

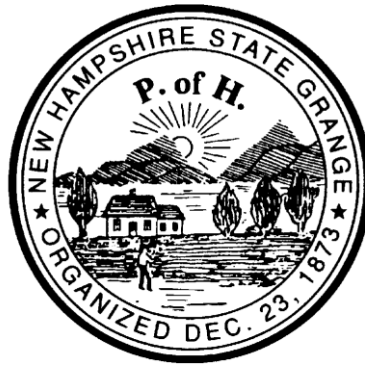
# PROCEEDINGS

Of the

ONE HUNDRED FORTY- SEVENTH  
ANNUAL SESSION

## **New Hampshire State Grange**

*Of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry*



Held at

The Best Western ~ PLUS  
Portsmouth, NH

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary

STATE GRANGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Organized December 23, 1873  
Incorporated July 2, 1875

**ROLL OF HONOR  
PAST MASTERS**

1873	Dudley T. Chase*	Claremont
1879	George A. Wason*	New Boston
1883	William H. Stinson*	Goffstown
1886	Charles McDaniels*	Springfield
1891	Nahum J. Batchelder*	East Andover
1903	Herbert O. Hadley*	Peterborough
1909	Richard Pattee*	Laconia
1913	Wesley Adams*	Londonderry
1917	Fred A. Rogers*	Meriden
1921	Herbert N. Sawyer*	Atkinson
1925	James C. Farmer*	Keene
1929	John A. Hammons*	Gilford
1933	Arthur W. McDaniel*	East Barrington
1937	William J. Neal*	Meredith
1943	Charles A. Rollins*	West Alton
1947	Charles R. Eastman*	Kensington
1953	J. Thornton Tripp*	Rochester
1955	George F. Clement*	Landaff
1959	Asa H. Morgan*	Bow
1963	Carl S. Adams*	Lebanon
1967	John L. Saturley*	Chichester
1971	E. Norris Hall*	Nashua
1975	Alton F. Carpenter*	Canaan, VT
1977	B. Franklin Hayes*	East Rochester
1980	Philip A. Shattuck*	Brookline
1984	Everett H. Poore*	Littleton
1988	Philip J. Estes*	Rochester
1990	Paul W. Davis, Sr*	Loudon
1994	Richard W. Patten †	Concord
1998	Daniel P. Bascom †	Rochester
2002	John H. West*	Chichester
2006	Beth Merrill †	Antrim
2010	James Tetreault †	Arlington

\* *Deceased*

† *Present during Session*

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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
OF THE ORDER OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY  
The Best Western PLUS, Portsmouth, NH**

**Saturday, October 24, 2020**

The 147<sup>th</sup> Annual session of the New Hampshire State Grange was opened in the Sixth Degree with worthy Overseer Robert Trombi and the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange at 9:00 AM.

Officers present were:

Overseer	Robert Trombi
Lecturer	Jane Trombi
Steward	Arthur Merrill
Assistant Steward	Adam Paquin-Varnum
Lady Assistant Steward	Kathy Yardley
Chaplain	Matthew Clark
Treasurer	Daniel P. Bascom
Secretary	Gerald J. Leclerc
Gatekeeper	Norman Brandt
Ceres	Kerriann Nightingale
Pomona	Crystal Seward
Flora	Mary West
Executive Committee	Beth Merrill
	Tricia J. Taylor
	Mark Collins
	Robert Haefner
	Wilber Heath
Musician	Lester Gibbs
Historian	Richard W. Patten

Roll call of officers found all officers present with the exception of Master Christopher Heath due to medical reasons. Gloria Davis filled in as Overseer.

The Grange was lowered to the Fourth Degree.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

An audio greeting from National Master Betsy Huber was played.

Secretary read a communication from Concord Grange #322 withdrawing resolutions #1 and #2.

Resolution # 3 Submitted by Eastern NH Pomona, Subject Pomona Granges was read.

Standing rules for the 147<sup>th</sup> Session were read. Motion made and seconded to add the wearing of masks. The vote was favorable. Motion was made and seconded to approve the amended Standing Rules. Vote was favorable.

A moment of silence was held for those members who have passed away during the past year.

Instructions for the election of officers were given. Tellers appointed were Kerriann Nightingale, Mary West, and Crystal Seward.

Election of Officers:

Master	Robert Trombi
Overseer	Tricia J. Taylor
Lecturer	Matthew Clark
Steward	Adam Paquin-Varnum
Asst Steward	Norman Brandt
Lady Asst Steward	Sarah Leclerc
Chaplain	Kathy Yardley
Treasurer	Daniel P. Bascom
Secretary	Gerald J. Leclerc
Gatekeeper	Andrew Savage
Ceres	Jane Trombi
Pomona	Crystal Seward
Flora	Kerriann Nightingale
Executive Comm	Christopher Heath
	Mark Collins

While the ballots were being counted several delegates spoke of how their Granges were staying in contact and active during the pandemic.

Robert Trombi, Chairman of the State Executive Committee gave his final report as the chairman.

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

All members of the Assembly of Demeter were recognized  
Richard and Debra Patten  
Dan and Kim Bascom  
Hannah West  
Beth and Arthur Merrill  
Jim Tetreault  
Kerriann Nightingale  
Wilber Heath  
Lester Gibbs

Tara Sad, Chairman of the resolutions and by-laws presented her annual report.

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal*

Resolution #3 was discussed, amended and passed as amended.

Recessed for lunch at 11:55

Reconvened at 1:00

The Annual meeting of the New Hampshire Grange Foundation was held.

State Secretary Gerald J. Leclerc presented his annual report.

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

State Treasurer Daniel P. Bascom presented his annual report and the proposed 2020/2021 Income and Expense budgets.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal

The 2020/2021 Income budget was presented. Motion made and seconded to accept the budget as presented. The vote was favorable.

The 2020/2021 Expense budget was presented. Motion made and seconded to accept the budget as presented. The vote was favorable

Jane Trombi, State Lecturer, was presented to the Master's station and was presented with her annual Lecturers gift by Wilber Heath.

The credentials committee presented their report.

*The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.*

With no further business to conduct the meeting was closed in the fourth degree at 1:45 PM.

Following the closing, the installation of State Officers took place under the direction of Past State Master Beth Merrill, with the assistance of Arthur Merrill, Kathy Yardley, Lynn Clark and Lester Gibbs.

### **Agricultural Report**

Hi Brothers and Sisters,

What a new world we have opened into with a pandemic. This past year has shown how centralizing our food production to large factories may work for cheap foods, but are easily broken down when disease is included into the equation. While trucking and workers couldn't work, fields full of vegetables were not able to be harvested and trucked meaning large gaps in

farmers budget and empty shelves in the markets. Butchering quickly stopped causing meat shortages. Without the Butchering factories running those people charged with providing the animals to them found a bottle neck causing millions of animals that were ready to go into the food chain to be euthanized and buried. All of which was compounded when the government suspended some rules causing cheaper unregulated meat to be imported into the USA and get a USDA stamp on it and put into the markets.

On the bright side with everything going on seed companies and small businesses like Garden and Grain stores found themselves in a panic as more and more people purchased supplies to grow their own food. From Seeds to Baby chicks to Grain sales went wild. People in fear of a loss of food and starvation started buying everything. Local animal farmers found a demand that they just couldn't fill. The State helped set up a truck up of pigs from out of State dropping the price of pigs in the state but also bringing in animals that are factory farmed and have no real immune system causing health problems with the animals that came up, some farmers having to put them down as they struggled with having to be on the ground and fields. Meanwhile the local USDA butchering companies already having waiting lists for butchering found their list going from 3 months to 14 months before they can service the local animals. Over flow going to small non inspected custom butchers.

On top of all of this, this year the State included poultry on the list of animal trespass please read the Agriculture brochure for more information. This law was originally made for male animal trespass to make it illegal to allow your male animals to run around and do un intended breeding's, but in 2015 they changed it and its intent to make it illegal for your Cow, Sheep, Goat, Pig, or horse to trespass onto someone's property, now it includes poultry how sad is that?

Now as the year is coming to an end we have found that the drought that covered NH during the spring and summer has greatly impacted hay production making it even harder this winter to have stores for animal feed this winter. I think we are all going to be excited when 2020 is completed and we start moving forward with the new year.

Thank you, worthy Master, for appointing me to this position I have greatly enjoyed it and hope the Grange keeps its Agricultural history alive.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norman Brandt, Chairman

### **Credentials Committee**

Worthy Master, State Officers and Delegates,

The report of the Credentials Committee is as follows:

State Officers present 18 – State Master Heath absent due to medical issues.

Delegates:

Master's	17
Spouses	3



Delegates	<u>25</u>
Total	45

This year with the pandemic, the session was limited to only State Officers and Delegates. Directors, committee members and guests were not able to attend.

The committee would like to thank the Granges for embracing the “Pre-Registration process. Knowing who was coming prior to session helped in the preparations and improved the flow of delegates as they arrived.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emilie and Sarah Leclerc, Co-Chairman,

### **Executive Committee**

Worthy Master, Distinguished guests, Delegates, Brothers & Sisters,

I am pleased, once again, to present to you, my report for the State Executive committee.

The Executive Committee held several meetings this year. Most of these were held virtually, via “Zoom” conferencing (due to Covid restrictions).

Copies of the minutes of these meetings have been supplied to each Grange. On the first of this month, we renewed our lease agreement with the church who has been meeting in the State Grange Building regularly (they were very understanding and cooperative during the time that the building was closed due to Covid restrictions). We are looking forward to continuing a very rewarding relationship with our tenant.

At our most recent meeting last Saturday, we discussed the budget (which we will present this weekend) audited the Secretary & Treasurer books and discussed final preparations for our limited State Session.

Your State Executive Committee appreciates your support, as we work in the name of this State Grange. We are confident that our decisions have been in the best interest of The Grange in New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Trombi  
Chairman of the Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Sunday, October 13, 2019  
State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Tricia Taylor, Mark Collins, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 10:26 am

Minutes from the August 22, 2019 meeting were presented. Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the amended minutes. Vote was favorable.

#### Masters Report:

- Henry Wilson Grange has consolidated with Centennial Grange effective September 30, 2019
- Croydon Grange will consolidate with Park Grange effective December 31, 2019
- Riverside Grange and Sunapee Lake Grange are looking into possibly closing or consolidating.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the report of the Master. Vote was favorable.

#### Secretary Report:

- Croydon and Riverside Granges are behind in quarterly payments and reports and will be unable to vote at State Session unless the past payments and reports are submitted.
- Membership lists for Henry Wilson and Croydon Granges will be sent to the Secretaries of the Granges receiving the transferring members.
- All packets and materials for state session are printed, stuffed, packed and ready for session.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the report of the Secretary. Vote was favorable.

#### Treasurer Report

- Income and Expense reports were presented and reviewed.

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Chris Heath to accept the report as presented. Vote was favorable.

#### Old Business:

- Granite Grange Hall ~ No up-date at this time.
- Modem Cabinet ~ Chris is taking care of this and hopes to have it taken care of soon.
- HVAC System ~ cleaning and annual maintenance of the system has been completed.
- Shed ~ The shed has not yet been purchased but will be and installed during the cleanup weekend in the spring.
- Pembroke Grange will be allowed to use the hall temporarily and can store the few stations that they have at the State range Building.
- State Grange Policy Book ~ this has been in process for several years and it has been requested that the completed selections be added to the website. Wilber will send this to the Webmaster for him to place in an appropriate place.
- The task sheet was reviewed and up-dated.

#### New Business:

- The Church has requested to make some improvements to the building with approval of the State Executive Committee and with a state representative present (painting the kitchen and bathrooms same color or our choice and at their expense). A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to allow this. Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to amend to consider this request following a four month occupancy from the church. Amendment was voted favorably. Amended motion was voted favorably.
- Discussion was held on how some renters are leaving the State Grange building after events. Items are being taped to the ceiling and walls and not all tape is being removed. Talked about adding a cleaning charge to the rental agreement and if the building is left in acceptable condition the fee would be returned and if not, we keep the fee. Jerry will forward the contract that Hudson Grange uses for their rentals and adapt to State Grange is approved.
- Custodial services at the State Grange Building was discussed. Now that the hall is being used more consistently mostly by the church, it was felt that our current arrangement may not be the best option for the more frequent cleanings and that we possibly look into finding a person or group local who can be available following events.
- State Historian, Richard Patten requested the purchase of a Grave marker and Flag for Past Stet Master John Saturley. Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the purchase of this. The vote was favorable. The \$146 cost will be taken from the Historian budget.
- Lower Intervale Grange ~ State Master Heath reported that Lower Intervale Grange has sent him an E-mail stating that they voted to give up the rights to their Grange hall and giving it to the New Hampshire State Grange. After some discussion it was decided that Tricia Taylor will reach out to the Grange and research what steps need to be followed and will report at the next meeting. Chris will send a letter to the Master and their Deputy informing them of the steps that are currently happening
- Jeremiah Smith Grange recently took in eight new members and have several more interested.
- National Grange ~ State Ceres Kerriann will not be attending National Session so a motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Beth Merrill to send Wilber Heath in her place. The vote was favorable with two abstentions.
- State Session Banquet ~ The number of tickets sold for the banquet doesn't meet the minimum required by the Hotel so the NH State Grange will be responsible for the discrepancy. Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to pay the discrepancy in banquet ticket sales. Vote was favorably.

#### 2019 ~ 2020 Income and Expense Budgets:

The proposed budget was presented by State Treasure Dan Bascom. Each line item was reviewed and discussed. The budget as presented is deficit budget.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the expense budget with the increase of \$1500.00 from what was proposed. This is still a deficit budget.

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Chris Heath to do 5% and re-evaluate income. Vote was favorable.

Vote on the amended budget was favorable.

Next meeting: Saturday following the afternoon session.

Motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Mark Collins to adjourn. Vote was favorable. Meeting closed at 12:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Saturday, October 19, 2019  
Fireside Inn & Suites ~ West Lebanon, NH

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Tricia Taylor, Mark Collins, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm. By Chairman, Robert Trombi.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to appoint Robert Trombi as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Vote was favorable.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to appoint Gerald Leclerc as Secretary of the Executive Committee. Vote was favorable.

Trustees of the Trust Fund: Diane Collins term is expiring. Motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Chris Heath to reappoint Diane as a Trustee to the Trust Fund.

Next meeting will be Saturday December 14, 2019 at Deputy School (Time to be announced)

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to adjourn. Vote was favorable. Meeting closed at 3:39

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange

Executive Committee Meeting  
Saturday, December 14, 2019  
New Hampshire Fire Academy

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Tricia Taylor, Mark Collins, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am

Minutes of the October 13, 2019, October 19, 2020 of the Executive Committee and final day of State Session were presented and corrections were made. Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the minutes as amended. The vote was favorable.

