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Candidate Statements For 2018-20 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 and Friends,

Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me by your nomination

for another term. I appreciate your support and encouragement, and it is with pleasure that I accept the nomination. 2018 will be my 50th year in the Grange and I would be happy to mark that anniversary as the Master of the Oregon State Grange. Over the last 50 years I have been actively engaged in all areas of the Grange, including being Master of my own Grange and the Lane Pomona Grange as well as holding several other State, Pomona and Subordinate offices. I have worked hard this year to continue to build the teams that I feel are so important to the running of our State Grange, and through those teams I have seen encouragement going out to all our Granges which has resulted in a net gain for the first time in many years. I hope you will grant me the opportunity to serve one more term as the Master of the Oregon State Grange.

Thank you again for the confidence you have shown in my abilities.

Fraternally,

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

The candidate statements in this issue were placed in the paper in the order the acceptances were received.

OVERSEER

Jay Sexton



Thank you for your nomination as Overseer. I want to work to strengthen our Granges in their communities.

All Granges need the energy, ideas, and support of new members.

I first joined Marys River Grange #685, in Benton County, in 2009. I have attended each State Session since becoming a member. I have held the positions of Lecturer, Master, Steward, and Rental Coordinator at my Subordinate, and Secretary at my Pomona.

I was appointed OSG Agriculture Committee Director in 2014 and helped our efforts at Oregon's Ag Fest, the State Fair, the FFA State Convention, OSU's annual Small Farms Conference, and at the State Capital. We also promoted Grange at the National Conference for Women in Sustainable Agriculture in Portland.

On the Executive Committee I will do my homework to steer a wise course for our Oregon State Grange. I will learn my parts in the Ritual at State Session, honoring our traditions.

As an officer of the OSG I will support our Granges and actively promote the Grange in our communities. Yesterday's Grangers have carefully handed on their halls to us, and it is our obligation to hand healthy halls on to the future.

Jay Sexton
Marys River Grange #685
Philomath, Oregon
Benton County

LECTURER

Cookie (LaMora) Trupp



Brothers and Sisters,

I am honored to be nominated for Lecturer of the OSG.

The Lecturer is to help educate members on a variety of timely topics. The experience I have acquired from holding offices on the Subordinate, Pomona and State level, and serving on committees on the Pomona, State, and National level, will help me develop programs that our members will relate to. Presently serving on the OSG Program and Development team has assisted me in keeping in touch with our growing membership needs and interests.

Thank you for the nomination. If I have the opportunity to serve, I will do so to the best of my ability.

Fraternally,

Cookie (LaMora) Trupp
Spencer Creek Grange #855
Eugene, Oregon
Lane County

I have been the Master of White Eagle Grange #683, Pendleton, OR, Umatilla County for the last 4-yrs. I have been involved in the Grange for most of my almost 21 years of life and attended my first OSG Session when I was 2-days old.

I have held numerous offices, including Steward, in the State Jr. and Youth Programs as well as my Subordinate and Pomona Granges. I was National Youth Chaplain in Boise, Idaho.

I would be honored to be your Oregon State Grange Steward.

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

Phil Van Buren



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you so much for the nominations for the office of Steward of the Oregon State Grange.

It's been my privilege to serve you as an officer of our great organization. I believe strongly in the ritualism and how we present ourselves to our members.

I currently hold Grange offices in the subordinate, Pomona, and state Grange levels. My membership includes: Jasper Grange #532, (Lane Co.), Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, where I reside, and Deschutes Pomona Grange.

I thank you for your continued

STEWARD

Cole Wilson



My name is Cole Wilson and I am proud to accept the nomination for the position of Steward for

the Oregon State Grange.

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support and will do the utmost to serve you and our organization if elected to this office.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Phillip (Phil) C. Van Buren
Jasper Grange #532, Lane County
Midland Grange #781
Klamath Falls, Oregon
Klamath County

Lexie Suing



Grangers,

Thank you for your confidence in nominating me again for the office of

Steward of the Oregon State Grange. I have really enjoyed the office of Steward and it was truly an honor to have been part of this team, especially putting on the 6th degree at National Grange session in Spokane this past November.

I am a 4th generation member of Crow Grange #450 in Lane County where I am currently Lady Assistant Steward and Lecturer.

Thank you again for this nomination and if elected I will do my best for all of you.

Fraternally,

Lexie Suing
Crow Grange #450
Eugene, Oregon
Lane County

ASST. STEWARD

Tim Dehne

I, Timothy Dehne, do hereby accept the nomination for the Assistant Steward position.

