floor work of the State Grange, it is something I have always taken pride in.

They say you get out of a membership in a club, lodge, or Grange what you put into it. Well, I think I have received far more from Grange than I have ever given. I have made many friends, and acquaintances across the state. They have greeted me, welcomed me, assisted me, and encouraged me. I have enjoyed the friendships and the fraternity that comes with membership in these community / subordinate Granges.

I belong to Midland Grange #781, Klamath Co. and Deschutes Pomona #25.

Plan on attending the State Grange convention in Talent, Oregon in June. Looking forward to seeing you there, or at one of the many conferences being held across the state.

Fraternally,
Louise Holst
Midland Grange #781
Klamath Falls, Klamath County, OR

CHAPLAIN

Randi Embree



Brothers and Sisters,

To say I was surprised and humbled to be

nominated to serve as Oregon State Grange Chaplain for the 2016 to 2018 term would be an understatement. After careful consideration of my calendar and other commitments, I'd be delighted, if elected, to serve the Oregon State Grange as your Chaplain.

Warmly,
Randi Embree
Silverton Grange #748
Silverton, Marion County, Oregon

Peggy Fine



Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chaplain for the last four years. During my time as Chaplain, I

have sent out hundreds of cards, visited the sick and made many phone calls. I know I am not alone and thank the many of you who notify me of an illness or a death. It is so gratifying to know that our prayers have comforted and our concern has touched the hearts of many. Thank God we still have an organization that believes and practices prayers, salutes the flag and shows respect to our veterans. I hope you will allow me to continue to serve as your Chaplain for the next two years.

Fraternally,
Peggy Fine
Riversdale Grange #731
Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon

Daniel W. Le Brun



I am delighted to have been nominated by my Brothers and Sisters for the State

Grange Office of Chaplain. I would like to think the Granges that nominated me for that office and I accept the nomination.

I am a member of Eagle Creek Grange #297 and live in Sandy, Oregon in Clackamas County.

I have been a Grange member for over 25 years and have held the following offices in Eagle Creek Grange they are: Assistant Stewart, lecturer, Master, Overseer, Stewart, Secretary and now serve as master. In Clackamas County Pomona Grange I have held the following offices: Chaplain, Executive Committee, County Deputy, and now serve as Gatekeeper. In the State Grange I served as the District Four Deputy and Educational Director.

As Chaplain of the Oregon State Grange I will work hard to the best of my abilities to help the Grange Program.

Fraternally
Daniel W. Le Brun
Eagle Creek Grange #297
Sandy, Clackamas County, Oregon

TREASURER

Sarah Kingsborough



Sarah Kingsborough
Warner Grange #117
Sandlake Grange #546
Tillamook, Tillamook County, Oregon

SECRETARY

No nominations were accepted for the office of Secretary of the Oregon State Grange. Nominations for this office will be accepted on the floor on second day of the annual Oregon State Grange Convention.

GATEKEEPER

Orrin Schnetzky



My name is Orrin Schnetzky. I am currently an active member of the Tigar Grange #148, Washington

County Yamhill Pomona and Oregon State Grange. I reside in the city of Tigar of Washington County. I have been a Grange member for 9 years.

I appreciate everyone who has helped me grow into a better Grange member. I look forward to many happy years of being a Granger.

Thank you.
Orrin Schnetzky
Tigar Grange #148
Tigar, Washington County, Oregon

James Clute



I am honored by this nomination for Oregon State

gatekeeper. My vision in addition to normal duties of the gatekeeper would be to assist new members and candidates entering for degree work when the steward and assistants are busy with their parts and duties. Organize back of hall for traffic flow, wider isles, information distribution & display. I do like the colored name tags for entry. Additional persons around the rear of the hall assisting with

seating, handouts, and other trivia lost in the hustle of the moment. Thank you again Grange members for your confidence of this nomination.

James Clute
Forest Grove #282
Forest Grove, Washington County, OR

CERES

Elizabeth Dehne



My name is Elizabeth Dehne from Waltherville Grange 416. I am running for the office of Ceres.

I am originally from the Philippines and of Greek, Spanish and Filipino Heritage. I am married to Jeff Dehne and we have two daughters.