Masters Report:

- Sunapee Lake and Riverside Granges will be contacted by the State Master to work with them and discuss their futures.
- Croydon Grange will be consolidating with Park Grange as of December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Secretary Report:

- The Journal is just about complete and will be ready for distribution in January.
- The By-laws will be updated and the replacement pages will be sent to the Grange secretaries.

A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the report of the Master and Secretary. The vote was favorable.

Old Business:

- Modem Cabinet: The cabinet has been purchased and the new modem has been delivered both will be installed soon.
- Pembroke Grange has not yet needed to use the State Grange building for meetings.
- Chimney replacement: The committee is waiting for a new quote.
- Cleaning deposit for renters of the State Grange building will be added to the rental agreement.

New Business:

- 2020 State Grange Session: The committee discussed dates for the 2020 State Grange Session based off the decision made by the 2019 Delegate body. The 2020 State Session will be held on October 23, 24, 25, 2020. The Secretary will look for a location and report back at the next meeting.

Next meeting: March 25, 2020

Motion made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Mark Collins to adjourn. Vote was favorable. Meeting closed at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Tricia Taylor, Mark Collins, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. By Chairman, Robert Trombi. This meeting was held virtually due to the Governors stay at home order to combat the COVID 19 outbreak.

Minutes of the December 14, 2019 were not distributed prior to the meeting and will be approved at the next meeting.

Master's Report: The Master had no report.

Secretary's Report:

- The following Subordinate Granges are behind in reporting: Claremont Grange, Pine Grove Grange and Riverside Grange. Pomona Granges behind: Mascoma Valley Pomona and Northern NH.
- 31 New members have been initiated this quarter, giving NH a net gain for the second consecutive quarter,
- Membership total is currently 1159
- New Hampshire currently has 43 active Subordinate Granges following the consolidations of Croydon Grange with Park Grange, and Henry Wilson Grange with Centennial Grange.

Treasurer's Report:

Income:

- Withdrew \$5,000.00 from principal in Oct. to help cover expenses.
- Cashed in the savings bond from White MT. Grange \$2,464.24.
- Received \$1,200.00 donation for GSG in January, Misc. \$500 from Richardson fund for youth travel, \$500 from Grange Advocacy, added in uncashed Junior check \$250 from last June.

Expense:

- Misc. \$600 each for Jeremiah Smith & Wingold renewal applications.
- Youth travel to national \$500, State session room for membership winner, Ida Hutchins \$239.70, National session 2019, delegate travel \$882.60, State building chimney repair \$3,865.

Other items:

1. Jeremiah Smith has been reinstated as a nonprofit with the IRS
2. Wingold is taking longer, IRS needed more info, working with Don Ross, hoping this will be completed soon.

3. This year nonprofit renewal with State of NH is due, \$25.00 per Grange. I have not as yet received post card for Rochester Grange.
4. Sent the required forms for property tax exempt status to Hooksett (State Grange building) & Milford (Granite Grange). Still need to do Granite State.
5. The 2019 taxes were filed on time. If anyone would like to see it, I will bring it to our next face to face meeting.
6. Cashed in White Mt Grange savings bond.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the report of the Secretary and Treasurer. Vote was favorable,

#### Old Business:

- 2020 State Session: The contract with the Best Western PLUS – Portsmouth has been signed and the deposit made. Guest room rats are \$109 plus tax,
- Loan request from Meriden Grange: The request was granted and a certified letter was sent to the Master with specification of the conditions of the loan. No reply from Meriden Grange requesting the amount, The State Secretary will send a letter asking if the loan is still needed.
- Chimney Repair: The State Grange building chimney has been replaced and the final payment was made.
- Pomona Grange: Discussion of the future of the Pomona Grange in NH was held. Several Pomona Granges have met and considering requesting a Special State Session to reverse the decision made at the 2019 session. With the current State of Emergency, it was determined that if a request was made, the uncertainty of when we could meet and the notification time needed, may not give us enough time to act. A motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Tricia Taylor, to delay the implementation of the vote to close all Pomona's for one year. An amendment was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Tricia Taylor to add at the discretion of the State Master. "The implementation of the resolution about Pomona be delayed for one year at the discretion of the State Master. The vote for the amendment was favorable with one no. The vote on the amended motion was favorable. The State Secretary will send a letter to inform the Pomona and Subordinate Granges of the decision.

#### New Business:

- 2021 State Session: Both Concord Hotels are already booked for the date we are requesting. The Best Western Keene has been contacted and waiting for a response. It was also suggested to look at a new facility in the Lebanon area.
- Bible Baptist Church: The church is currently on hiatus due to COVID 19. The church has asked for use of the State Grange building for an occasional Friday. A motion was made by Mark Collins seconded by Beth Merrill to let the church use the building on additional dates pre-scheduled with Hannah West for a rate of 20% off the regular rental price. The vote was favorable. Bob Trombi will communicate this with the Pastor and Hannah.
- Building Internet: Chris Heath reported that the cabinet has been installed in the kitchen to house the equipment. He recommends that we upgrade the internet connection. The Secretary will contact Consolidated Communications and upgrade to the next tier of internet access.

The next meeting will be held on June 11, 2020 at 7:30 at the State Grange Building.

A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor to adjourn. The vote was favorable. Meeting closed at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
New Hampshire State Grange

New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday June 11, 2020

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Tricia Taylor, Mark Collins, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, by Chairman, Robert Trombi. This meeting was held virtually due to the Governors stay at home order to combat the COVID 19 outbreak.

Minutes of the December 14, 2019 and March 25, 2020 meetings were presented and reviewed. Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was favorable.

Masters Report:

- Riverside Grange #137 has surrendered its charter and will be closed as of June 30, 2020.
- Halloween Grange #317 has surrendered its charter and will be closed as of June 30, 2020
- Contacted by a lawyer regarding land in Hebron, NH that is owned by the NH State Grange. The parcel of land is very small and the abutters would like it. The State Master has contacted Don Whittum and asked that he look into this and do what is necessary to transfer ownership to the Church that abuts the property.
- Granite State Grange Hall still needs to be cleaned out and help is needed. Once the building is empty it will go on the market and be sold.
- National Session has been reduced to two days with only the Officers and Delegates attending.
- Spoke of a Public Service Announcement “USPS Must Remain Strong, even in new Digital Era” that he wrote. Plans to have it printed in local newspapers.

Motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the Masters report. Vote was favorable.

Secretary Report:

- The following Subordinate Granges have not yet reported for the last quarter
  - Blazing Star
  - Londonderry
  - Mohawk
  - Riverhill



- Riverside
- Stratford
- The following Pomona's have not reported for the last quarter
  - Mascoma Valley
  - Northern NH

Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the Secretary's report. Vote was favorable.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Income report was presented and discussed
- Expense report was presented and discussed
  - The second half of Department Budgets are generally distributed to each department in June. Due to COVID 19 and the cancellations of many Grange activities, it was discussed as to the departments needing the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of their 2020 budget. The Secretary will contact each Director to see if they need the second half at this time, if not they can request it at a later date if the funds are needed.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Treasurer's report. Vote was favorable.

#### Old Business:

- 2020 State Session: The Secretary has been in contact with the Best Western ~ Portsmouth to inquire about the changing of the contract for Session. Changes or cancelation can be made 30 days prior to the scheduled event. If the event is cancelled, the deposit will not be refunded unless the cancellation is due to any ruling from the Governor.
- Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to change the 2020 State Session to a one-day event on October 24, 2020 at the Best Western~ Portsmouth, with only the State Officers and Delegates present to act on the resolutions, Elect and Install the State Officers and vote on the proposed 2021 Budget. Vote was favorable.
- Meriden Grange Loan Request: Meriden Grange has not responded to the loan agreement sent regarding their request. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to withdraw the proposal for the loan as the agreement has not been accepted. Vote was favorable.
- 2021 State Session: The Best Western ~ Keene was contacted prior to the stay at home order. The Secretary will reach out to them now and begin to work on the 2021 session.
- Internet at the State Grange Building: The intranet service has been upgraded and work is complete.
- Wingold Grange non-profit status: This is still in process.

#### New Business

- State Grange Building: Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to open the State Grange building as long as the renters abide by the State guidelines for the assembling of groups. The vote was favorable.

- Halloween Grange Hall: The assigned Deputy is working with Halloween Grange to clean out the building and to prepare for selling. Several requests have been made asking for first refusal. These requests have been denied and the building and property will go on the market and sold as is to the first one who can secure financing for the price being asked.
- Mark Collins has asked to purchase the white cast iron chairs that were used in Flora's court. It was suggested that he contact the State Flora to see if she no longer needs these. A donation will be made if these are no longer needed.
- Shed for State Grange Building: Discussion was held as to where on the property this shed be installed. As a result of the discussion, it was decided that we hold a yard clean-up day at the State Grange Building on June 20, 2020 at 9AM to clear vegetation growth and make space for the shed.

Next meeting will be July 30, 2020 at the State Grange Building at 7:30 pm.

Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to adjourn. Vote was favorable. Meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
 NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange  
 Executive Committee Meeting  
 Thursday July 30, 2020

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Tricia Taylor, Mark Collins, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. By Chairman, Robert Trombi. This meeting was held virtually via ZOOM.

Minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting were presented and reviewed. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was favorable.

Masters Report:

- Crown Point Grange is considering closing but no official notice has been given.

Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Masters report. Vote was favorable.

Secretary Report:

- Not all Pomona or Subordinate Granges have reported yet!  
 Pomona: Cheshire County Pomona reported for March but payment has not yet been received.
- Subordinate: Blazing Star, Londonderry, and Riverhill Grange's have not yet submitted their March 2020 reports. Stratford Grange has paid both March and June quarter but have not yet sent reports.

- The Pomona and Subordinate Granges will be contacted before session informing them that unless the past reports and payments are not submitted prior to the start of session they will not have voting privileges
- Riverside and Halloween Granges surrendered their charters effective June 30, 2020. Final reports have been submitted and all remaining money has been turned over to the State Grange.

Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to accept the Secretary's report. The vote was favorable.

Treasurer Report:

- The Income and Expense reports were submitted and reviewed.

Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the Treasurer's report.

Vote was favorable

Unfinished Business:

- 2020 State Session: The Secretary has made several attempts to contact the Best Western ~ Portsmouth requesting the "Revised" contract changing our event to Saturday, October 24, 2020. Contract has yet to be sent a visit to the hotel will be made next week if not received by the end of this week.
- 2021 State Session: Contacted Best Western ~ Keene for the 2021 Session. They are not currently booking into 2021 yet. Several other facilities have been contacted and have receive the same response.
- A large pile of brush was accumulated from the recent "Yard Clean Up" at the state Grange building. A landscaping company has been contacted and quoted \$90 to remove the pile. Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to authorize the secretary to contact the landscape company and remove the pile of brush. Vote was favorable.
- Grange property in Hebron, NH was been given to the abutter.
- Norman Brandt will be collecting all the required property of Halloween Grange.

New Business:

- Standing Rules for the 2020 Annuals Session were presented. Motion made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the Standing Rules. Vote was favorable.
- It was discussed about the possibility of the State Grange purchasing a ZOOM account. This would be used for conducting meetings, as well as giving members who are not able to come to session the opportunity to log into the Session. Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Jerry Leclerc to purchase a ZOOM account. The vote was favorable. Mark Collins will look into this.
- The rental contract with the Church is up for review. The contract will be revised and approved prior to presenting it to the Church.

Next meeting will be August 27, 2020 at 7:30 via ZOOM. The Treasurer will have a preliminary income and expense budget for 2021. The final budget will be voted on at the October meeting and presented to the delegate body for their approval.

Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to adjourn. The vote was favorable. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday August 27, 2020

Present: Robert Trombi, Christopher Heath, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Tricia Taylor, Mark Collins, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. By Chairman, Robert Trombi. This meeting was held virtually via ZOOM.

Minutes of the July 30, 2020 meeting were presented and reviewed. A Motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was favorable.

Masters Report:

- Spoke with the Secretary of Sunapee Lake Grange. They currently have only 9 members. It was decided that Sunapee Lake grange will be closed as of September 30, 2020. Members will be given demits and can join any neighboring Grange they wish.
- We will be having a State Officers rehearsal on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the State Grange building. A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Masters report. Vote was favorable.

Secretaries Report:

- The following Granges have not yet submitted reports for the quarter ending June 30, 2020:
  - Blazing Star
  - Mt Livermore
  - Mt Pistareen
  - Pine Grove
  - Northern NH Pomona
  - Mascoma Valley Pomona

These Granges will be notified and informed that they will not have voting privileges at State Session if reports are not submitted prior to the start of session.

A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the Secretary's report. Vote was favorable.

Treasurers Report:

- No formal report was presented

- Received \$428.30 from Halloween Grange and will be placed in the defunct Grange account.

A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded Beth Merrill to accept the Treasures report. Vote was favorable.

#### Unfinished Business:

- 2020 State Session:
  - The revised contract with the hotel has been received and will be signed and sent back
  - Granges will be sent all session information early September outlining the changes in the registration process
  - Two resolution have been received so far.
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- 2021 State Session
  - No information to report at this time.
- Cardigan Grange: It had been reported that fundraising meetings were being held in the former Cardigan Grange Hall. After some research it was found that these meeting are being held by the Preservation Society who are in the process of renovating the building formally used as the Grange hall. The State Grange has been in contact with the Society requesting that this is NOT to be referred as a Grange sponsored fundraiser.
- Lower Intervale Grange is putting their hall on the market. Question asked how much of the profit from the sale goes back to Lower Intervale Grange and how much is held by the State Grange. (Wilber will research this)

#### New Business:

- 2021 Proposed Expense Budget (1<sup>st</sup> Draft)
  - The proposed budget was presented and discussed.
  - A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to leave the budget as submitted until the October meeting. Vote was favorable
- Dining Room Lights: the lights are not operating as well as they should and need to be addressed.
  - A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Wilber Heath to replace the light fixtures with LED lights. The vote was favorable. (Wilber will ask the Building Manager to get quotes for the work)
- Hall Property: It has been observed via the outside security cameras that the Grange property has been used as a meeting place by groups to socialize. The Hooksett police had been notified on one occasion to have the parties removed.
  - A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to have a no trespassing sign posted on the property. The vote was favorable. (Wilber will notify the Building Manager)
- ZOOM Account: The State Grange now has a ZOOM account and the consensus of the committee is that the account can be used by any Grange who wishes to do so. Before this can happen, a request procedure needs to be developed.