Thank you,

Tim Dehne
Willamette Grange #52
Marys River Grange #685
Corvallis, Oregon
Benton County

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LADY ASST. STEWARD

Maggie Swartzendruber



Brothers and Sisters,

I would be delighted to accept the nomination for the office of Lady Assistant Steward. I have been blessed over the last four years to have so many mentors and to have built relationships with many of you.

I am currently a member of Riversdale Grange #731 in Roseburg, OR. and reside in Eugene, OR.

I have held the office of Lecturer of my subordinate grange, as well as Chaplain, Lady Assistant Steward, and Steward for the State Youth Team, and Lady Assistant Steward twice for the National Youth. I have greatly enjoyed serving as Lady Assistant Steward and creating drills with a deep appreciation for the ritualism of the Grange.

I look forward to continue serving my Subordinate, State, and National Grange in any capacity I am able to.

Fraternally,

Maggie Swartzendruber
Riversdale #731
Eugene, Oregon
Douglas County

CHAPLAIN

Peggy Fine



I am honored to once again be nominated to serve as your Chaplain for the next two years. I have enjoyed serving as

your Chaplain and hope that I have upheld your expectations. I have had the privilege of praying for you and with you, listening to your sorrows and concerns and sending cards that I hope lifted your spirits in times when you are down. I have really enjoyed coordinating the Memorial Service at the State Grange Conventions and paying homage and honor to our great brothers and sisters who have gone on before.

I am currently the Secretary of Riversdale Grange and the Secretary/Treasurer of the Douglas County Pomona Grange. I have served

the Grange at all levels and have enjoyed all the offices I have held.

Peggy Fine
Riversdale Grange #731
Roseburg, Oregon
Douglas County

Daniel W. Le Brun



I am delighted to have been nominated by my brothers and sisters for the office of Chaplain of the Oregon State Grange.

I would like to thank 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 Steward, Lecturer, Master, Overseer, Secretary and now serve as Master of the Eagle Creek Grange.

In Clackamas County Pomona Grange, I have held the following offices: Chaplain, Executive Committee, County Deputy, Gatekeeper and not serve as Assistant Steward.

In the State Grange I was the District Four Deputy and served as the District Four Educational Chairman and Educational Director and was the Oregon State Grange Chaplain.

As Chaplain of the Oregon State Grange I will work hard and send out Get Well Cards and Sympathy Cards to the Grangers in need to the best of my Abilities to help the Grange Programs.

Fraternally,

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

TREASURER

Paula Herrick



Thank you for nominating me for the office of Treasurer of the Oregon State Grange.

I am a member of Waltherville Grange in Lane County. I have served as Treasurer, Ceres and Agriculture Director for the Oregon State Grange and have been Master, Secretary, Steward, and Pomona for Waltherville Grange.

It would be an honor to serve as your Treasurer for the Oregon State Grange. Thank you again.

Fraternally,

Paula Herrick
Waltherville Grange #416
Springfield Oregon, Lane County

SECRETARY

Sarah Kingsborough



Brothers and Sisters,

I am honored to accept the nomination for Secretary of the Oregon State Grange.

It has been a pleasure serving you as Secretary for the last two years, and Treasurer for two terms prior.

As a volunteer for the Grange I have participated in community activities throughout the state, as well as with my own local Grange. It's a delight meeting new people in my travels.

Our OSG Executive Committee works diligently throughout the year to manage the organization, protect assets, advise members, and promote the Grange to the public. I'm currently a member at Sandlake Grange in Tillamook County and manager of a local bank.

Thank you for your confidence in me as a representative of the Oregon State Grange.

Sarah Kingsborough
Sandlake Grange #546
Tillamook, Oregon
Tillamook County

GATEKEEPER

James Clute



I am again honored by this nomination for Oregon State Grange Gatekeeper. My vision remains the same as

last year encouraging the hosts to increase aisleways and additional persons 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.

Jim Clute
Forest Grove Grange #282
Forest Grove, Oregon
Washington County



CERES

Elizabeth 'Liz' Dehne



It's been an honor to serve as Ceres of the State Grange. I enjoy working with my fellow Grangers and with the Community. I hope to continue giving service to our community through the Grange. I will continue to carry out the duties of the office with grace and support for my fellow Grangers.

Thank you for the nomination.

Elizabeth 'Liz' Dehne
Walterville Grange #416
Springfield, Oregon
Lane County

Jessie Jo Guttridge



Brothers and Sisters,

I am honored to accept your nomination for Ceres of the Oregon State Grange.