I enjoy working with my fellow Grangers and with the Community. I hope to continue giving service to our community through the Grange. If I am elected as your State Ceres I will carry out the duties of the office with grace and support for my fellow Grangers.

Elizabeth Dehne
Waltherville Grange #416
Springfield, Lane County, Oregon

POMONA

Anne Startin



Dear Sisters and Brothers

Thank you for the nomination to the office of

Pomona, I gladly accept this nomination. I have been actively involved with the Grange in Oregon for the last 4 years, although I grew up in Washington State and was part of the Patit Valley Grange in Dayton, Washington for 15 years.

I am currently Master of the Macleay Grange in Salem, Oregon. I have also been part of the Marion County Pomona Grange holding the position of Flora. I look forward to serving and meeting more members of the Grange family.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
Anne Startin
Macleay #293
Salem, Marion County, Oregon

Mikela Heimuller



It is an honor for me to receive and accept the nomination as Pomona of the Oregon State Grange. I am a member of Warren Grange#536 in Columbia County. I have served as several offices in the Subordinate, and Pomona Ganges. I have been a State Youth officer for Ceres, Steward, and Lady Asst. Steward. I have served on several Youth Installation teams, Youth speaking contest, regional speaking contest, and State Degree Teams. I participated in the planning meeting for the 2011 State Session held in Seaside for District 3.

I have been active in high school sports teams, Key Club lieutenant Governor, Tap Dancing, as 2012 Columbia County Dairy Princess Ambassador, and church activities. I participated in several projects at the county fair to exhibit my rabbits, cows and dogs. I am currently enrolled in Eastern Oregon University majoring in Communications. I take an active part in my Grange and my family with community volunteer events.

Thank You for your support.

Fraternally
Mikela Heimuller
Warren Grange #536
Scappoose, Columbia County, OR

Paula Herrick



Thank you for nominating me for the office of Pomona of the Oregon State Grange. It would be an honor to serve as your Pomona. I am a member of Walterville Grange in Lane County.

I have served as Ceres and Agriculture Director for the Oregon State Grange and have been Master, Secretary, Chaplain and Pomona for Walterville Grange. It would be an honor to serve as your Pomona. Thank you again.

Fraternally,
Paula Herrick
Walterville Grange #416
Springfield, Lane County, Oregon

FLORA

Eva Frost



It is a great honor for me to receive and accept your nomination as Flora of the Oregon State Grange. I have been a member of Warren Grange #536 for 56 years and a Junior (Juvenile) member prior to that. I have held multiple offices in the Subordinate, Pomona and Junior Granges, served as a Junior Leader and State Junior District Leader.

I am currently County Deputy for Columbia County, State Pomona and State Community Service Director. I served as co-chair, with an awesome team, on the 2011 State Session held in Seaside. The Grange has been an active part of our family since before 1898. I enjoy outdoors, gardening, yard work, running 5-K events and helping others. I believe if we give our best we will be rewarded with success.

Thank You for your support.

Fraternally
Eva Frost
Warren Grange #536
Scappoose, Columbia County, Oregon

EX. COM. #1

Jason R. Couch



Greetings;
I am a lifelong Oregon resident raised on Griffin Creek Farms near Jacksonville.

From the farm I joined the service and, counting active reserve, I have over 11 years in uniform. Happily married for nearly 36 years, a Granger for 8 or so. Kirsten and I own an historic home in Phoenix where we are working towards growing and preserving as much good, clean food as possible on 4/10's of an acre.

I am currently on the final year of my Master's degree thanks to a VA program for disabled Vets and am comfortable working with groups and getting things done. This includes playing a key role in securing a \$40,000 grant to paint and repair my home Grange Phoenix #779.

I am active in my community serving as a Phoenix Planning Commissioner and work hard to keep the Grange relevant for those

who care about the quality of their food, their families and their communities.

Fraternally
Jason R. Couch
Native American ~ Veteran
Phoenix Grange #779
Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon

Jeff Dehne



Sisters and Brothers,
Thank you for having the faith and trust in me to nominate me for the office of Executive Committee. If elected to this office I will work hard to uphold the high standards of the Grange and grow each Subordinate Grange to its full potential. I will do my best to support the other officers and be true Patron of Husbandry.