- A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to let a Grange have access to ZOOM on a first come first serve basis as long as the State Grange is not using it. The vote was favorable.
- Liberty Bible Baptist Church Lease: The revised lease was presented and additions and clarifications were made:
  - Adding an additional fee for use of the hall outside the contracted days.
  - Notification of needed repairs
  - Removal of all Church property between services.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to postpone the vote on the lease pending a review of the financial impact the LBBC has had on the building. Vote was favorable.

- State Grange Rental cost: Discussion of the rental cost for the State Grange Building with the following results:
  - Rental fee remains at \$150 per day
  - Add a \$50 Maintenance Deposit. This would be returned to the renter once it has been determined that the building was left relatively clean including the removal of all trash and free of damages.

A Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Haefner that the maintenance deposit be added to the lease agreement. Vote was favorable.

Next meeting will be October 17, 2020 at 10 AM. The books of the Treasurer and Secretary will be audited and the 2021 budget will be finalized to present to the delegate body.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to adjourn. Vote was favorable and the meeting closed at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
 New Hampshire State Grange  
 Executive Committee

### **Family and Community**

Worthy Master, State Officers and Patrons all,

What a strange and challenging year this has been! We sincerely hope that you have been staying safe and social distancing during this difficult time. It is hard to believe that it is already time to present this report to you again. It seems like state session 2019 was just here....

Our committee began the year by meeting at Leaders School in December. We went over the program for the year and brainstormed some possibilities and ideas for the coming year. We chose a date and began to plan a Family & Community Day to be held at the state grange building in Hooksett, but COVID-19 put an end to that plan for this year. Hopefully we can make it happen in 2021. Following our meeting, we assembled 120 Christmas gift bags for the residents at Glencliff. Thank you, Ida Hutchins of Bakers River Grange, for delivering the bags for us once again, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We understood that the constraints of the pandemic made it very difficult for granges to even meet, let alone plan activities and community service projects, so we were very pleased to receive six community service booklets and 17 completed reports! This year we asked you to report the number of hours of community service your members had given and the total number of hours reported was 12,721.25! WOW! And in the midst of a pandemic! Well done, grangers.

The report form winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> – Wicwas Lake #292 – 360 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Joe English #53 – 345 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Watatic #36 – 330 points  
4<sup>th</sup> – Pembroke #111 – 290 points  
and Antrim #98 – 290 points

The six booklets were judged and each grange did a wonderful job displaying their community service projects. Each grange has its own unique brand of community service. Wicwas Lake members renovated the local Baptist church and hosted a community Children’s Christmas Party, complete with a visit from Santa. Concord Grange again presented the Christmas Parade and tree lighting ceremony as well as providing clothes and toys for children in need. Joe English Grange gave dictionaries to third graders in several schools and made and delivered sleeping bags for the Sleeping Bag Project for the Homeless. Watatic Grange made blankets and “nests” for animals injured in the Australia wildfires and for local shelters as well, and also made cards for several resident homes. Antrim Grange members planted and maintained a community garden in the center of town and presented a community supper. Hampton Falls Grange collected toys for the local police department and made blankets for the SPCA. Great work, everyone!

The winners of the community service booklets are:

1<sup>st</sup> – Watatic Grange #36  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Joe English Grange #53  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Concord Grange #322  
4<sup>th</sup> – Wicwas Lake Grange #292

For the second year in a row, Watatic Grange’s booklet will be sent on for judging at the national level. Congratulations to chairman Cam Twiss, you did a fantastic job!

For those granges that were fortunate enough to be able to present their local community service awards, thank you and congratulations. Most granges were not so lucky. We suggest that you either find a creative and socially safe way to present them to your chosen recipients or hold those awards until next year.

Since state grange is condensed to one day and there is no banquet, we are not presenting any state awards this year.

While we will not be receiving entries for judging in the baking contest at state session this year, we did decide to ask members to submit their needlework entries.

Winners were:

Class A – Afghans – 1<sup>st</sup> - Beth Merrill – Antrim #98  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Carol Hill – Rockingham #193  
Class C – Embroidery – 1<sup>st</sup> – Anne-Marie Collins – non-member  
Class G – Adult Garment – 1<sup>st</sup> - Beth Merrill – Antrim #98

Class J – Stuffed Toy – 1<sup>st</sup> - Sharon Stickney – Antrim #98  
Class K – Baby Afghan – 1<sup>st</sup> - Beth Merrill – Antrim #98  
Class L – Adult Garment Sewn – 1<sup>st</sup> - Joyce Martin – Claremont #9

Thank you all for your entries, they were beautiful! Several granges reported a total of 200 pairs of mittens, 66 hats and 4 scarves which were collected for the Mountain of Mittens project. These items will be or have already been donated locally by the granges who collected them.

In closing, we would like to thank every grange that participated in the Family and Community Service program this year. We understand that it was difficult to complete most of the projects within our program and hope that you recognize that your grange was not alone in this endeavor. We encourage you to remain positive and confident that next year will be a better one for all of our grange activities.

Fraternally,  
Kathy Yardley & Joyce Martin, Co-directors, NH State Grange  
Family & Community Committee

### **Family Weekend**

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

Our annual Grange Family weekend was held July 24-26 at Davidson Campground in Bristol, NH.

The campground had Covid protocols in place, but we found them not to be overly intrusive. We had a nice warm weekend with 9 campsites being used and a total of 24 for the full weekend.

On Saturday we had some day visitors to bring our total to 32. The campgrounds pool was open and enjoyed by some of our group. There was also a nice beach area on the Pemigewasset River for some relaxation. With a relaxed schedule, the weekend was a nice time to catch up with our Grange family after a time of staying at home. Stories and memories were shared, new memories made and friendships rekindled.

We had 7 in attendance who had never been to a family weekend. We enjoyed playing cribbage, corn hole, bingo, swimming, bike riding, potluck supper and campfires. Plans are in the works for next year's event (being Coordinated by Shawn Scanzani), so watch for information and plan on joining us for a great time of fun and fellowship.

Fraternally submitted,  
Robert Trombi  
Family Weekend Coordinator

### **Fundraising Committee**

Worthy Master, report of the fundraising Committee. Due to the Covid-19 virus the only fundraising we did was the 120 club. With permission from the State Grange Executive



Committee, money raised was used by the State Treasurer to pay for the updating of the IRS name changes totaling \$1,050.00. This leaves a balance in the fundraising account of \$1,359.89.

As we are relocating to Florida and Maine this is my last year as chairman. I have enjoyed this committee, working with Doris Mitton and everyone. Thanks for all your support and help.

Respectfully,  
Kimber Bascom  
Chairman Fundraising Committee

### **General Deputy**

Worthy Master, Brothers, and Sisters

This has been a year unlike any other. The world-wide pandemic has made it even harder to grow our organization, because now we are struggling just to meet without putting ourselves at risk.

This year we had planned to build on the changes made in the previous year. Unfortunately, just as the deputies were preparing to head out for spring visitations, COVID19 brought everything to a halt. As a result, no meaningful data was collected during the spring. Fall visits were also limited, so no scores will be announced this year.

The good news is that granges are finding ways to start meeting again, with restrictions in place to keep us safe. I am hopeful that what we have learned about the virus will allow us to safely visit the granges in the coming spring.

I am very grateful to have worked with such a wonderful team these last few years. I would not have lasted this long without all of your support. I hope we can continue to work as a team for many years to come.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Savage  
General Deputy

### **Grange Services**

Worthy State Master, State Officers, Delegates, Patrons all!

It is a pleasure to present this report of the Grange Member Benefits Committee. I will admit I had no idea what I was getting into when I volunteered to help State Master Chris Heath by offering to take the Director as he was looking for someone to fill this position. I would like to thank past director Linda Phelps for her assistance.

I felt bad that as a committee we could not have a meeting at the annual Leaders Conference in December, as I was sick with a virus for two weeks. I made copies of the program that National Grange offers Members Benefits. I read through the benefits offered to Grange members and it was quite extensive. Although many of their benefits offered to Grange members are also offered through AARP, the main difference is the Grange Benefits extends to all members who are 18 years and older, where the AARP benefits are open to senior adults 50 years and older.

A member who would like to receive these discounts or services must go on the National Grange Website and go to the Member Benefits Section and register your name, information, and then you will be receiving a card or code number to take advantage of the various services. They work closely CVS Pharmacy, several Hearing Services, many businesses such as Wal-Mart, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Lenovo are just a few.

You can get a discount on rent a car, hotels, and travel by train or airplane. There are several insurance companies as well as one that offers animal insurance. I urge you to please go on their website and become a member.

I was pleased to have formed a partnership with Crotched Mountain Rehab Medical Equipment. They are located on Regional Drive, Concord and have many different wheel chairs, scooter chairs, walkers, commodes, crutches, hospital beds, and more. They currently partner with schools, churches, and other organizations in the area. They offer their items at a reduced rate. I personally have gotten several things from them and they stand behind their equipment. If your insurance doesn't cover these items, then they should be checked out.

The Member Benefits Committee is also in charge of the Education Scholarships and Educational Loan Fund. My heartfelt thanks to Patrice Lawlor and Lois Enman for their assistance with this. The donations to the Educational Loan Fund are way down from previous years. I know the coronavirus has caused many Granges to not have meetings. Thus, that is a major reason as to why the donations are down. Please try to remind your Grange it is never too late to make a donation.

This year two scholarship applications were received from two sisters from Wicwas Lake Grange of Meredith. They are both going to Plymouth State University this fall. The application form will be updated so remind students as long as they are in college, they can reapply each year for assistance. Many thanks to Patrice Lawlor for arranging a telephone conference call for us to discuss the two applicants.

The NH State Grange Education Committee has always donated to the Abby Sargent Memorial Scholarship Fund. I don't know how many members are familiar with. I, myself have heard about it but never knew the history or extent of it. This scholarship is available through the NH Farm Bureau in Concord. Abby Sargent was an outstanding woman in the field of agriculture and in the formation of women in the Farm Bureau. She was also a member of Narragansett Grange of Bedford and a former teacher. She and Past State Grange Flora, Dorothy McLain who was also a member of Narragansett Grange were both teachers and close friends. Dorothy McLain who was a member of the State Education Committee was a big advocate of this scholarship and the Grange supporting it.

I would like to thank the members of my committee whom I have tried to stay in regular contact with emails: Lois Enman Patrice Lawlor, Esther Herrick, Haven Haynes JR, Doris Minton,

Lester Gibbs, Ida Hutchins, Linda Phelps, Norma Neary, George & Debra Standley Jr, I would like to thank State Treasurer Dan Bascom for his assistance with our account. Thank you to Matt Collins for keeping the State Grange Website up to date, along with GSG Editor, Hannah West for publicizing our Committee. Many thanks to State Secretary Jerry Leclerc and State Master Chris Heath for their support.

Fraternally,

Richard Patten, Director  
NH State Grange Member Benefits Committee.

### **Granite State Granger**

The four quarterly issues of the Granite State Granger were mailed to Grange households in March, June, September, and December 2020. As always, I am grateful for the support of family members who make the task of folding, wafering, and labeling each paper possible. I also appreciate the help of the Commercial Department at the Concord Monitor when I ask for it.

With so many Grange events cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was sometimes hard to scrape up enough material to fill the pages. I have been very glad for the work of the Grange Department Directors who made an effort to keep up Grangers' spirits by giving them news to read and activities to do at home. I would also like to thank Cam Twiss and others who have shared Grange memories and other personal news which makes the paper fun to read.

The financial support of those who have donated to the GSG is a big help to the State Grange treasury. Even more important to me is that each donation tells me that the paper means something to those who receive it.

Another Grange year is coming up and with your help and support another four issues of the Granite State Granger will appear in your mailboxes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannah West, Editor

### **Historian**

Worthy State Master, Delegates, Patrons all!

It is a pleasure to report on the activities of the State Historian. This year has been a challenging one. Between being sick twice with a form of the virus, problems in helping a homeless person, then a freak accident with my sister's scooter chair, and then top it off, bronchitis. Despite all of these, I have continued to read State Grange Journals and find interesting tidbits here and there. I have a State Grange Historian Blog on Facebook which I write thoughts or memories I have of past State Grange Sessions, members who have passed away, or thoughts of special nights etc. I appreciate the remarks people have made when they have read them. I have over 100 followers of this blog.

It doesn't seem possible that the Grange continues to make a difference whether it is through agriculture or community projects. The Grange can make a big difference whether it is in the Legislature, community, or a person's life. I have received several telephone calls or emails

about people asking about certain Granges who have closed or if they are still active. It is amazing how many people today are interested in the history of this great organization. Some of these included Madbury Grange, Cardigan Grange of Alexandria, Dover Grange, Strawberry Bank Grange of Portsmouth, Plymouth Grange, and Warren Grange to name a few.

I have done a lot of research on these and hopefully gave them the information they needed. I have also received telephone calls from funeral directors who had someone that passed away and listed as being a Grange member. However, they didn't list the name either because the family was not aware of the name or knew little about their involvement.

I also tried to locate members who were very active in the past but somehow got lost in the shuffle. In some cases, their Grange had closed and no one knew where they went. Recently, I was asked to try and locate grandparents who belonged to Ezekiel Webster Grange of Boscawen. They were looking for photos the Grange may have had. I found the grandparents but I have no photos of them.

I tried to locate Peter Brown and his family who were very active in the Grange from Greenfield. Peter was a well-known singer in the State Grange Talent contests or soloist for the Sixth Degree in the late 60's and early 70's. Many thanks to Charlene Hooper for helping to locate this family. I was saddened to find out Peter had died last year in Delaware. He was only in late 50's and it was a logging accident. His mother Eleanor Brown along with his two sisters had moved to Delaware. Eleanor had a fatal car accident in Virginia, she was the passenger. Her two daughters still live in Delaware and are members of the Grange in that state.

Elaine Nichols passed away a few years ago but it was never reported. She served as a member of the State Youth Committee and State Membership Committee. She is a Past Master of Pilot Grange, Androscoggin Grange, Androscoggin Valley Pomona Grange. She was a very active member in the northern sector of the state.

Carolee Barrett passed away this year and I was very surprised. I first met Carolee and Roland Barrett when they were named State Grange Young Couple of the Year. They were both very active in the Grange. Carolee was Past Master of Golden Rod Grange, Cheshire County Pomona Grange, Past Matron of Golden Rod Junior Grange and Past Junior Deputy. She was appointed State Junior Director and served for 3 years. Following the birth of her daughter, Allana, she was appointed to the State Membership Committee. Carolee was a very dedicated member and will be greatly missed.