My name is Jessie Jo Guttridge, and I am a sixth-generation Granger at Springwater Grange #263, where I serve as Lady Assistant Steward and Youth Chairman. I also hold these offices in Clackamas Pomona #1. I have served as National Youth Ceres twice, and held various State Youth offices over the last three years. I also serve as District #4's Agriculture chair.

Every day, the lessons the Grange has taught me have helped me to broaden my horizons, meet new people, and if I am elected as your State Ceres, I will carry these lessons with me, and serve the State Grange to the best of my abilities.

Jessie Jo Guttridge
Springwater Grange #263
Estacada, Oregon
Clackamas County

POMONA

Leila Dumolt



Thank you for the nomination for the office of Pomona. I would love to serve in that position. I have held positions of

Pomona and Ceres in the Clackamas Pomona Grange and Lecturer, L.A.S., Chaplain, and Graces in my

subordinate and served on Degree and Drill teams as a Youth and currently serving as co-captain of the First 4 Degrees in Clackamas County, and State GWA District #4 Chairman.

The ritualism of the Grange is so important to me and I will do my very best in the performance of my office. I belong to Beaver Creek Grange #276, Clackamas County, and have a Woodburn address but live in Clackamas County.

Again Thank You.

Leila Dumolt
Beaver Creek Grange #276
Woodburn, Oregon
Clackamas County

Mikela Heimuller



It is an honor to accept the nomination as Pomona of the Oregon State Grange. It was a privilege to serve as your State Pomona these past two years.

I am a member of Warren Grange #536 in Columbia County. I have held several offices in the Subordinate, and Pomona Granges. I served in several State Youth offices and on Youth Installation teams. I have participated in youth public speaking contests regionally and State Degree Teams. In 2011, I was on the planning committee for State Session in Seaside for District 3. At National Grange in 2017, I was honored to serve on the sixth degree team with my fellow state officers.

I am a senior at Eastern Oregon University majoring in communications. While there, I have gained a variety of experience as a student senator, a resident assistant for three years and an employee of the college events department. I take an active role in my Grange and my community volunteering at local events and judging 4-H speeches. It would be an honor and privilege to continue to serve as your State Pomona.

Thank You for your support.

Fraternally,

Mikela Heimuller
Warren Grange# 536
St. Helens, Oregon
Columbia County



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 57 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, currently County Deputy for Columbia and Clatsop Counties and Master of my Community Grange. I served as co-chair, with an awesome team, on the 2011 State session held in Seaside and an again co-chair for the 2018 State session being held at the Clatsop County Expo Center in Astoria.

The Grange has been an active part of our family since before 1898. My family was honored by the National Grange, in November, as one of the Six Generation Families from Oregon.

I enjoy outdoors, gardening, running 5-K events, participating in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge 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, Oregon
Columbia County

EX. COM. #1

Jeff Dehne



I have been honored to serve as the OSG Executive Committee Position #1 Officer for the last two years.

I have been able to meet new friends as we have worked with different Granges around the state.

Last year the GrangeUp '17 program appears to have been a success. We are showing a net increase in membership. This year it continues with 'Grange Connections'. We are working to provide the support to the Subordinate Granges so they can grow and contribute to their communities.

I am delighted to accept the nomination this year to serve my Brothers and Sisters for another two years. If elected I will continue to uphold and promote are shared values.

Jeff Dehne
Walterville Grange #416
Springfield, Oregon
Lane County

John M. Fine



Brothers and Sisters,

I am honored by your confidence in my selection to be a candidate for the Oregon State Grange officer team as a member of the Executive Committee position 1. With Grange membership for over 54 years, I have been privileged to have the opportunity to serve this organization at the Subordinate/Community, Pomona, State and National level. Committee responsibilities and elected positions have all provided extensive experience in the interactions of the organization.

The National Grange celebrated 150 years as an organization last December and is now embarking on the next 150 years. The key to the Grange existence has been the principle of service, to the members of the community where each Subordinate/Community is located, to our state and to our nation. I am prepared to be of service to each Oregon member.

Fraternally,

John Fine
Riversdale Grange #731
Roseburg, Oregon
Douglas County

EX. COM. #2

Sam Keator



I would be honored to be on this Committee if the Delegates decide that I am the best fit. Also, to represent

District #3's concerns about membership, dues and structures.

My background prior to becoming a Grange member is from the timber industry where I worked in a management positions with Container Corporation of America (Mobile Oil) and finishing with Louisiana-Pacific Corporation.