Thank you,
Jeff Dehne
Walterville Grange, #416
Springfield, Lane County, Oregon

John M. Fine



Brothers and Sisters,
It is an honor for me to accept your nomination for the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee position #1. If chosen to serve in this capacity, I am committed to represent all members of the Oregon State Grange to the best of my ability using our By-laws and policies as my direction.

Fraternally,
John M. Fine
Riversdale Grange #731
Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon

EX. COM. #2

Don Sether

I want to thank you for the privilege of serving as your District Executive Committee person the past few years.

Much work has been done to help the Oregon State Grange move forward and we need to continue making it more visible in each of our communities. I would enjoy being able to be a part of that movement by serving you for another two years.

Fraternally,
Don Sether
Molalla Grange #310
Maplewood Grange #662
Molalla, Clackamas County, Oregon

EX. COM. #3

Scott Colony



Brothers and Sisters,
Thank you for the nomination for Executive Committee #3. I would be honored to be of service to the State Grange. I have been a Grange member for 6 years and have attended State session, and observed the National session in Lincoln, NE.

I am currently the District 6 Legislative Committee Representative. At the local level, I serve as: Master, was past treasurer of my Subordinate Grange. We are presently are working to rebuild our Grange building and are planning to grow the membership in our new home.

If elected I would offer my experience and knowledge to help govern and grow our State Grange.

Fraternally,
Scott Colony
South Fork Grange #605
Lostine, Wallowa County, Oregon

Roger Wilson



Thank You for nominating me for the position of Executive Committee #3. I have enjoyed my past involvement and if elected I will continue to do the work for the Oregon State Grange to the best of my abilities.

Roger Wilson
White Eagle Grange #683
Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon

Have Your Grange Heard at State Convention

Why should you bother to make sure your Grange has a delegate at the annual state Grange Convention? This is your Grange's opportunity to have their voice heard; this is where state Grange policy is developed; and in even years is where the final election of state officers is held.

Each Grange is entitle to two delegates - the Master and a second delegate elected by the Grange. If the Master cannot attend an alternate delegate should be elected to replace the Master.

National Grange Policy Statement - Citizenship and Taxation

Grange members live across the entire United States from remote rural areas to urban centers. Collectively, we believe that the United States is the world's most unique country. The United States is a republic that is the model of freedom for the world. The Bill of Rights is an essential part of our freedoms. The National Grange opposes any legislation that restricts or eliminates these liberties. The Bill of Rights has defended our freedoms for more than 200 years and defines the uniqueness of our country. Our constitution remains as relevant today as it has ever been in our national history and we must be careful in looking at any changes to these vital amendments. As we approach the National Grange sesquicentennial our motto, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity" continues to illustrate the importance of our moral values and integrity.

We as citizens of the United States are stewards of our resources, rights, and way of life. It is our responsibility to ensure these are intact for future generations. It is important for us to be vigilant and aware of our environment, our finances, and the activities of our elected leaders. We must hold leaders to a higher standard of ethics and behavior as we have placed our trust in their leadership. Our economy is based on a variety of factors to promote growth each being as important as the next. Some of these factors are nature, labor, business and us the consumers. The Grange recognizes that laws and regulations are necessary for the health and safety of our citizens and the environment, but those rules cannot be made so stringent that they outweigh someone's individual rights or liberties.

We are currently in an economy where the potential of this nation is being mortgaged for short-term economic solutions. Our elected legislators must remember that economically the more you tax an individual the less they have to spend elsewhere. It is time for Congress to address our nation's mountain of growing debt. In addition, we believe our taxation system must be designed to encourage economic activity and growth. Burdensome government regulations handed down by administrative agencies prohibit growth and discourage entrepreneurship. An ever expanding set of banking regulations, which if not followed properly, can be devastating to small businesses. Ongoing education concerning new banking and IRS regulations is important for the growth and longevity of these small businesses. We call on the United States Postal Service not to close regional mail distribution centers. We encourage individuals to support to their local animal care shelters.