Pam Kimball was a very active member of Meriden Grange. She was a Past Master, past Youth Lady Assistant Steward, and past member of the State Grange Contact Committee.

Kathlyn Quig along with her late husband were very active members. She was a Past Master of Ammonoosuc Grange, past master of Ammonoosuc Valley Pomona Grange, Past Master of White Mountain, Past State Youth Chairman, and Past State Pomona. She joined Concord Grange and almost reached her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday one week short.

Evelyn Ray along with her husband Tim were very active in Baker River Grange before transferring to Mount Livermore Grange. Evelyn served as Past Master for Baker River Grange,

Past Master of Wentworth Grange, and Past member of the State Grange Deaf Activities Committee.

Burton Meyers along with wife Tillie were very active in the Shelbourne/Gorham area. Burt was a Past Master of Winthrop Grange, Past Patron of Winthrop Juvenile Grange, and past member of the State Grange Fair Committee.

Howard Towne, I will always remember his hearty laughter. He was a true Grange member who was not afraid to speak his thoughts. He was a Past Master of Joe English Grange, Past Master of Union Pomona Grange, Past State Grange Agriculture Director and Committee member, Past member of the Committee on Men's Activities, and IFYE Representative.

I met Pauline Simard, who was Master for Batchelder Grange in Manchester for many years. She and her mother were very active in this Grange. I remember her coming to my installation as Master for Pineconia Grange. She was very friendly and was surprised when I found out from a funeral director that she had passed away unexpectedly. When Batchelder Grange closed, they merged with Uncanoonuc Grange of Goffstown.

There were many others who have gone to that Great Grange above this past year. The history they wrote in their Grange and for the Grange as a whole will always be remembered.

Recently Halloween Grange of Concord Manor closed their doors as of June 30. They had a very active Grange for many years. They had the distinction of being organized on Halloween night. I was pleased the Penacook Historical Society wanted to have the Secretary minute books for their collection. It was also sad to see Riverside Grange of Dalton close their doors. This Grange was very active in their town and several members served in the State Grange Pink Sash family.

I still need to get more secretary minute books at the State Grange Building to more towns for their historical societies. It is amazing how much history is in those books. People are amazed everyday how much the Grange made a difference in their government and communities.

I would like to thank the following as this past year was a bad year for me. Donald Ross who called me every day to see how I was doing recovering from a series of bad luck this year. My ex-wife, Debbie who helped me so much, more than beyond the call of duty; Jerry Leclerc, Peter Pomper, Camille Twiss, Bob Trombi, Norman Brandt, Esther Herrick, and Brian Blackden. Their support, phone calls, and willing to help where ever needed. It was nice to know they were there. Always remember never forget your friends even though your life may have changed. You never get rid of your friends. I know, believe me.

My historical book I have been writing is nearly finished and I hope someday to get it printed so others may enjoy what I have written. It is filled with memories of my Grange Journey from Juvenile Grange to Subordinate and then onto State Grange.

Thank you, Worthy State Master, for allowing me to continue writing and researching history of this great organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Patten, State Historian,  
NH State Grange

## **Junior**

Worthy State Master, Distinguished Guests, State Officers, Delegates and Patrons all,

Our State Junior Grange is still going strong. We have currently 26 on the books and we have 3 that will be graduating this year. This will leave us with 23 members. Do you have children or grandchildren that would benefit from Junior Grange? Our numbers must keep growing so we can assist our Subordinate Granges. These will be our future Subordinate, Pomona and State officers if we work with them, and teach them more about the Grange.

My theme for 2021 is “We can do it! -Be a Leader - Wear a mask”. National Junior Theme is “Cultivating Connections”.

I attended Farm and Forest in February, assisting in the State Grange booth. The booth theme this year was” The Heart of NH is Rooted in Agriculture”. We had paper plates to make a Heart hat and decorated them with heart stickers.

Junior rally held Feb 8 in Hooksett had 9 juniors. We made different crafts one to take home and one for the Big E to sell in the Grange building: String Angels, Bead Angels, book marks, a Mouse with a candy cane tail. We had a special guest, Cheryl Myers who brought colored yarns from her sheep and everyone had a chance to make 2 strand yarn and made a bracelet. We opened the Junior Grange and we obligated Connor Scanzani as a Junior Granger. Thanks to our State Master, Chris Heath and Jane Trombi helping with the crafts and ritual time.

Bowling with 13 Juniors joining adults bowling. Juniors and friends had a great day! It’s always fun and glad we were able to hold this as it went to a crashing halt after March with the Corona virus or Corvid-19 thank you to our State Lecturer, Jane Trombi for including us.

As the year went on, I included ideas of activities that parents can do with their children and stay safe when writing my Granite State Granger articles. I hope some tried the clay or gardening. I received photos of Timothy and Rebecca Boisvert with results of planting the sprouts from potatoes. They had many sizes and told of how they planted them.

No entry in the Big E Junior craft contest this year from New Hampshire  
Because of the shortened State Session to keep us safe, we will not be putting up a display and there will be no children attending from what I was told.

The Junior Department had no Stratham Fair and Deerfield Fair display this year as all fairs closed. Does this all sound like the Master’s charge in the degrees of the dark and dreary days...?

This fall I mailed every Junior Granger a packet with word searches and crafts and even some lined paper if they need it for their school work.

In closing, I want to thank our Worthy State Master for all his support with the Junior activities this year. Of course, parents, grandparents and granges are an important part of our program as without them, we could not travel and attend Junior activities or even grow new Youth and our future. I hope you go the extra mile and bring in Junior Grangers. You can make a difference today, tomorrow and always.

Fraternally submitted,  
Joann Brandt, Junior Director

### **NH Grange Foundation – President’s Report 2020**

To the officers and members of the New Hampshire State Grange:

This is the Annual Presidents report of the New Hampshire State Grange foundation. This year’s President Report is short this year due to Covid 19.

The foundation met earlier this year via zoom, and the decision was made not to award any scholarships this year. The reason was twofold at the time we looked at our investments, and due the unfolding economic issues and a sharp drop in the investments in the stock market. Also, with schools going virtual we felt the opportunities to contact schools were very limited.

This year we lose a wonderful Board Member in Lorraine Merrill, who has decided to retire from the Board this year. Thank you, Lorraine, for your guidance and expertise in getting the Foundation up and running, your work is appreciated.

I want to thank all of the Directors for serving.

Sincerely,  
Jim Tetreault, President  
NH State Grange Foundation

### **Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting**

Friday, October 18, 2019 – The Fireside Inn, West Lebanon, NH

Present: Jim Tetreault - President, Dave Babson - Vice President,  
Andrew Savage - Treasurer, Tara Sad - Secretary, Jozi Best, Bob Haefner, John Porter, Gail McWilliam-Jellie, Sandy Salo,

Not Present: Linda Lauer, Lorraine Merrill, Tim O’Connell

Pres. Tetreault opened the meeting at 3:04 pm, and welcomed the board members present.

#### **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Andrew Savage presented his report for the Foundation through the June 30, 2019 fiscal year end.

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Account:	\$116,501.70
Provident Bank Checking Account	\$ 15,578.10*

(\* \$14,375 of this balance is the flow through money to be used for the renovations of the Antrim Grange Hall)

Scholarships awarded: None

**There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Tara Sad, seconded by Bob Haefner. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor.**

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Tara Sad presented the minutes from the 2018 Grange Foundation Annual Meeting:

Tara Sad moved and Bob Haefner seconded a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as filed. The resulting vote was unanimous.

He noted that this is 2019 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Grange Foundation. He then read his President's Report:

### **President's Report**

Pres. Tetreault then presented his President's Report:

In doing some research for this report, I have determined that this is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of the Grange Foundation. So Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Grange Foundation!

The Foundation was founded on the basis of a bequest from Clarence Sprague, who, in the 1930's, received a scholarship from a local Grange in NH. Sprague was so grateful for that support in his early years from the Grange that he wanted to return the favor and remember the Grange in his last will and testament. The Grange, being a 501c8 organization rather than a 501c3 that receives tax benefits, spurred the NH State Grange Executive Committee to look to establishing a foundation to accept and manage the bequest.

What are the goals of the NH Grange Foundation? To support students going on to receive an education beyond high school. The Foundation serves an important function for Community Granges across the state. The Foundation is be able to accept monies on behalf of local Granges, allowing the donor can receive a tax benefit. Does your Grange look for donations in the Community? Right now we have one Community Grange that is using the Foundation to help with a major restoration of their Hall. I encourage you to talk to the members of Antrim Grange about how they are doing this. It could be a major benefit to your Grange.

I want to thank the members of the Foundation board this year for bearing with me. As many of you know, in 2014 I stepped away from Grange officers' leadership because of the state of my mom's health. Many of you may not be aware, but my mom's health took a serious downward spiral starting at Christmas time of 2018, and it came to head in May of 2019, almost resulting in her death. We were lucky, the right doctor walked into her room on that first Sunday of her hospitalization, asked the right questions, and we were lucky to have the right answers. After spending two weeks in the hospital, and six weeks in Applewood Nursing home in Winchester for rehab, our family is lucky to have her recover and return home in a much healthier state than when she left home in May. She will undergo several operations in the coming months, which we hope will ensure a better quality of life for the future.



Jozi Best moved and Dave Babson seconded a motion to accept the President's Report as submitted. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

**New Business:**

**Election of Board Members whose terms expire:**

**Andrew Savage moved and Sandy Salo seconded the motion to elect those board members whose terms expire to another three year term. They are John Porter, Bob Haefner and Tara Sad.** The resulting vote was unanimously in favor.

**The delegates of the State Grange then voted unanimously in favor of the re-election of the three board members.**

**Resignation of Tim O'Connell:**

Pres. Tetreault then notified the board that Tim O'Connell sent in his notice of resignation from the board, citing his heavy workload on the farm and farmers markets. **Bob Haefner moved and Andrew Savage seconded a motion to accept Tim O'Connell's resignation, with regrets and thanks. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Appointment of Will Pearson:**

There being an opening on the Board, Jim Tetreault nominated William Pearson to fill the position. Will Pearson, who was present, introduced himself and gave his background, stating that he would look forward to serving on the board. **Bob Haefner moved and Tara Sad seconded a motion to appoint William Pearson to the Board. The motion was adopted unanimously.**

**Election of Officers:**

**Jozi Best moved and Bob Haefner seconded a motion to elect officers for the 2019-20 Year. The officers are: Jim Tetreault, President; Dave Babson, Vice President; Andrew Savage, Treasurer, Tara Sad, Secretary. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor of re-election of officers.**

**The delegates of the State Grange voted in favor as well.**

**Other Business:**

It was noted that there were no scholarships given this year. It was suggested that notices for the scholarships be published in the Eastern States Exposition publications and website, as well as in the *Granite State Granger*.

There being no further business, Bob Haefner moved and Will Pearson seconded a motion to adjourn. The vote was unanimous in favor. The time was 3:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tara Sad, Secretary

**State Lecturer**

Worthy Master, Fellow State Officers, Patron's all:

This has to be the hardest report I have had to write as your State Lecturer after 6 years in the office! With the Covid 19 pandemic, we have missed out on so much in our Grange life. We are used to being busy with Grange events, but have had to stay at home finding ourselves playing more board games, watching more TV and missing all our family and friends. During this year of unsettling times, with Granges not meeting, I worry that Granges may fall apart from not spending time together and not being able to do some of their projects that keep them alive in their community. I hope this isn't true. I hope that you as a Granger have found ways you can be active in your own light. I found my solace was to make masks and donate them to organizations in my area. Helping out our communities is part of what makes Grange so special.

I was also thankful for the National Grange Cultivating Connections programs that they hosted throughout the spring. There were informative sessions with the National Grange Legislative Director, Membership insight from the National Grange Membership/Development Director and Date Nights hosted by the National Grange Lecturer where talent from around the country had the opportunity to shine! We also enjoyed some trivia nights hosted by the National Grange Communications Director. What did you do during this time of staying home? Did you work on unfinished projects? Work on some entries for the various Grange contests? Connect via phone or mail with some friends or family you haven't seen? I hope you used the time wisely as we know life will eventually be the hustle and bustle again that it once was.

With the covid 19 pandemic, we had to cancel most of our events. Luckily, we got our bowling tournament in just under the wire. It happened just days before the state of NH was basically shut down, with no public events able to take place. The bowling alley made sure to clean everything before we arrived and I came prepared with hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes. We did have a smaller turnout, as there were several that felt they should not attend due to the concerns of Covid, and I'm glad people did not feel they had to attend just because they had registered. The bowling alley is great that they only charge for the number of people that bowl and not the number that I give them in advance. We ended up with 13 Juniors, 2 Grange teams and 23 adults. Our small group enjoyed the time to socialize without getting too close! Here are the results from our bowling day:

First place Grange Team: Centennial with a score of 907.  
Members included: Wilber Heath, Chris Heath, Tony Skibiki and Pam Warden.

Top Junior Bowler: Ellie Mooney age 9 with Centennial Grange. She had a combined score for two games of 173.

High Triple Men: Kevin Belval of Chichester Grange with a score of 270.

High Triple Women: Mary West of Chichester Grange with a score of 233.

We were lucky to have had several successful crafting weekends at the State Grange Building. The first was the end of January. There were 5 people that stayed over and we had 6 others join us on Saturday. We had several making quilt blocks for the National Grange quilt block contest and others working on Quilts of Valor. Many other crafts were worked on throughout our time there. We did have one in March, again because we only had 4 in attendance, we were under the number set by the Governor to hold an event. While there we were very careful to social distance and keep things clean. We then ended up not meeting again until summer. During the summer

gatherings, those in attendance worked on projects of their choice. Such as quilting, sewing, card making, scrapbooking, or coloring. Our quilters worked on a quilt for NH to use at the New England Grange Building at the Big E for when it is our turn to have a quilt to raffle. While there we like to inspire others to learn a new skill. Jane Trombi showed how to make Mosaic scrapbook pages, Beth Merrill and Kathy Yardley inspired us to stamp and color cards, and Doris Mitton and Jane Heath taught us many quilting tips. It's always a fun time and I hope this will be able to continue in the future. Plan on joining us if you have any type of projects you like to do. Everyone brings all their supplies and we have a great time.

Unfortunately, the Grange Month Event had to be cancelled. This included workshops that were to be presented by some of our National Grange staff, our talent contest, penny sale and annual dinner. I was looking forward to presenting our Granger of the Year Award at this event. Since that couldn't happen, I had hoped to present it at State Grange, but with that being a one-day business meeting only, that didn't work either. Since the award did not get presented, I am holding onto those nominees for the 2021 award. The talent contest ended up being virtual and held in October. We only had one participant: Adam Terrell of Walpole Grange is Best of Show and will be representing NH during the National Grange Virtual Night of Excellence in November. Thank you, Adam and congratulations, for a job well done.