Thank you, Granges that have nominated me, for this high position within our State Grange and look forward to a productive State session this June!

Sam Keator
Winona Grange #271
Tualatin, Oregon
Washington County

would bring Grange knowledge, and Grange experience to the office.

Fraternally,

Louise Holst
Midland Grange #781
Klamath Falls, Oregon
Klamath County

EX. COM. #3

Richard A. McDonnell

I have lived in Oregon since I retired in 2011 from the Transportation industry (truck driver, Bus driver and dispatcher supervisor and Safety Manager) for more than 40 years. After I arrived in La Pine, Oregon I started Volunteering at the La Pine Community Kitchen and The La Pine Library. I am a member of the Friends of the Library of La Pine.

I was accepted in the Little Deschutes Grange 5 years ago. Since then I was elected the Secretary and then elected to Secretary-Treasurer of The Little Deschutes Grange and Gatekeeper of the Deschutes Pomona. At the present I am on The Pomona Task Force for the State Grange. In 2016 I attended the State Convention as a Delegate and was on the Transportation Committee. Last year I attended the National Convention in Washington State and received my 7th degree.

Would very much like to hold a State Office to learn more about the Grange and be part of its future going forward.

Sincerely,

Richard A. McDonnell
Little Deschutes Grange# 939
La Pine, Oregon
Deschutes County

Louise Holst



Fellow Grangers,

I would like to accept the nomination for Executive Committee district 3.

One of the many duties of the executive committee is to "make decisions regarding custody of the invested funds of the state Grange." As a small business owner for 25 plus years, I realize that each dollar needs to be wisely saved for tomorrow, spent for today, or invested in the future. I feel this applies whether it is a small, sole owner business, or a large business with many share holders.

As a long time Granger I believe I

National Grange Policy Statements
In this issue are the National Grange Policy Statements adopted at the 151st Annual Session of the held in Spokane, Washington.

2017 Audit and Budget Policy Statement

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.

Degree Day to Be Held March 31

A Degree Day for the first four degrees will be held at Goshen Grange #561, Lane County, on Saturday, March 31, at 2 pm. A Potluck (Feast) will follow. Goshen Grange is located at 85628 Dillard Access Rd. Eugene, OR 97405. All Granges and Grangers are welcome to attend. Everyone interested needs to RSVP by March 20th. Please contact:

Ann Rawlins -541-726-0698
Linda Wetzell -541-579-6182

Have You Written A Resolution?

- Have an issue you feel passionate about?
- Think our policy needs updated or changed?
- Want to change something in these 2017 National Grange Policy Statements?

Get out your pen and write a resolution, have your Subordinate/Community or Pomona Grange adopt it and send it on for consideration at state convention. Deadline to have to the state office is May 26th, 2018.

Free Family GAME NIGHT

Friday, March 16
5:30 - 8:30pm

Free Hot Dogs & Chips
Free Popcorn, Cookies & Drinks
Free Bell & Whistle Coffee

Over \$100 in PRIZES!

Thank you to Chetco Grange Members Bell & Whistle Coffee and those who donated prizes!

2017 Agriculture Policy Statement

Agriculture is, as always, a foundation of America's economy, providing directly, or indirectly through value-added processing, currently approximately 5.7% of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP). For 150 years the National Grange has been working to improve agriculture in America, and the welfare of those who work the soil or care for the creatures of the field. Our roots are in agriculture and our future is tied to our faith in the perennial cycle of planting and harvest.

Conservation of our soil, water and air quality remains a priority for the Grange, keeping in mind that all pertinent regulations should reflect local conditions. A key component of the future security of our water supply for both domestic and agricultural uses is the ability to store it. Challenges from environmental groups and climate change have brought progress in that area to a standstill. The National Grange will continue to promote water storage projects that benefit agricultural and domestic needs while appropriately safeguarding fish and wildlife safety concerns.

Agricultural producers have been leaders in protecting the environment. The National Grange urges Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) agencies to implement Nutrient Management Plans (NMP's). Good soil health, including proper nutrient management is a priority and we encourage all farmers to develop and follow a Nutrient Management Plan to insure that no more nutrients are applied than are needed to grow the crop.

The National Grange recognizes that other additional challenges facing producers are the precipitous drop in commodity prices coupled with ever-rising cost of inputs and the yearly increases in property taxes. We will continue to work on solutions to help minimize their impact on the agriculture sector. The National Grange continues to monitor issues concerning GMO-related food production and labeling. The National Grange supports voluntary labeling of Genetically Modified products. We further request that the National Grange Legislative Director share the latest reliable research on this subject with State Granges on a continual basis. As consumers become more concerned about where and how their food is produced, the National Organic Program (NOP) has become more popular. The National Grange supports the continued growth and federal support for the NOP, in order to meet the increasing consumer demand for organic food products.

