

2017 Policy Statement – Audit and Budget

The members of the Audit and Budget Committee thank the National Master, Executive Committee and the National Grange staff for presenting us with a budget that allows us to continue with the programs and projects of the National Grange during a difficult time for our organization.

Dues on all levels of the Grange are the lifeblood of our Order and it is imperative that Granges on all levels and in all states encourage membership growth. Every member should make a sincere serious effort to attract new members while working to retain our existing members.

Generations of our members have enjoyed our National Grange headquarters and it is a major asset to the Order. The income generated by the rentals is a significant portion of our annual operating funds. We must maintain this financial asset for future generations. We encourage members and Granges to consider making donations to the National Grange Building Reserve Fund and/or the Building Maintenance Fund.

The Communications Department has expanded communications to the State Granges, Community Granges and our membership. Some of these programs include The Patrons Chain, Grange Radio and our new quarterly subscription based 'Good Day' publication. Communication between the National Grange and our membership is vital and the outstanding 'Good Day' publication is an essential part of that effort, but to continue it must receive support by increased subscriptions.

Interns at the National Grange are a vital resource to the staff at the National Grange office. They play a supportive role to the staff. We are encouraging State and local Granges to assist by generously contributing to the Intern Program. All money contributed to the Intern Program will be earmarked for this purpose.

Please remember that donations to the Grange Foundation may be tax deductible as the Foundation has 501(c)(3) tax status. We encourage members and those supportive of our mission to continue their financial support of the Grange Foundation.

We encourage all members to continually monitor the many member benefits that are listed on the National Grange website. We recommend that the members take advantage of these programs as they are not only a benefit to the membership but many of these programs provide an ongoing revenue stream to the National Grange. Few organizations give such value for the small monetary contribution from its membership.