With State Grange being a one day only session and no exhibits taking place, I decided to have all the contest items sent in electronically. Although a bit difficult to see the beauty of the cards, the photo contest and creative writing contest was easily done virtually. I decided to cancel the art contest this year, with the feeling that a photograph would not do art work justice. The rules normally state that any entries need to be completed after October 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year, but I put in the 2021 program that art could have been completed starting October 1, 2019. Thus, allowing anyone who had planned on entering art, could save it for next year if they choose. The results of the contests are as follows:

**Photography Contest:**

Spring:	1st: Beth Merrill, Antrim
	2nd: Marion Woodworth, Rochester
	3rd: Peggy Morgan, Rockingham
Events:	1st: Beth Merrill, Antrim
	2nd: Stephanie Rowell, Rockingham
	3rd: Anne Boisvert, Chichester
Sources of Water	1st: Marion Woodworth, Rochester
	2nd: Stephanie Rowell, Rockingham
	3rd: Peggy Morgan, Rockingham
Give it Your Best Shot	1st: Peggy Morgan, Rockingham
	2nd: Annie Boisvert, Chichester
	3rd: Marion Woodworth, Rochester

**Create a Card Contest:**

New Home (Hand stamped, decorated):	1st: Kathy Yardley, Walpole
	2nd: Marion Woodworth, Rochester
	3rd: Beth Merrill, Antrim
New Home (Computer Generated):	1st: Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic
New Home (Recycled):	1st: Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic

Thinking of You: (Hand Stamped, decorated)	1st: Kathy Yardley, Walpole 2nd: Beth Merrill, Antrim 3rd: Marion Woodworth, Rochester
Thinking of You (Computer Generated):	1st: Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic
Thinking of You (Recycled):	1st: Dale MacDonald, Wingold 2nd: Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic
Engagement (Hand Stamped, decorated):	1st: Beth Merrill, Antrim 2nd: Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic
Engagement (Computer Generated):	1st: Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic
Engagement (Recycled):	1st: Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic
Creative Writing Contest:	
Book Report:	1st: Cam Twiss, Sherrill Bokousky and Kathe Wolf, Watatic
Poetry:	1st: Judy Bailey, Rochester 2nd: Ava Twiss, Watatic 3rd: Anne Boiverst, Chichester

Thank you to the Granges that did send in their year-end reports. It was a tough year to hold meetings, so there was not much to report, but a few had suggestions, and those are always welcome!

I would like to thank the members of the NH State Grange for your confidence in me to hold this very important office and for all your support during the last six years. I have truly enjoyed my time as your lecturer, even though when I started out, I was very unsure that I could do it!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Trombi  
NH State Grange Lecturer

### **Legislative**

Worthy Master, Fellow Officers, Fellow Directors, and Delegates

It is my pleasure to present to you this my tenth and final annual report as your State Grange Legislative Director. It has been an honor to have served two State Masters Jim Tetreault for four years and Chris Heath for the last six years. It has also been great to work with the leadership of the National Grange and especially Burton Eller, the National Grange Legislative Director. I would like to thank the Legislative Committee members for their service to the State Grange and its Legislative Department. Jozi Best, Tara Sad and Jim Tetreault a heartfelt “Thank You”.

This past year was the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> National Grange Fly-In to New Hampshire for the “First in the Nation Presidential Primary”. It was again an honor to host this once every four-year event with Sister Tara Sad and thank both Jim and Jozi for their contribution to putting the event on. I would be remiss if I did not also thank Chris Heath and Centennial Grange for a wonderful Breakfast that they put on at the State Grange building for the participants. We had participants from as far away as the State of Washington and our attendees included our National Master, Betsy Huber. It is always a privilege hosting the Master and four others representing our

National Organization. We learned a lot about the Presidential Primary, got to work on campaigns, learned a little about how NH government works and even toured the Mill Yard museum at the Amoskeag mills. Of course, Grangers eat, so a pizzas party was in order, a Grange breakfast and no trip to New England would be complete without a seafood dinner at Makris Lobster.

While the Fly-In was a success, the remainder of the year was the COVID 19 Pandemic. As a result, there was no further activity from our Legislative Department. Even the Big E and all other fairs were canceled. Grange days have been varied and fun to arrange. We have been introduced in the Senate and the House, have led the Pledge in the House while wearing a pink sash. We have lunched in the Cafeteria of the State House and across the street at a restaurant. We have been spoken to by Senate and House Leadership and the Secretary of State. We have also had tours of the NH Historical Society Museum, the State Library, the NH Fish and Game Building and the Supreme Court. Tours of both the Capitol and the Legislative office building have been common.

During the last ten years, while your Director, we have been active. We put on the legislative breakfast while the National Grange was in Manchester, complete with Steve Taylor as the featured speaker and the breakfast featured all NH produced food. At that same National Grange session, we arranged for a sitting US Senator, Kelly Ayotte, to address the delegate body. Your Legislative Committee gave out 9 Legislator of the year awards. Five legislators getting awards were Republican and 4 were Democrats. I was able to go to two National Grange Fly-Ins to Washington, DC plus three in NH. I encourage Grangers to attend a DC Fly-In. It is an experience that you will always remember and one in which you get to lobby for our values with your Congressional Delegation.

I have always been an advocate for the Big E and especially for NH Grangers to show up for Grange Day at the Big E, march in the parade and visit the Grange building and of course the NH Building. The State Grange is represented within the New Hampshire Trustees of the Big E quite well. Four Grange members are included in the 25 regular trustees and include Dan Bascom, Beth Merrill, Tara Sad, and me, not to mention that Chris Heath is an ex-officio trustee. I will ask one more time for readers of this report to attend next September's Eastern States Exposition on Grange day and March with us in the parade.

I have always offered to help subordinate Granges to draft resolutions, few have taken me up on it, but a couple have. One of the challenges I took on was to try and move the Grange and the Farm Bureau a little closer together. I asked to join the Farm Bureau Government Affairs Committee and represent the Grange. I have done that now for all 10 years. We have a few Grange members that are also Farm Bureau members. I often share the National Grange's "View from the Hill" with Farm Bureau Leadership. We have advocated, our share, for and against legislation and at our annual sessions for and against resolutions.

Lastly, I want to offer my best wishes to the next Legislative Director and ask that he / she continue the tradition of the Fly-In to NH and Grange Day at the State House.

Fraternally,  
Bob Haefner

## Master's Address

Good Morning State Officers, Delegates and Patrons all.

All I can say is, "When do we wake up from this nightmare?" When I started this journey six years ago, I never would have guessed that my last year would be the strangest or hardest one of them all. It has been a real struggle for me as an individual, losing my job in March, as a Grange member, not being able to attend meetings and as your State Master, finding solutions for Granges to be able to meet despite the pandemic regulations and restrictions on individuals and organizations.

This past year has been anything but normal and I, for one, am hoping that we can get through this storm that we are in. Facing the uncertainties of what are ahead of us and getting back to a sense of normalcy in the very near future. It has been a time for change not only in how we interact, but how we shop, what we do to entertain ourselves, how we communicate with each other, and more. Also, in how we are allowed to meet, how we feel, how we act, how we treat each other and how we survive from day to day. If you are one of those people who is afraid of change, then this year must have made you feel anxious, fearful, uncertain, and other emotions that have caused havoc in your life. If you can relate to any of this, just know that you are not alone and that you are in good company, for I, as well as many others, have felt these and other emotions that we may have never felt before. Change is a hard pill to swallow but if you have faith in yourself and others, the determination to succeed, and a will to carry on, you will be able to survive these changes, trials, and tribulations and be better people in the end.

Most of you might think that after writing a Master's address for the five previous years, that this one would be a piece of cake but this one seemed to be the hardest. I really struggled to come up with a message and the proper way to say it to you.

The current reality of our world and what is going on in it has caused me to do a lot of thinking and praying over this address. Praying for God to help me to help you see through these dark days and hopefully bring us out of the storm that seems to have fogged our minds and hearts. I am far from an eloquent writer or speaker so bear with me. I tried to choose words that would inspire you, help open your eyes and minds to what is, what has to happen and what shall be if we work hard. I know that some of you already know what I refer to and some will still not understand, realize or believe after hearing and listening to the words. So, I hope that this message might encourage, renew, enlighten and expose you to some good, bad and indifferent ideas of what our future may hold, not only in our personal lives but also in our Grange life.

Change is a six-letter word that we all know and most of us fear. We get too comfortable in our routines and rituals that we don't want anything to be different. But we need to fully embrace change and adapt to what is before us or end up dissolving into dust with nothing to show for our efforts. Rest assured that we all are going through this together, at the same time and need to rely on each other to overcome these obstacles and survive these difficult tribulations and challenges.

Change needs to happen on every level in our lives and in the Grange. Each of us must take a step back, evaluate who we are, how we act, what we say and decide if the choices or actions that we are going to make are good or bad for our lives. The same goes for our Granges. Not only on the Subordinate and Pomona levels but also in the State and National Granges. Unfortunately,

some have lost the true meaning of what our organization was founded on and how the bottom is where our focus should be. We are a grassroots organization that is now in fear of losing its identity by actions being dictated from the top down. Our founders intended this organization to be led from the bottom through resolutions. Legislation and the communities where we have a presence but in just a few short years that mentality has reversed. We are now being told how we will do things and instructions are being dictated to us by our National leaders who have no idea what is going on in our local area. They are trying to make this cookie cutter mold of how they envision the Granges should be. If there is even a sign of going against the grain, we are shot down and told to do what we're told to do.

It is important for individual members to remember that without our Subordinate and Pomona Granges, the State and National Grange do not exist. Even though there are some who would want you to believe otherwise, the truth is, we all have the power to make changes. There is strength in numbers and the odds are in our favor. This path that we are being directed towards has us headed for disaster. Starting at the local levels, we need to rise to the occasion, change our direction and get back to our foundation or we will no longer exist. I for one do not like the idea of this organization dying and because of that passion that I have, I am going to do all I can to keep it alive. I challenge you to look deep in your hearts and decide if you do as well. It is going to take a huge concerted effort by all of us, everywhere around the nation to change our direction and keep this organization alive.

I want to commend all the Granges that have been able to adapt to our “new world” and have held their meetings by using the conferencing technologies, like Teams, Meetups and Zoom, that are available today. During this time of social distancing and gathering restrictions it's important that we find other ways to stay in touch, conduct our meetings and do the business that needs to be done. Also, I applaud those Granges who have now started meeting back in their halls. They are the true champions over this time of uncertainty. They have defied the odds and taken up the challenge to continue. We could all learn a lesson or two from these Granges. I feel like we have reached a turning point in our current situation and these are the first steps to recovery from the pandemic shut down.

The Granges in New Hampshire, which currently have a large majority of people who fall into the high-risk category for catching this virus, must adapt now. This reality makes things difficult for most Granges to get back to normal meetings but we need to do this as soon as we can. Some if not all of the members in this age bracket are afraid to even leave their homes, never mind going to a meeting at the Grange hall. All I can say to these members is we love, care and want you to stay healthy, safe and secure until it is safe for you to join us again.

For those Granges that are still not meeting it is important to reach out to each and every one of your members and keep in touch with them. This is one of the reasons most of us have joined this organization and it's important to keep this fellowship. If your Grange is meeting back in your hall make sure to take every precaution to provide a clean and sanitized environment. Let your members know what measures have been taken to make the space safe for them. If you think you can meet virtually via zoom, the State Grange now has an account and can provide your Grange with the ability to use this platform. It will take some training and help from someone who knows how to use the software but once members learn how to use it, they will see that it is a helpful tool.

If your Grange is interested in utilizing this tool, contact the Chairman of the Executive committee to reserve a time for you to meet. Let's embrace this challenge, meet it head on and work to improve our current situation. We as Grangers need unity more now than ever before. We should be finding new ways to be more active in our communities and providing outreach to our neighbors through physical labor, education, financial assistance as well as many other areas where Grange members have experience and resources. They need us and we need them. It is a symbiotic relationship that will benefit both parties.

Membership continues to be an ongoing issue for some Granges. This challenge is affected by many outside and inside interferences. Negativity, disparaging, bullying, talking down to one another and other factors are causing or contributing to our decline, reduction and loss of members in our local Granges. There are still many "cancers or viruses" in our halls that need to be resolved or removed. If you don't know anyone in your Grange, that fits this label, that person just might be you. You could be the negativity that forces members to not come to meetings, leave the Grange and never come back or cause them to have outbursts that disrupt the meeting. You may be the bottleneck in the membership recruitment process and need to re-evaluate what you say or do to your fellow members. We all need to remember that it takes all of us to make a Grange work and just because something hasn't worked in the past doesn't mean it won't work now. We should all be able to agree to disagree, work together for the good of the order and remain friends despite our differences. Remember that our actions affect not only the person that we are having the issue with but also other members around us. People subconsciously process what is happening and decide whether they want to stick around or get lost.

We are losing younger members at an alarming rate because they have no interest, their ideas are often rejected or there is no mentoring coming from the seasoned members. We need to reverse this action and approach them with an open mind and heart. Try to understand that they were not brought up the same as most of us. Listen to their ideas and help them instead of beating them down. These are the future of our Grange, our Grange leaders of tomorrow and if we push them out, we will have no future. Welcome them, mentor them, teach them and make them feel important because they truly are important and ultimately our future. They say that sometimes you win some and sometimes you lose some but right now we are losing pretty badly and we need to start winning again. It is said that it only takes a little faith to move a mountain and this is a good thing because a little faith is all we have right now. We need to overcome a large mountain that is in front of us and we need more Do'ers. Let's all do a better job at being a part of the solution and not a part the problem.

Communication is still an issue in our organization. I personally feel that this year has been better but that is a result of not being able to do much. I think that communication from the State Grange has improved some but the reverse from Subordinate Granges has fallen off some.

Granges need to realize that when they have questions about procedure, the bylaws or how they should do something, they need to reach out before they take action. A prime example of this happened this year when two resolutions, that were submitted to State Grange, were publicly retracted through our Grapevine. Individuals should not be making decisions for an entire Grange and members from other Granges should not interfere or dictate what another Grange should do. All questions should first, be directed through the Pomona, then State Grange. We are the leaders of the organization and know the proper way things should be handled. Just because



an individual has been a member for a long time doesn't mean that they know the current and proper way to do something.