Support for Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) is a long-standing position of the National Grange and is favored by consumers. We support voluntary labeling programs that provide clear information about country of origin and processing so that consumers can make informed choices about the food they feed their families.

Food safety continues to be a significant issue for Americans in light of the ever-increasing amount of our food that is imported. We believe the responsibility for all food safety inspection should fall under one federal agency, preferably the US Department of Agriculture. Healthy bee populations are critical to food production in the US. We are pleased that the USDA has information available to assist first-time beekeepers in learning how to begin production. The National Grange supports ongoing efforts to preserve proven bee health practices, while identifying new pesticide crop treatments that are not harmful to bee populations. Although Neonics are a critical component of seed treatments, their misuse via over-the-counter products has resulted in their increasing presence in water and wetlands. Their toxic effect on bee populations has reached the point where we feel it is time to consider designating Neonics as a restricted use pesticide.

The use of drone or UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) technology is rapidly becoming an important tool for agricultural production. However, privacy concerns have arisen as drones have become more popular. The National Grange supports the implementation of developed FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) regulations governing the use of drones, and will continue to work with USDA, FAA and other agricultural organizations to address issues related to drone use as they pertain to agriculture.

The National Grange continues to support extensive research by our Land Grant Colleges and Universities into both short-term and long-term effects on the environment and on human nutrition, of all new crops, whether Genetically-Modified or traditionally bred. One of the major issues facing animal agriculture in our country is the effort for certain "Animal Rights" groups to define "Humane Treatment" of animals. The National Grange should work together with other like groups, to ensure that sound science is used in determining humane treatment of animals.

The National Grange strongly supports agriculture education at all levels including agriculture science as well as Cooperative Extension Service and encourages the partnership between 4-H, FFA and Cooperative Extension Service to draw on and develop leadership abilities. Adequate funding of Extension must be continued and increased if we wish to ensure the availability of innovative practices and new tools beneficial to agriculture and society. We support educational programs, such as Farm to Table or Farm to School, that teach the importance of proper diet and nutrition. It is more critical now than ever to help consumers understand the basic food system, where their food comes from, and what, if any genetic-alteration was integral to its development. It is vital that we encourage the younger generation to enter into farming. We support programs or policies that will enhance the ability of young farmers to be successful as they pursue production agriculture as an occupation. Opportunities exist to expand agricultural tourism as an additional source of income for farm families. The National Grange urges government at all levels to remove unnecessary laws and regulations that hamper its expansion.

As production agriculture becomes more dependent on computer technology, access to high speed internet has become critical to farming and marketing activities. The National Grange strongly supports expanded funding efforts necessary to develop high-speed internet access in rural areas that are currently under-served.

The National Grange recommends that the 2018 Farm Bill address several issues. Among them is the USDA Margin Protection Program (MPP), which has not been an adequate safety net for dairy farmers, and does not properly calculate the milk margin over feed price in various regions of the United States. We recommend that it be addressed in the next farm bill so as to correct its current deficiencies. The National Grange also strongly supports retaining adequate levels of financial support for the USDA Risk Management Division and the Federal Crop Insurance Program (FCI) so that coverages accurately reflect cost of production, provide adequate price protection, yet insure that premiums remain affordable. Disaster Relief programs are also a critical component of farm income safety nets and must be addressed in the 2018 farm bill. We also strongly urge that provisions are made to adequately address the needs for a reliable source of seasonal as well as year-round farm labor.

Individual incomes in developing countries are rising, leading to changes in diet that will increase demands on the world's food supply even as population growth adds its inevitable impact. Cooperative nonpartisan effort is the "Grange way," and an understanding of the direct relationship between science and the natural world will be required, to answer the question "How will we feed them all?" It is a well-known fact that a strong agriculture makes a strong country.

