

Audit and Budget Policy Statement – Final 2018

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.

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 serious effort to attract new members while working to retain our existing members.

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.

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. A nearly 60-year-old building needs regular maintenance and we encourage the Executive Committee to put away funds for future maintenance needs as the budget allows. We encourage members and Granges to consider making donations to the National Grange for ongoing building maintenance.

The Communications Department continues to expand communications to the State Granges, Community Granges and our membership. Some of these programs include The Patrons Chain, Grange Radio and our quarterly subscription based 'Good Day!' publication.

In order to remain financially viable, we encourage all members to subscribe to the 'Good Day!' magazine. With current subscriptions at approximately 1,250, there is a need for an increase in subscriptions of at least 20% in order to make the production of the magazine financially viable. Why not consider a subscription to the magazine to your local library or FFA chapter in an effort to make the Grange more visible? Communication between the National Grange and our membership is vital and the