Communication is a key to success and keeping the Grange work within the bylaws of our order is the responsibility of the State Master. She/He is the officer that makes all rulings on the State level and if they don't know how something should be handled, they have the National Master to guide them and make the ultimate decision. Subordinate and Pomona Granges should make the decisions that pertain to their local Grange and if they have questions, they need to start with their deputy. When possible, these decisions should be made by the Grange body, not individuals. Our bylaws state that the executive committee, in conjunction with the Master of the Grange, makes the decisions of the Grange when the Grange is not in session or between meetings when the need arises. We need to follow this instruction and if they cannot come up with a result, that action should be held over until the next regular meeting or when a special meeting can be held to discuss it.

I want to wish the new Master and other officers of the State Grange the best of luck with their terms and let them know that I will support them in any way that I can. My passion and love of this organization is something that I have always tried to exude/portray in everything I do. When I started as your State Master six years ago, I made a goal to clean up the decaying branches of the order and try to leave the Grange in better shape than when I got it. I personally feel that I have done this but unfortunately there is still more work to do.

I encourage every Grange to "work" on making their Grange stronger so that we don't have to lose any more of our Granges. My goal was not to leave a legacy, because it is not just one person's accomplishments that make an organization succeed, it takes the work of many hands, to ensure that the Grange will be strong and survive. Let us promise each other to rise up and make a difference in this ever-changing world because let's face it, ultimately it is not what we do personally but the Grange that should matter to all of us. We can rise up from the dust just as our founders did over 150 years ago and make this organization the powerhouse that it once was again.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank some special people who have mentored and helped with the work that has been accomplished over the past six years. Kerriann Nightingale for being a sounding board, remembering tasks that need to be done, making runs to the store to get things I needed or forgot, taking care of lunches for Deputy School, listening to me when I was experiencing frustrations and a countless number of other tasks that I asked of her.

Wilber and Jane Heath for bringing me into this world, raising me to be the man that I am, keeping me grounded, helping with the little things that I needed and always being that shoulder to cry on when things were difficult.

Beth Merrill, Dan Bascom and Jim Tetreault for sound advice as past State Masters when I had questions about procedure, how things should be handled, providing suggestions and listening to my ideas of things I wanted to do.

Edward Lutrell, past Master of the National Grange for being one of the greatest mentors a State Master could ever have. Dick and Debbie Patten, Lois Enman, Linda Phelps, Robert Haefner,

Steve Tracy, Norman Brandt, Joann Brandt, Kathy Yardley, Joyce Martin, Jim Tetreault, Gloria Davis, Sarah Leclerc and Matt Collins for agreeing to help me as directors. Andrew Savage for jumping in with both feet to tackle the role of General Deputy, helping come up with the Grange requirements for Instructions and Inspections and for willing to host me for our meetings.

My family members, blood and Grange both with us and those who have passed on, who have supported me throughout my entire Grange life. Past Youth directors Sherrill Bokousky, Jane Trombi, Beth and Arthur Merrill for molding me into the leader I have become and patiently teaching me the valuable Grange knowledge, policies and procedures that I have used throughout my terms as State Master.

There is a list of countless others who have supported, challenged and encouraged me throughout these past six years and I am grateful for everything you all have done.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher E Heath  
NH State Grange Master

## **Membership**

Worthy Master, officers and delegates all:

This is the report of the Directors of the New Hampshire State Grange Membership Committee. When we left State Grange in Lebanon last year, we were very hopeful and optimistic in our plans for a region wide membership conference. When we started to reach out to the other State Granges, we did not get the response that we had hoped for. Several State Granges had other plans. Once it was determined that our plans were not going to work out the way we hoped we moved on.

We were excited to partner with the Lecturers apartment by inviting the National Grange Master, Communication Director and Membership Director to provide workshops for growing the Grange here in NH. Due to Covid 19 these events were canceled we hope to reschedule these events next year.

Here are the membership statistics:

### **Subordinate Granges:**

We began the year with 45 Subordinate Granges and a membership number of 1162. Croydon Grange #357, closed as of December 31, 2019. Henry Wilson Grange #205, Consolidated with Centennial Grange #185 as of December 31, 2019 Riverside Grange #137 and Halloween Grange # 317 closed as of June 30, 2020. This leaves us with 41 Subordinate Granges and a total membership of 1110, a loss of 52 members.

The largest Subordinate Grange is Wicwas Lake Grange #292 with a total of 91 members.

**Congratulations to the following Granges that had a gain in membership this past year:**

Arlington Grange #139, Centennial Grange #185, Concord Grange #322, Hampton Falls Grange #171, Jeremiah Smith Grange #161, Mohawk Grange #217, Park Grange #249, Rochester Grange #86, Stratford Grange #238 and Wicwas Lake Grange #292.

There are several Subordinate Granges that are currently struggling to meet and the State Grange is working with them to build membership or to look for a neighboring Grange to consolidate with.

**Pomona Granges:**

We currently have a total of 8 Pomona Granges with a total membership of 366, which is a loss of 42 members from 2019. No Pomona Granges had a gain in membership this past year. The largest Pomona in the State is Pemigewasset Valley Pomona #18 with 66 members.

It's important to note that New Hampshire State Grange reported a small net gain in membership to National Grange for quarter ending December 31, 2019 and quarter ending March 30, 2020. I have no doubt that if we were not hit with the pandemic, we could be showing a gain for the year!

Respectfully Submitted:

Jim Tetreault and Gloria Davis Co-Directors  
New Hampshire State Grange Membership Committee

**Resolutions**

*Resolution #1*

*Submitted By: Concord Grange #322*

*SUBJECT: Consideration of Quarterly Dues to the State and National Grange*

WHEREAS this has been a very difficult time for Granges due to the current Pandemic to have fundraisers such as public suppers, displays at county fairs, yard sales or Grange Fairs to help with expenses and,

WHEREAS the majority of Granges could not meet since March, and,

WHEREAS Granges are struggling financially,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State and National Granges consider an assistance plan regarding quarterly dues during this Pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange Master and Executive Committee be assigned this request, have a discussion at a future Executive Committee meeting and offer any possible alternatives.

*Resolution #2*

*Submitted By: Concord Grange #322*

*SUBJECT: Non-Exempt Golden Sheaf Members*

WHEREAS the National Grange voted at its 2001 annual session to begin requiring all future members who reach the milestone of becoming a 50-year member “Golden Sheaf” continue to pay annual dues, And

WHEREAS, members who reached their Golden Sheaf honor prior to 2001 continue to not have to pay annual dues; And

WHEREAS in some cases this causes a discussion among spouses if one doesn’t have to pay dues and the other one has to;

THEREFOUR BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange reconsider the 2001 decision and allow all past and future Members reaching the status of Golden Sheaf the full benefits offered by the Grange without having to pay annual dues.

*Resolution #3*

*Submitted By: Eastern New Hampshire Pomona #2*

*Subject: Pomona Granges*

WHEREAS the membership of Eastern New Hampshire Pomona Grange #2 voted to request a special session of the New Hampshire State Grange at their quarterly meeting in March of 2020 and

WHEREAS the COVID -19 pandemic, which crippled the world, happened on or about the same time and

WHEREAS this special meeting would have discussed a request from Eastern New Hampshire Pomona Grange #2 to keep its charter and remain a Pomona Grange with its current district and

WHEREAS there was no opportunity to have this special session due to the restrictions on Americans and

WHEREAS the deadline for restructuring Pomona Grange districts and Granges is rapidly approaching

THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED that the New Hampshire State Grange rescind the motion made by the delegate body to redistrict Pomona districts and Granges and

BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED that the New Hampshire State Grange postpone any action heretofore mentioned until a time that the process can be better explained and completed and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Eastern New Hampshire Pomona Grange #2 be allowed to keep its charter and its district not be adjusted.

### **Resolutions and By-laws**

Worthy Master, Brother and Sister Patrons all,

It is with pleasure that I present the 2020 Resolutions Committee report on behalf of the Resolutions Committee. I want to thank the members of the committee – Sister Jozi Best and Brothers Bob Haefner and Jim Tetreault – for agreeing to participate on the committee.

For the first time in my tenure as Chair of the Resolutions Committee, and I'm sure due in large part to the upheaval of the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no resolutions submitted prior to the 2020 annual meeting. Therefore, without resolutions to review, the Committee did not meet in 2020.

As previously reported, there were two resolutions submitted both of which were withdrawn.

*Resolution #1*

*Submitted by Concord Grange #322*

*Subject: Consideration of Quarterly Dues to the State and National Grange*

*Resolution #2*

*Submitted by Concord Grange #322*

*Non-Exempt Golden Sheaf Members*

There is one resolution, Resolution #3, which will be voted upon.

*Resolution #3*

*Submitted by the Eastern Hampshire Pomona #2*

*Subject: Pomona Granges*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Hampshire State Grange rescind the motion ~~made~~ **passed** by the delegate body to restrict Pomona districts and Granges, and

*A motion to amend the resolution was made and seconded as above. The vote was unanimous in favor*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Hampshire State Grange postpone any action heretofore mentioned until a time that the process can be better explained and completed, and

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Eastern New Hampshire Pomona Grange #2 be allowed to keep its charter and its district not be adjusted.~~

*There was a motion to remove this third RESOLVED section, which was seconded. Discussion followed. The resulting vote was accepted. The final RESOLVED is stricken.*

Discussion followed on the resolution. This resolution would simply reverse last year's decision.

*There was a motion to move the question, which was seconded. The resulting vote was in favor.*

*There was a motion and a second to accept Resolution #3 as amended. There was a standing vote – the resulting vote was 22 in favor, 18 opposed – the resolution as amended passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Chair, Resolutions Committee

Background regarding Resolution #3

*From the 2017 Resolutions Committee Report*

*Resolution #1*

*Submitted by: Hudson Grange #11*

*Subject: Future of Pomona Granges in New Hampshire*

WHEREAS, the number of Pomona Granges in New Hampshire have declined from 11 reported in 2013 to 8 as reported in 2017. Showing a loss of 3 Pomona Granges.

WHEREAS, the number of members have gone from 680 to 473 in the same time period leaving the State of New Hampshire with a loss of 207 members.

WHEREAS, interest and involvement in the Pomona Grange in New Hampshire has declined preventing Pomona Granges from properly conducting meetings and conferring the Fifth Degree.

WHEREAS, the distance members need to travel to attend a meeting may be a deterrent for them to be more active

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pomona Degree be retained as a requirement of membership to the Sixth Degree, and be conferred by a Fifth-Degree team comprised of members from Pomona Granges at a time and place prior to the annual NH State Grange session for the next three years with the expectation of a gain of 50 "NEW" Pomona members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if this resolution passes, and the expectation is not achieved, ALL Pomona Granges in NH will be closed as of October 31, 2021. All assets of Pomona Granges effected will be held by the State Grange in an account while a fair and equitable use of the assets can be determined.

Deliberations:

All 9 Pomona's were represented at the meeting. Differing of opinion as to what to do. No decision has ever been made Jerry Leclerc is trying to force that discussion. If nothing gets accomplished, then they will go away.

There are some states with no Pomona's. Some with only one Pomona, whose main duty is to do the 5<sup>th</sup>. Monthly to quarterly meetings. Attendance is terrible. No new members.

Total of 12 at Pomona meeting (of 50). 40 never come.

Unanimous vote in favor. Can't do any harm. It's giving us an opportunity to keep the Pomona's, all you have to do is grow numbers. If you don't, they'll go away. 2-0 voted in favor of the resolution

### **State Secretary**

This is my eighth report to you as your State Secretary.

This past year has certainly been a challenge for all of us. Many Granges met electronically, via conference calls, in person following social distancing and mask wearing or not at all. As a result, many Granges reports were not submitted on time. No Granges were penalized for submitting late reports. I am pleased to report that even though reporting was difficult this past year, ALL Subordinate Granges are up to date and current with reporting as of June 30, 2020

Subordinate Granges:

We began the year with 45 Subordinate Granges and a membership number of 1,162. Croydon Grange #357 consolidated with Park Grange #249 as of December 31, 2019. Henry Wilson Grange #205 consolidated with Centennial Grange #185 as of December 31, 2019. Riverside Grange #137 and Halloween Grange # 317 closed as of June 30, 2020. This leaves us with 41 Subordinate Granges and a total membership of 1,110, a loss of 52 members.

The largest Subordinate Grange is Wicwas Lake Grange #292 with a total of 91 members.

It's important to note that New Hampshire State Grange reported a small net gain in membership to National Grange for quarter ending December 31, 2019 and quarter ending March 30, 2020. I have no doubt that if we were not hit with the pandemic, we could be showing a gain for the year!

Congratulations to the following Granges that had a gain in membership this past year:

Arlington Grange #139, Centennial Grange #185, Concord Grange #322, Hampton Falls Grange #171, Jeremiah Smith Grange #161, Mohawk Grange #217, Park Grange #249, Rochester Grange #86, Stratford Grange #238 and Wicwas Lake Grange #292.

There are several Subordinate Granges that are currently struggling to meet and the State Grange is working with them to build membership or to look for a neighboring Grange to consolidate with.

Pomona Granges:

We currently have a total of 8 Pomona Granges with a total membership of 366, which is a loss of 42 members from 2019. No Pomona Granges had a gain in membership this past year. The largest Pomona in the State is Pemigewasset Valley Pomona #18 with 66 members.

By order of the National Grange, I have issued the following membership awards:

3 ~ Silver Star Certificates

Judith Chase	Concord Grange #322
John McColley	Wingold Grange #308
Mary West	Chichester Grange #132

2 ~ 30 Year Certificate

1 ~ 35 Year Certificate

1 ~ 40 Year Certificate

3 ~ 45 Year Certificates

11 ~ Golden Sheaf Certificates

Gregor Andersen	Baker's River Grange #290
Kimber Bascom	Rochester Grange #86
Wendy Chadbourne	Rochester Grange #86
Yvonne Crocker	Concord Grange #322
Dorinda Jenelle	Lower Intervale Grange #321
Linda Nienhouse	Centennial Grange #185
Debra Patten	Concord Grange #322
Alesa Reynolds	Lower Intervale Grange #321
Donald Ross	Wingold Grange #308
Nancy Scothorne	Lower Intervale Grange #321
Tricia Taylor	Blazing Star Grange #71

1 ~ 55 Year Seal

6 ~ 60 Year Seals

3 ~ 65 Year Seals

6 ~ 70 Year Seals

3 ~ 75 Year Diamond Certificates

Rodney Huntoon	Blazing Star Grange #71
Grace Leone	Rochester Grange #86
Martha Sargent	Wingold Grange #308

5 ~ 80 Year Letters

Virginia Azotea	Chichester Grange #132
Wallis Doe	Centennial Grange #185
Daniel W. Harvey	Rockingham Grange #183
Pricilla Kimball	Rochester Grange #86
Irma Messenger	Crown Point Grange #65

Following State Session is the second busiest time of the year for the secretary's office, with completing the journal and putting together the new roster. Under normal circumstances, completing these aren't difficult; however, as some of you may recall I wasn't moving very well



at the session and was scheduled to have back surgery the following week. I'm happy to report that the surgery was a success and the Roster and Journal were completed and ready for distribution at Deputy School.