**Beavercreek
Grange
Fundraiser**

St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner
Saturday, March 17, 2018 4-7 pm

**Corned Beef & Cabbage (optional Chicken),
Red Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Beverages &
Dessert**

Kids 5 & under free
Kids 6-12 \$4.50
Adults \$8.00

\$3.00 extra serving of meat

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2017 Education and Health Policy Statement

A quality education opens minds to new possibilities and encourages students to think for themselves. While the Grange commends those who have followed the traditional path for higher education, we need to encourage those who fall outside the term “traditional student” to look at the educational opportunities available offered by vocational or trade schools or other nontraditional degree programs to expand their personal and professional lives. We implore the students of the technological age to pursue studies in the agricultural implement field due to the increasing complexity of the machinery. The purpose of education is to open the minds of young people to the world around them, to the lesson of the past, and the possibilities of the future. An understanding of the past is a part of education that is too often neglected. These important facts are even more powerful and useful when an understanding of their context and background are taught. The Grange will continue to promote the teaching of American Civics in our educational system. One of the core values of the Grange is the right to free expression and the respect of differing opinions. We especially see these as relevant in educational institutions.

We believe we must have a partnership between Federal, State and Local officials who all have a seat at the table when it comes to educating our children. Parents must be an essential part of the decision-making process. The National Grange encourages the teaching of patriotism and financial literacy as a major point of education if we are to see productive, prepared, responsible citizens and future elected officials, while contributing to our local and national economy.

The National Grange offers its continued support of OCRE (Organizations Concerned about Rural Education), the National School Boards Association and other educational associations as well as supporting the efforts to reduce the pupil to teacher ratio at all levels of education through 12th grade. The National Grange supports the idea of more study in regards to Common Core to determine the educational benefits.

The Grange urges educators at the primary, secondary and undergraduate levels to include basic knowledge of agriculture in their curriculum. Agriculture is man’s basic interaction with the environment. Every farmer learns to adapt and work with nature in order to be successful. The most simple and basic lesson, such as water is needed to grow crops, is critical for every American to understand. The National Grange supports legislation requiring education on prevention and handling of bullying of adults and children to be administered by employers and schools. We strongly encourage Grange members nationwide to play an active role in their local school systems and communities. It is essential for our members to invest in our children’s education through volunteering. Some examples of this are the donation of school supplies (such as the Words for Thirds dictionary program) and exposure to volunteerism and community service. These contributions will help us remain positive role models for school children and increase the awareness of our organization. The National Grange encourages individuals to become educated consumers. Consumers, using modern technology, should research their purchasing and borrowing options carefully and make decisions that positively benefit their future and that of their community. The National Grange renews its historical commitment to free primary and secondary education, affordable higher education and support of the arts, music and athletics, recognizing their value in elevating the standard of social and intellectual life.

Health

It is important that each of us take responsibility for our own health. The National Grange continues to support efforts to target the epidemic of childhood obesity, to return responsibility to the local communities to develop their own guidelines and to seek waivers on requirements that would allow farm to table produce and products to be fed to our children. We would recommend and encourage that the guidelines include healthy lunches, choice of milk and flavored milks, increased physical activity and limited access to soda and snack machines.

The National Grange supports the efforts of legislation to include cost effective, early intervention medical care to be covered by private and public insurance programs.

The National Grange encourages all Americans to be mindful of the opioid crisis that is sweeping America with a strong concentration in rural areas of our country. We recognize that many lives have been saved in the treatment of opioid overdoses with use of Narcan, we recommend addiction education and/or treatment be required when Narcan is administered.

The National Grange encourages all Americans to be mindful of prescription drug safety. Educational information should be provided by the prescribing

physician, as well as by their pharmacists. We believe the information available through the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) and the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) should be provided to patients to give an unbiased opinion of the medication. Patients should be allowed to purchase their prescription from whatever reliable source they choose. The National Grange insists that all prescriptions drugs purchased from within the boundaries of the United States should meet or exceed the standards of the FDA and the DEA. Increased efforts must be made for the continuing education of Medicare recipients on the benefits available to them through Medicare.

The National Grange continues to support the prescription drug disposal program, while encouraging local Granges to get training and to take part in this program in their own local communities.

While not all products that enter the United States can realistically be tested to determine if they are defective or contaminated, we encourage government agencies and consumer safety advocates to be diligent in safety inspection on imported products. The National Grange requests that all products sold in the United States be labeled with the country of origin.

National Grange urges its members to be diligent in their communications with their legislators to continue the cost of living increases to Social Security recipients.

The National Grange encourages a commitment to quality healthcare for all. We encourage Congress to look for areas of common ground to continue to reform health care. We commend Congress on their bipartisan work toward eliminating the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB). We support further research and potential coverage by insurance or Medicare/Medicaid for alternative therapies for medical conditions such as acupuncture for pain management.

We support paid maternity leave and working with businesses to build a comprehensive policy that benefits both the employee and employer.

