

# Youth Sponsored Awards & Contests for All Ages

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## Code Reading

Can you crack the Grange code? If so, you can present your skills at the National Grange Convention and test your skills against other Grangers from across the country. Contact the State Master at [master@orange.org](mailto:master@orange.org) to obtain a copy of the code book and the cipher.

There are two levels:

- Novice: those learning the code; you can compete as a novice for up to two years.
- Patron: members with two or more years of experience.

Novice contestants will read these sections:

- Use of the gavel
- Degree words: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> degrees
- Annual password
- Voting sign
- Sign: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> degrees
- Patrons grip

Patron contestants will read these:

### Section I

- Opening
- Use of the gavel
- Salutations for all degrees
- Degree words: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>
- Annual word
- Voting sign

### Section II

- Passing to different degrees
- 1st Degree
  - Signal at the inner gate
  - Signal at the outer gate
  - Sign
  - Salutation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
  - Signal at the inner gate
  - Sign
  - Salutation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
  - Signal at the inner gate
  - Sign
  - Salutation
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree
  - Signal at the inner gate
  - Sign
  - Salutation

### Section III

- Sign of caution
- Sign of distress
- Patrons general sign
- Sign of recognition

- Patrons grip
- Patrons test

## Code Book Reading Award of Merit

Participants may elect to read the entire code book. The participant will be allowed five mistakes, none of which can be in Section I and only two in Section II. For Section III, the participant will select two of the six options and be allowed three mistakes.