The 2020 NH State Grange Roster: This is always a monumental endeavor requiring many hours of inputting of names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers. Most Granges did submit a form, so very few pages were left blank. No matter how many times this is proofread, some corrections and updates are always needed. Roster corrections were sent to the Granges, and hopefully made it to the Masters' and Secretaries' copies.

This year each Secretary received a copy of what is currently printed in the 2020 Roster for their Grange. I am asking the secretaries review this and make changes or corrections and return it to me. Hopefully this will eliminate any changes once the roster is printed.

My 2019 report included the following paragraph. *"Each year as I print and mail the Roster, I can't help but wonder how often, if ever, this is looked at or used. Do you Master and Secretary know where their roster is? Would it be more beneficial to condense the information that is included? Should we prepare a Roster with just the State officers and State team members along with the meeting dates and time of each Grange with just the Master and Secretary listed?"*

I must admit that I did not follow up on this, and therefore the 2020 Roster will be formatted as it has been for the past several years. I will however, when time permits, design a condensed version and submit a sample and solicit feedback and suggestions.

The Journal of Proceedings for the 146th Annual State Grange Session was completed and ready for distribution in early January. Having the journal completed quickly remains a priority to me so that those wishing a copy can receive one while the session is still fresh in their minds. As always, the Journal is placed on the website for anyone to see. If a Grange wishes to have a hard copy sent to them all they need to do is request one. If a member would like a copy one will be provide to them for the cost of printing and postage.

Near the end of each quarter, a packet was sent to each Pomona and Subordinate Secretary with information for the members, as well as the usual report forms. I can't stress enough how important it is to complete the reports and send them in on time. As I have already reported, this past year has been challenging, and reports were not always on time. Thankfully the Secretaries remained diligent and submitted reports when they could. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, all granges are in good standing with reporting and dues payments.

Last year, several secretaries were designated as an "Honor Secretary" for submitting reports accurately and on time. Due to the pandemic and the sporadic reporting for the past year I am declaring all Pomona and Subordinate Secretaries as an "Honor Secretary".

Congratulations to you all!

As the Secretary, it is our duty to keep our members informed, and this is done with the reading of communications. I would like each Subordinate and Pomona Secretary and committee chairman to establish the following philosophy: if it's mailed to you for your Grange, read it out

loud to your members. The communication doesn't need to be read word for word; giving highlights is fine as long as the important information is shared.

The supply department continues to be very busy filling orders. Last year I asked that the proper form be used when ordering awards and supplies. By doing this the awards can be sent in a timelier fashion as some information is needed when before I send the request to National Grange. Unfortunately, there have been some delays in receiving awards from National Grange due to modified work schedules at National Grange because of the pandemic. Hopefully this will improve.

State Session is once again approaching and with that comes the preparations associated with it. Unlike previous years, preparing for this year's session was especially challenging due to the pandemic. Many changes needed to happen to be in compliance with the guidelines outlined by the CDC for social gatherings.

- Condense session from a three-day event to a one-day event.
- Limit attendees to just State Offices and Delegates
- Offer pre-registration of Delegates
- Purchase and provide personal protection supplies (masks, hand sanitizer.....)
- Providing lunch so that all attendees remain on site.
- All materials distributed could be taken

An evaluation has been included in the packet regarding this session. Please take a few moments to complete it. I am looking for any feedback about the session, positives and constructive. This will be helpful in the event that we are once again facing a pandemic.

In conclusion, there are some people that I would like to thank for their assistance:

George, Sarah, and Emilie thank you for your never-ending support and assistance throughout the year. You have been my sounding boards and confidence boosters when things weren't going as planned.

Arthur Merrill, Adam Paquin Varnum, Kathy Yardley and Mark Collins thank you for getting the meeting space and sound set and ready for today's meeting.

And especially State Master Chris Heath, thank you for the past six years of leadership. We may not have always seen eye to eye but stayed focused on what was best for the Grange and work to achieve great things.

And most of all I would like to personally thank each Pomona and Subordinate Secretary for the time they take in their busy lives performing the duties of this office.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary  
New Hampshire State Grange

**Session Coordinator**

Worthy Master, State Officers, and Delegates,

Let me start by saying how thrilled I am that session is finally here. Never in my wildest dream did I ever think we would have to meet under these circumstances.

I began planning the 2020 Annual Session in January. Several locations were being looked at, the Best Western – Portsmouth was selected as we have never held our session in the city Portsmouth.

I was very excited about this location and was looking at what the city of Portsmouth had to offer. I was gathering information to highlight things to see and do in this historic city while we were here. Plans were in the works to try and do an activity during the day on Thursday. This was for two reasons, one was to spend time exploring the city that was hosting our session and two, I was hoping this would draw more members to attend the opening of session that evening.

As we all know, these plans were quickly put on hold due to the pandemic that is currently restructuring our lives.

As a result of the shutdown imposed by the Governor, in mid-March, we were not sure what effect this would have on our session. As the months went on with no sign of the pandemic being over and the Hospitality industry suffering due to the restrictions imposed on social gatherings. It was decided to condense the session to a one-day event and invite only State Officer, spouses and Delegates.

Many calls were made to the hotel to re-vise the contract, ask about accommodations, and food service. Fortunately, we were able to still have the space and guestrooms at the original prices. It was voted by the State Executive Committee, to provide a lunch at session for those attending at no cost to them. This was done in an effort to keep members safe and in one location also due to not knowing what if any restaurants would be open.

Because of restriction on social gatherings many changes had to be made in order to keep or members safe and to stay within the guidelines set by the CDC.

- Registration: For the first-time pre-registration was offered and proved to be beneficial in not only complying with social distancing, but also by streamlining the check in process at session.
- Meeting space: Again because of the guidelines imposed on spacing, we worked with the hotel to arrange the meeting space so as to keep members at the recommended distance. This was done by providing a table for each Grange represented.
- Session Materials: All session information was placed in folders so that the delegate could take everything with them when the session was over.
- Personal Items: A bag containing bottled water, tissues, hand sanitizer, ballots, and a pen has been provided at each seat.

As I close this report, I would like to thank any one who has assisted in making this day possible. Many changes needed to be made and as a result some of these may now become standard in future sessions. I would especially like to thank all present in the room for placing confidence in me to ensure that we have a safe session, some may not be happy with some of the changes but, just remember that they were done for the benefit of our members.

Looking forward to meeting with the entire membership at the 2021 State Session hopefully in the Keene NH, area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald J. Leclerc, Session Coordinator

### **State Grange Building**

Following State Grange session last year, the State Grange Building continued to be rented by Liberty Bible Baptist Church and various Nepali groups intermittently. February was a bit more exciting as the State Grange hosted a delegation of Grangers from around the country. Our State Master and Centennial Grange prepared and served breakfast to the participants of the 2020 National Grange Primary Fly-In at the building. Later that same day the Junior and Youth departments put on their annual winter rally. Also, in February Crown Chimney of Hooksett installed a new Class-A chimney at the building and arranged to have the roof and the back outside wall worked on since the new chimney is quite different in material, size, and shape from the old one.

For the third consecutive year the State Lecturer had planned three craft weekends to be held at the State Grange Building. The first two were held in January and March. Soon thereafter, the world changed and the Executive Committee found it necessary to close the building in response to the government's attempts to quell the spread of the corona virus. This was a disappointment to the congregation of the Liberty Bible Baptist Church, which has been renting the hall two or more days per week since last fall. They requested to use our internet so they could hold virtual worship services there, but at the time of the request our service was not sufficient for that kind of activity. The hall was reopened in mid-May and their services resumed, presumably while observing proper social distancing guidelines. A new lease has been signed, including a raise in the rental fee and some added stipulations, so the church group continues to meet there on a regular basis.

The Grange craft weekends have resumed on a monthly basis since the building reopened. A small, core group assembles to work on personal projects as well as community service projects such as Quilts of Valor, no-sew fleece blankets for Nighty Night bags, greeting cards for charity, and a quilt to be raffled at the New England Grange Building at a future Big E. We look forward to the day when the pandemic is behind us so that we can spread the word and invite all members to join in the sharing, learning, and fellowshiping that happen during this event. This is not a closed group, but for now, it is not a widely advertised group.

Some members of Hillsborough County Pomona as well as State Master Chris Heath and Wilber Heath, State Executive Committee member, held an outdoor workday at the hall in May. The front flower beds were cleaned out and weeded, a big task as they have become quite overgrown and neglected in recent years. Annual flowers donated and planted by Jerry Leclerc, have struggled all summer through the returning weeds and drought conditions, but today are thriving and looking beautiful around the flag poles. Brother Jerry Leclerc and partner George Perry have invested a lot of sweat equity in cleaning, clearing bittersweet, and mowing the grounds around the building. For the second year, a few tomato plants were added to one of the beds and have been producing an amazing amount of beautiful, heavy fruit. Look for a possible workshop on planting and staking tomatoes at the building next spring.

The Executive Committee has been exploring ways to improve our internet service in the building. A service technician came to the hall to install a new, higher speed modem. Upon noticing the massive amount of bittersweet that was growing up the pole and along the wires behind the building, he suggested that our service might improve if those invasive shrubs were removed. Also, the Executive Committee approved the purchase of a small tool shed for the property, but figuring out where in the back yard will be the best place to locate it has taken some time and imagination. Subsequently, a work day was scheduled in June with several State Officers working on a very hot day to clear out brush and trees along the wall at the back of the building. The result of this workday was a very large brush pile that accumulated in the yard, which has presented a challenge in finding a way to remove it from the property.

In early October, Harrison's Paving and Sealcoating was hired to do some work on the driveway loop around the building which had not received any fresh gravel in a very long time and was getting quite rutted. Since the property is lower than the road and very near to the river, water will probably always be an issue, but it is hoped that the new hard pack that was added, leveled, and rolled with a large machine will make a difference, especially with ice in the winter. In any case, driving around the building is a much smoother ride for now.

As you may have noted, improvements to the building this year focused on the outside. More painting is needed and yardwork can never truly be removed from the list, but things outside do seem to be moving in a positive direction. Inside, there is much to be done as well.

The museum room is in need of some major cleaning and sorting of records and memorabilia collected by the State Grange from the remaining effects of Granges that have given up their Charter. The kitchen cupboards and cabinets need sorting and organizing, and maybe some new curtains would give all the windows a fresh look. There is no longer an Odd Fellows chapter that meets at the hall, so perhaps some of those oversized chairs could be relocated to new homes. It wouldn't take long to create a lengthy wish list for improvements that would enhance the usability of our hall. Some work on the lighting is definitely on the list.

The majority of this report was written by the worthy custodian who spends quite a bit of time at the building and between that and being on the State Grange Executive Committee is often more

familiar with what is happening there. Your thoughts and suggestions would be welcome as we work toward making our State Grange Building a better home for us all.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Boisvert, Building Manager  
Beth Merrill, Custodian

### **Treasurer's Report**

Worthy State Master Chris Heath, Fellow Officers, Granges All:

This is my eighth year serving as your State Treasurer. Last year I presented you with another deficit budget. We ended the year with having to withdraw \$5,000.00 from principal. This was due primarily to chimney repairs on the State Grange building and expenses incurred on other Grange halls we are carrying.

As I started my first year of retirement, I was able to find more time to complete treasurer projects I have been working on. First and foremost was getting Jeremiah Smith & Wingold Granges IRS nonprofit status reinstated. Jeremiah Smith's was restored in March. It took until August for Wingold's to come thru.

In February, working with Past Treasurer, Gail Turcotte, we were able to cash in the e savings bond we had from White Mountain Grange and added it to the defunct Grange account.

Concerning NH State Corporate Division, I completed updating name updates for all Granges (except two) to conform with the IRS. The cost for this was absorbed by State Grange and came out of fundraising funds totaling \$1,050.00. NH State Corporate Division is the department that handles nonprofit status for the State of New Hampshire. Each Grange must renew every 5 years at a cost of \$25.00, and this is the year to renew. On October 20<sup>th</sup> I accessed the state web site and found 32 Granges have not done this yet. This needs to be done by December 31, 2020.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> I completed the epostcards for all Granges, it takes about 8 hours to complete. I was able to complete this in time to give it to the State Secretary so they could be included in the program packet for each Grange. If for some reason you misplace it, I can send you a new copy. I am doing this for each Grange so you will continue to retain your nonprofit status.

As I have stated in the past, I do not receive all financial statements until about October 10<sup>th</sup>, this leaves me little time to complete my financial report for year end. All financial figures will be printed in the journal.

Spending the winter in Florida did not seem to hamper my work as your state treasurer. I was able to answer all questions and concerns that arose. Yesterday I stepped into the 22<sup>nd</sup> century, I established an online banking account for the State Grange. This will help me access the

checking account and download statements much faster. I will also be able to change my address when we go back and forth.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the confidence you have entrusted in me and thank you for asking me to serve as your Treasurer.

Fraternally,  
Daniel P. Bascom, State Treasurer

### **Trustees of the Trust Funds**

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters, Patrons all;

The Trustees of the NH State Grange had their annual meeting in December 2019 at the Deputy School and Leadership training day in Concord. At that meeting the Trustees voted to adjust the Trusts in the following manor; eliminate the limit of " not to exceed \$2500.00 in aid during a 5-year limit", to increase the highest amount of a request to \$750.00, and to eliminate the "age of 60" for any request. We feel that there are so few members requesting help that these requirements and limitations are too restrictive. Financial and medical challenges do not happen only to the older members. The world has changed a lot since this Trust was formed and we will do our due diligence to ensure that it is used in a way that it was intended to. We will seek the guidance of the Attorney General's office for these changes. It has also been reported that the last surviving member of the grange mentioned in the Blaisdell Trust has passed away, we will seek to combine the 2 trusts. Again, we will be asking the Attorney General's office for assistance with this.

This last year the Trustees received only 1 request, the full amount of \$750 was granted.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Collins, Chairman, Ann Leger, Secretary

Rhoda Davis, Trustee, Joy Perkins, Trustee, Virginia Blackmere, Trustee

### **Youth**

Worthy Master, Delegates, Guests, Members All,

A year ago, I had a solid plan in place for what we would try to accomplish as a Youth Department for the New Hampshire State Grange. It was a great plan. But, even the best of intentions couldn't win in 2020. Our Youth committee met in December to finalize and plan the last details for the coming year so that we could really bring a solid program to all members. Thank you to Kevin Belval, Andrew Savage, and Larissa Grant for your support and help with getting these events planned and making what we could get done, done.