2017 Citizenship and Taxation Policy Statement

The National Grange supports the Military providing child care for their employees and enlisted personnel.

The National Grange supports Congressional pension plans be limited to the Federal Employee Retirement System Pension plan.

We oppose aid to any government, which funds terrorism.

The National Grange supports honoring our flag by standing at attention, if physically able, during the “Star Spangled Banner,” the “Pledge of Allegiance” and presentations of our flag.

We support the expansion of broadband service to all areas of the United States.

We support reforming the tax code so that it is simpler and more transparent, revenue neutral and fair to agricultural communities.

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2017 Labor, Judiciary and Transportation Policy Statement

Labor

The Grange has long fought for the rights of both employers and employees to live and thrive, understanding that worker protection and prosperity are not in conflict with company success and solvency. We believe that the hardworking men and women of America's workforce deserve the opportunity to earn a fair wage in a safe work environment and the guarantee that their pensions and subsequent benefits will be protected and preserved. We encourage businesses across the country to be proactive in ensuring the future growth and stability of employee pension benefits and to guard against their loss in the unfortunate event of a company merger or bankruptcy.

The National Grange supports the Agriculture Guest Worker (AG) Act of 2017 for the establishment of the H-2C visa program administered by the USDA. This act will provide an option to both seasonal and year-round labor needs, recognizing that not all agriculture jobs are the same or require the same level of skill or experience. The H-2C visa program better understands the unique needs of the American farm and ranch operations, and the challenges of processing raw, perishable commodities. The AG Act will offer workers and employers more choices in their employment arrangements, with more flexibility and less bureaucratic red tape than the H2A visa program.

The global economy has allowed American businesses to reach markets once inaccessible and has increased the demand for many of our goods, including our agricultural products, in far regions of the world. The Grange continues to be an advocate for the implementation of fair free trade agreements that encourage international commerce while also incentivizing domestic job growth and economic output for American companies. We do not, however, support the bailout of any country, state, or territory that has engaged in wasteful spending and behaved in a financially irresponsible manner.

Judiciary

Since the Grange was organized in 1867, it has been a staunch defender of our Constitution and the rights and privileges it protects for each and every citizen. We are a nation of law and order and as such must work to draft, pass, and maintain legislation aimed at ensuring a peaceful society and a fair judicial system. Our first responders work hard and serve bravely on a daily basis to maintain this order. The National Grange will forever strive to grant them the support and respect they deserve.

The Grange understands that citizens and the officials they elect are the best candidates to write the laws by which we will be governed, and that administrative agencies, commissions and other unelected governing bodies should be prohibited from drafting and implementing such regulations that dramatically impact our daily lives. We urge elected officials at all levels to periodically review and purge outdated laws and reduce burdensome and unnecessary regulations that stifle economic growth and fundamentally impede the free market system.

We vehemently oppose the use of eminent domain to confiscate such private property for commercial use or any project that does not directly benefit the general citizenry.

Transportation

From the National Grange inception in 1867, the NG has been an advocate for a strong transportation infrastructure. In many ways, agriculture is the "original" business and as such has driven the establishment of a multitude of subsequent industries down the economic food chain, including infrastructure development. The need for farmers to get their products to consumers drove the establishment of our nation's railroads, highways, and waterways and today continues to drive the development of our national infrastructure.

We continue to support laws requiring drivers to slow down and move over while passing an emergency vehicle that is stopped with lights flashing and believe all drivers should be held responsible for their driving and guard against distractions from cell phones and other such devices. We also support increased visibility devices for school buses. We strongly support technology that enhances the visibility of vehicles, rail cars, bicycles, motorcycles, trucks, etc.

We support the designation of English as our national language and thus believe that all road and highway signage should be printed in English only. We further urge that all drivers' tests, licenses and permits be printed in English as well.

2017 Conservation Policy Statement

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 on the importance of our natural resources as a necessity for life of all types.

The National Grange should ensure that conservation programs continue to receive a high commitment. These programs should encourage farmers to farm in an environmentally sound manner, focusing on technical assistance, research, education, loans, and cost-share programs. We cannot support the zealous pursuit of unrealistic and unscientific conservation goals that cause unnecessary economic hardship for landowners and producers.

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.

We encourage the responsible stewardship of our natural resources from all who own or use them. We define responsible Stewardship as a balance between use, preservation, and the environmental standards appropriate to the regional needs.

