

Glossary of Terms

Affiliate: A class of Grange membership. A Grange member who joins a second Community and/or Pomona Grange

Annual Word: Also call the password or annual password is a method used to prove Grange membership. The annual word changes every year at the annual meeting of the National Grange

Associate: A class of Grange membership. A person or business with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life. Associate members do not have a voice or vote in Grange meetings

Charter: The official document that establishes a Grange

Code: See Unwritten Work

Degrees: Ceremonies celebrated to pass members to higher levels of the Grange. There are seven degrees of Grange membership. Each degree is a short ceremony that teaches a lesson through the lens of agriculture. The Subordinate/Community Grange celebrates the 1st through 4th degrees, the Pomona Grange is responsible for the 5th degree, State Granges the 6th Degree and the National Grange celebrates the 7th Degree

Digest of Laws (Digest): The codified laws, rules and regulations of the Grange. Includes the Constitution, Articles of Incorporation, By-laws of the National Grange

Family Plan: A class of Grange membership. A family plan consists of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents. Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, foster, adopted or step-children under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education or military service. Legal dependents of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family.

Fraternal: A class of Grange membership. This is the original or primary membership of a Grange member.

Golden Sheaf: A Grange member who has achieved 50 years of continuous membership

Installation: The ceremony used when officers are elected into their positions

Junior Grange: A division of the organization for children ages 5 to 14 (13½)

Junior 1+: A Junior Grange age member (5 – 13½) who joins a Subordinate Grange as an individual Junior member

Manual: A book containing the rituals and instructions on running Grange meetings. Each level of the Grange has its own manual

Obligation: The pledge given when joining the Subordinate/Community Grange as well as when joining higher degrees.

Pomona: One of the three lady Graces. Also, the county or district level of the Grange, responsible for celebrating the 5th Degree

Ritual: Ceremonies that are used to open & close meeting, install officers and initiate new members. Grange ritual shares moral lessons through the lens of agriculture

Secret Work: See Unwritten Work

Silver Star: A Grange member who has achieved 25 years of continuous membership

Unwritten Work: Instructions for Grange Ritual and ceremonies, written in the form of a lettered code with an accompanying cipher