Enemies of America are no longer limited to nation states and they do not bear names such as communist, fascist, or dictator. We must remain vigilant in our battle against terrorism and extremist groups. Regardless of why a person, a group, or a nation chooses to oppose freedom as America and western culture have defined it, we as a people must oppose their actions. The Purple Heart is one of our country's oldest and most sacred medals a service member can be awarded. In recent years, there have been instances where service members have been injured or killed while on duty. For those service members that don't fit the criteria to be awarded the Purple Heart, we suggest the Armed Services design an award for these individuals. Our brave servicemen and servicewomen have answered the call for the defense of our country and we should make every opportunity to provide good jobs, homes and honored recognition for those who have answered these challenges. Thanks to the effort of these brave Americans, we have the privilege to fly the American flag, the symbol of our nation, with honor, dignity and proper respect. It is important that not only at home, but also in our schools, proper respect for our flag is shown. We believe the Pledge of Allegiance and/or The National Anthem should continue to be taught in our schools and public gathering places and should be the opening for all official meetings.

Technology is a vital tool for business and communication. The National Grange believes in the importance of integrated telecommunications networks. We believe that access to affordable and reliable broadband internet service is vital to preserving the quality of rural life in America.

As responsible citizens, we realize that America is a nation of communities. As our nation grows we must realize that not everyone is going to share the same beliefs or values and we need not be exclusive but inclusive of all. When people focus on working together, our quality of life is elevated. It is to us that falls the task of building these communities, and as Grangers we must respond with faith, hope, and charity to bring people together.

Adopted November 13, 2015

Have You Written A Resolution?

Have an issue you feel passionate about? Think our policy needs updated or changed? Get your pen and write a resolution, have your Community or Pomona Grange adopt it and send it on for consideration at state convention.

National Grange Policy Statements

On this page is the third and fourth of several Policy Statements adopted at the 149th Annual Session of the National Grange held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Over the next several issues, as space allows, additional statements will be published in the paper with the hope of having them all published before our state convention in June.

Yet to be printed include: Education and Health; Grange Growth and Development; Grange Law and Labor, Judiciary and Transportation.

National Grange Policy Statement - Conservation

Since the birth of the Grange in 1867, our organization has advocated and taught that we are the stewards of the land and should leave the Earth in a better condition than we found it. The National Grange recognizes that the protection of the environment and the conservation of our national resources are vital national priorities. To protect our most vital resources – water and farmland- we encourage increased efforts to educate the public.

We believe that Americans must not sacrifice their property or surrender their constitutional rights in order to preserve our environment. Adequate and full compensation should be paid in all cases of eminent domain, including, but not limited to, government grazing permits, water easements and areas designated as critical habitat for endangered species. The National Grange must continue to work closely with the National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition to continue to work toward reform of this act.

The Grange recognizes the importance of protection of all watersheds and understands that major watersheds do not adhere to boundaries of private and public lands. The National Grange opposes any mandate that suggests all watersheds are to meet the same water quality standards and the "locking up" of watersheds or portions thereof for a single use by any person or agency. The National Grange encourages localities and municipalities to consider building small watershed dams for flood control and water supply. The National Grange continues opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waters of the United States (WOTUS) regulation. The federal government has no basis for extending its regulatory arm across all waters everywhere in the country. Common sense would seem to prioritize impaired waters and begin working from there under the intent of the Clean Water Act.

The National Grange advocates a national energy policy that will encourage the development of all forms of domestic energy. Traditional fossil fuels as well as alternative forms of energy such as wind, solar and hydroelectric should be used in an environmentally sound manner. We recognize that pipeline expansion and upgrades are also keys to U.S. energy independence. However, we want to assure the rights of private property owners are preserved in the process of leasing rights of way. We further recognize U.S. agriculture must be part of the solution to the country's energy needs.

We encourage the responsible stewardship of our natural resources from all who own or use them. We recognize that responsible stewardship is a balance between use and preservation. The National Grange supports coordination among federal, state and local governments when developing land use management plans. We urge Congress to include voluntary incentive-based assistance for conservation practices by farmers, ranchers, foresters and landowners in future Farm Bills, which will maintain a commitment to conservation.

Adopted November 13, 2015

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Old Address: _____	New Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
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Grange Name/Number: _____	
Please provide name of any Subordinate/Community Grange office/Committee Chairman positions currently held.	
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