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, developers, and landowners in future Farm Bills, which will maintain a commitment to conservation. In that light, we also urge USDA to ensure that they use only scientifically based research when crafting regulations to implement the conservation portions of the Farm Bill. The optimum result should be that the environment be protected with the least amount of prime, productive farmland taken out of production.

Grange Growth and Development Policy Statement

Since our inception, our Grange has endeavored to improve the world around it through our growth to expand and influence to effect change.

Civic engagement is an integral component of the Grange way. We encourage Grange Members to engage in local, state, and national government especially through Grange programs and activities like Legislative Fly-In. These programs are of particular value to our youth, who are the future of our Order.

Continued development of Youth and Young Adult programs are essential to the growth of the Grange. We view Youth and Young Adults as two distinct groups that require their own distinct programs and activities due to diverging interests. It is important that all leaders within the Grange recognize this fact, and we encourage the current and continued development of programs that meet the independent needs of both Youth and Young Adult age groups.

We encourage Subordinate, Pomona, and State Granges to continue to develop Agricultural based educational programs to include environmental topics such as ways to control nutrient runoff. A better effort must be made where possible to keep nutrients out of our water where it can be detrimental to our health and the health of our food system.

Two of the Grange's main focuses are family and community service. Along with these, attention should be invested to backyard farmers, farmer's market vendors, and people who desire to go "back to the land." These individuals and families are valuable prospective members that can carry on the original ideals of the Grange for the next 150 years.

The Grange is not a building, but the people working together for the good of their communities. We want our Granges to partake in the various benefits that the National Grange offers to celebrate our members and the great history of our Order such as *Good Day!*TM magazine, Distinguished Grange Program, and Grange Legacy Family Program.

Communication is instrumental not only in contributing to the growth of the Grange, but also the basic stability of our diverse national organization. We encourage communication to travel throughout our established grassroots structure to disseminate the flow of information at all levels of the Order. We encourage conversations to be the lifeblood of developing new ideas into tangible results. We encourage conversations to be the venue for reviewing established programs and procedures to ensure relevancy to our members and organization in the 21st century. We encourage conversations that are positive and constructive instead of destructive. We encourage conversations between Masters of the various divisions of the Order, while respecting the independence of individual Granges. We encourage conversations between Masters that take the form of coaching and developing leadership as opposed to getting involved in internal politics. We encourage communication to sustain the Grange for the next 150 years.

Membership is the life-blood for growth of our organization at all levels. It is important that Granges not only have a membership director – but a membership committee to which we all belong. One tool to increase our membership is the use of the One Plus program. We encourage all Granges to use this program.

As Grangers we will only succeed with pride in our organization and the continued update of our programs. We cannot cling to outdated ideas and programs. We have to encourage our youth to become more active and offer them more responsibilities on all levels of the Grange to enrich their lives and ensure the Grange will be here for many years to come.



2017 Grange Law Policy Statement

Just as our Ritual provides the vehicle to present and understand our teachings and principles, our Constitution and By-laws provide the unified structure for our order to function with unity of action. Understanding why we have our code is as important as understanding the code itself. Over the past 150 years, many hours have been spent by many minds crafting a document that will serve and protect the interests of the Grange at all levels, as well as its individual members. It is with a great deal of respect and caution that we approach the task of amending these laws, and sincerely hope that the changes made are in the best interests of the Grange as a whole.

With today's political climate we want to stress how important it is to remain non-partisan, that we as the Grange do not support any nominee, appointee, candidate, or agency appointees, etc. The officers and staff of the National Grange should be reminded while a publicly released assessment of the qualifications of any cabinet or agency appointee is a positive; any endorsement or opposition statement by the Grange risks harming the public perception of our non-partisanship in dealing with the issues before the agencies of the federal government.

Social media has afforded the members the opportunity for instant communication of Grange activities and successes. We understand that not all will ever agree with all policies and undertakings of our Order, and that makes our organization unique. We strongly oppose the posting of personal grievances, the purpose of which is to divide and destroy. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution, makes us powerless to stop the negativity. We challenge our Grangers to apply the high standards demanded by our Fraternal bonds to conduct our personal participation on social media sites accordingly.

As members we all enjoy the protection of our Digest of Laws and our fraternal responsibility to abide by them and hold our brothers and sisters accountable. Failure to do so results in strife and discontent. Let us practice our motto – "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity."

The National Grange should communicate with the State Granges regarding all the entities that have entered into contractual trademark agreements in their state, so that they may act as agents for the National Grange. This will insure that the State Grange is aware of all the entities that use our trademark in that State Grange and that licensees are complying.



Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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Grange Name/Number: _____

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