After welcoming in the new year our first major event was scheduled for February 8th, 2020. A nasty bout of influenza that hit me the day before, required some very quick maneuvering and many phone calls and emails for favors. I sent my family to the State Grange building loaded down with copious notes, boxes, and bins full of supplies and materials for workshops, dinner, and hopefully a meeting. This event couldn't have been the success that I heard it was without the help and "I'd be delighted" attitude of everyone who attended. Once again, our chef Kevin provided a fabulous meal and, in the end, while attendance was lower than we had hoped, everyone left with a full belly and having enjoyed the day. Once again, Arthur Merrill prevailed in the Grange Knowledge test but only just barely, Jane Trombi and Chris Heath were only 1 point behind with both scoring 97 points. Congratulations goes out to all who participated.

None of us predicted what the global pandemic would bring to us in March. The cancellation of bowling in April and the tough decision to cancel our June Youth Rally was something that I struggled with for weeks. In the end, I could not guarantee the ability to meet the state and local guidelines to ensure everyone's safety. Further cancellation of all regional youth conferences by National Grange left me disappointed that we would be unable to gather again for an important part of our Youth activities. Not all hope was lost though.

The National Grange Youth Department offered several activities that could be done virtually. Congratulations to Adam Terrell where he won the Sign-a-Song contest for the Northeast Region and best of show. This qualifies him for the National Grange Evening of Excellence. We wish him the best of luck and are very proud of his hard work and dedication to Youth Activities.

Our final event planned for the year was our annual barbeque dinner at the State Grange Building and then adventures in mini-golf at Chucksters in Hooksett. Again, for the safety of everyone we chose to cancel the barbeque, but a small group of us gathered at Chucksters for mini golf and ice cream.

The NH State Grange Youth Department is only one piece of the Youth Program. The bulk of the work comes from you, the subordinate and Pomona members. This was a difficult year for all of us, but we made it this far. Thank you to the following granges for their continued donations and reports during this difficult time that were sent in: Bakers River, Crown Point, Wingold, Watatic, and East Rockingham Pomona. I would like to congratulate the hard work of the members of Watatic Grange who, despite a global pandemic, managed to submit several entries into our contests and provide the members of their grange with amazing and fun youth activities. Watatic Grange has once again provided their youth and all members opportunities to support their community in fun and exciting ways.

Contest entry winners are as follows:

- T-Shirt Open Category - 1st) Kathe Wolf - Watatic Grange
- 2nd) Alayna Twiss - Watatic Grange
- 3rd) Gen Twiss - Watatic Grange
- Paper Craft - 1st) Sandra Marcoux - Watatic Grange
- 2nd) Ava Twiss - Watatic Grange
- 3rd) Cam Twiss - Watatic Grange

Last year I challenged all Granges to try and provide the why for those looking to join our organization. I believe that as we move forward as a society that people are going to be seeking



opportunities to join organizations where they can socialize and have fun. Let us continue our work that we began all those months ago and continue to find the fun in what we do and who we are as an organization.

Fraternally,

Rachel Scanzani  
Youth Director  
New Hampshire State Grange

### 2020 In Memorial

William Abbott	PM Riverside Grange #137
Adoree Ainsworth	Spouse of PM Harry Ainsworth, Mount Florist Grange #351
Carolee Barrett	PM Golden Rod Grange #114, PM Cheshire County Pomona Grange #6, Past Junior Director, Deputy & Junior Deputy, Past Home Economics Director, Past Grange Services Member
Frank Beck	PM Warren Grange #200
Paul Davis	Spouse of PM Carolyn Davis, Catamount Grange #97
Robert Dow	PM Loudon Surprise Grange #121
Jane Fenton	Spouse of PM Paul Fenton Jr. Bartlett Grange #104
Evelyn Flanders	Spouse of PM, Chichester Grange #132
Claire Gagnon	PM Hudson Grange #11
Beverly Greeley	PM Pineconia Grange #322
Daniel Harvey	PM Patuccoway Grange #166
Perley Henderson	PM Blackwater Grange #152
Leander Huckins	PM Wicwas Lake Grange 292
Kenneth Houghton	PM Walpole Grange #125
Katherine Imbressa	PM Fidelity Grange #300
Bessy Jones	Spouse of PM Harold Jones, John Hancock Grange #33
Pamela Kimball	PM Meriden Grange #151, Past Contact Committee Member, Past Youth Lady Assistant Steward
Dorothy Ledger	PM Granite Grange #7
Winston Merrill	PM White Mountain Grange #50, Past Pomona and Subordinate Deputy
Burton Myers	PM Winthrop Grange #315, Past State Grange Fair Committee
Vivian Moore	Spouse of PM Harold Moore, Wattannick Grange #327
Dariel Peterson	PM Oak Hill Grange #32
Keith Pomeroy	PM Prospect Grange #21
Mary Prescott	PM Parade Grange #318
Robert Purdy	PM Moultonborough Grange #197
Kathlyn Quig	PM White Mountain Grange #50, Past State Pomona

Evelyn Ray	PM Baker's River Grange # 290, Past Member State Deaf Activities Committee
Paul Rinden	PM Capital Grange #113
Barbara Sanborn	Spouse of PM Paul Sanborn, Wilmot Grange #309
Ethel Schofield	PM Squam Lake Grange #258
Laura Sevene	PM Sunapee Lake Grange #112
Paul Simard	PM Batchelder Grange #301
Rachel Snow-Crane	PM Purling Beck Grange #268
Howard Towne	PM Joe English Grange #53, Past State Agriculture Director, Past IFYE Representative, Past COMA Member
Nicholas Wadleigh	PM Belknap County Pomona Grange #4
Ann Woodard	Spouse of PM Russell Woodard, Mohawk Grange #217

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2019

TD Bank Checking Account

-102.85

		Income – Exhibit B	49,387.12
		Expense – Exhibit C	<u>-44,434.44</u>
September 30, 2020	Balance		<b>4,849.83</b>

**Accounts Receivable**

October 1, 2019	Balance		2,045.00
	Arlington		1,700.00
	Payment on loans	Arlington	-50.00
		forgave loan	<u>-2045.00</u>
September 30, 2020	Balance		<b>1,650.00</b>

**State Grange Building Hooksett**

October 1, 2019	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2020	Purchase Price	87,500.00

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
SUPPLY DEPARTMENT CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2019	TD Checking Account	390.05
	Income	1,378.97
	Expense	<u>-1,354.00</u>
September 30, 2020	Balance	<b>415.47</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Operating Account**

October 1, 2019	Balance	254,311.22
	Transferred	0.00
	Taxable Income	5,506.08
	Realized Gain/Loss	3,155.29
	Deposits	4,464.24
	Quarterly Income Paid	-12,191.54
	Withdrawals	-7,000.00
	Fees Paid	-2,980.91
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	20,934.81
September 30, 2020	Ending Market Value	<b>253,430.92</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Defunct Granges**

October 1, 2019	Balance	33,587.82
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	Taxable Income	643.01
	Realized Gain/Loss	-243.02
	Deposit	428.30
	Withdrawals	.00
	Fees paid	-416.10
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	4,059.62
September 30, 2020	Ending Market Value	<b>36,825.16</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
US TREASURY I SERIES BOND  
Defunct Grange**

October 1, 2012	Purchase Price	2,106.91
	Interest 10/1/12 to 1/22.20	357.33
January 22, 2020	Cashed in <span style="color: red;">transferred to Operating Account</span>	<u>2,464.24</u>
		<b>.00</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Escrow Accounts**

October 1, 2019	Balance	652,159.26
	Taxable Income	12,126.61
	Realized Gain/Loss	3,985.29
	Paid Granges	-18,637.55
	Deposits	.00
	Withdrawal	-2,000.00
	Fees Paid	-6,623.16
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	52,191.27
September 30, 2020	Ending Market Value	<b>558,274.01</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Randall Richardson Memorial Youth Fund**

October 1, 2019	Balance	30,899.70
	Taxable Income	611.56
	Contributions	.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	.00

	Aid to Youth	-00
	Fees Paid	-373.23
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	3,919.14
September 30, 2020	Ending Market Value	<b>32,234.66</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Education Loan Fund**

October 1, 2019	Balance	167,697.28
	Taxable Income	3,785.76
	Realized Gain/Loss	2,077.09
	Scholarships	-5,000.00
	Fees Paid	-2,044.44
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	15,828.51
September 30, 2020	Ending Market Value	<b>172,075.78</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
Northeast Connection**

October 1, 2019	Balance	10,041.31
	Deposits	.00
	Taxable Income	86.41
	Realized Gain/Loss	669.57
	Withdrawals	-10,587.91
	Fees Paid	-30.18
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	.00
September 30, 2020	Ending Market Value	<b>transferred to CT State Grange .00</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
NH Grange Trust**

October 1, 2019	Balance	73,760.63
	Taxable Income	1,637.75
	Deposits	313.96
	Withdrawal	-75.00
	Donations	0.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	.00

	Aid to Members	-750.00
	Fees Paid	-894.97
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	8,411.02
September 30, 2020	Ending Market Value	<b>77,511.12</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE  
MORGAN STANLEY  
NH Grange Trust – Blaisdell Fund**

October 1, 2019	Balance	263.94
	Funds Transferred to Trust Fund	-263.97
	Taxable Income	.03
	Realized Gain/Loss	.00
	Fees Paid	.00
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	.00
September 30, 2020	Ending Market Value	<b>transferred to Trust Account .00</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE TRUST  
CHECKBOOK SUMMARY**

October 1, 2019	Morgan Stanley Checking Account	7,396.47
	Income	
	3.5% Income from investments	2,602.93
	Deposits	75.00
	Donations	.00
	Minus restricted donations & donations	<u>-.00</u>
	Total Income	<b>10,074.40</b>
	Expenses	
	Aid paid to members	-750.00
	State of NH – charitable filing fee	<u>-75.00</u>
	Total Expenses	-825.00
September 30, 2020	Ending Balance	<b>9,249.40</b>

**New Hampshire State Grange  
Income Annual Summary  
2019-2020  
Exhibit B**

Operating Account Income	12,191.54
Withdrawals from Principal	7000.00
Defunct Grange Account	2,943.46
Investment Management	0.00

Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	2,486.00
Donations	0.00
Dues & Fees	31,852.47
Family Weekend	0.00
Granite State Granger Donations	1,260.00
Miscellaneous	1,925.00
National Assessment	.00
Operations – Fund Raising	.00
- Eastern States Blueberry Pie	.00
Sixth Degree Fees	30.00
Spring Fling	.00
State Grange Building Donations	150.00
State Grange Building Use	3,850.00
State Session	2,286.00
Supply Department	450.00
Trust	0.00
	66,800.47
Add in returned checks	375.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>66,800.47</b>

Exhibit C  
NH State Grange  
**Expenses 2019-2020**

Date	Paid To	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/10/2019	Eversource - direct payment	State Grange Building		208.21
10/9/2019	Chris Heath	Masters Expenses	3015	1,250.00
10/15/2019	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3016	44.38
10/15/2019	Monroe Classics	Historian	3017	146.00

10/15/2019	Arlene Fall	Deputy Milage	3018	34.80
10/15/2019	Hooksett Water Treatment	State Grange Building	3019	63.00
10/15/2019	Lavallee Oil Co	State Grange Building	3020	119.00
10/15/2019	Daniel Bascom	Postage	3021	51.30
10/18/2019	Monroe Classics	Historian	3022	146.00
10/18/2019	Andrew Savage	Deputy Milage	3023	210.90
10/18/2019	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Milage	3024	62.40
10/18/2019	Arlene Fall	Deputy Milage	3025	58.70
10/18/2019	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Milage	3026	686.80
10/18/2019	Kim Bascom	State Session - flowers	3027	107.50
10/18/2019	John Porter	State Session - speaker	3028	100.00
10/19/2019	Elizabeth Almtrom	State Session - musican	3029	239.70
10/19/2019	Adam Terrell	Youth travel	3030	500.00
10/30/2019	Bank Charge	Misc		3.00
11/8/2019	Eversource - direct payment	State Grange Building		171.06
11/1/2019	Business Card Hooksett Village Water Precinct	Print/postage/supplies/session	3031	921.49
11/5/2019	Town of Milford	State Grange Building	3032	55.00
11/5/2019	John Plank - state session	Other Grange Halls	3033	23.10
11/5/2019		Rep travel	3034	691.92
11/12/2019	Mary West Consolidated	State Session - feast	3035	39.90
11/22/2019	Communications	State Grange Building	3036	87.97
11/26/2019	Fireside Inn	State Session	3037	2,811.39
11/29/2019	US Treasury	Jeremiah Smith - nonprofit	3038	600.00
11/29/2019	US Treasury	Wingold - nonprofit	3039	600.00
	Bank Charge	Misc		3.00
12/6/2019	National Grange void	Dues	3040	3,458.00
			3041	0.00
12/6/2019	Business Card	d school, postage, supplies, print	3042	781.07
12/7/2019	Norman Brandt	Agriculture Dept	3043	100.00
12/7/2019	Kathy Yardley	Family & Community Dept	3044	375.00
12/7/2019	Richard Patten	Grange Services	3045	75.00
12/7/2019	Jane Trombi	Lecturers Dept	3046	300.00
12/7/2019	Robert Haefner	Legislative Dept	3047	175.00
12/7/2019	James Tetreault	Membership Dept	3048	750.00
12/7/2019	NH State Grange	Trust Dept	3049	50.00
12/7/2019	Rachel Scanzani	Youth Dept	3050	100.00
12/7/2019	Joann Brandt	Junior Dept	3051	200.00
12/7/2019	Chris Heath	Masters Expenses	3052	1,250.00
12/7/2019	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	3053	375.00
12/7/2019	Daniel Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3054	150.00
12/7/2019	Matthew Collins	Web Master	3055	150.00



12/10/2019	Eversource - direct payment	State Grange Building		210.42
12/31/2020	Bank Charge	Misc		3.00
1/5/2020	Concord Monitor	GSG	3056	242.07
1/5/2020	Hannah West	GSG	3057	159.49
1/5/2020	Eversource Consolidated	Other Grange Halls	3058	22.12
1/5/2020	Communications	State Grange Building	3059	81.75
1/8/2020	Eversource - direct payment	State Grange Building		174.67
	void		3060	0.00
		State Session - membership room		
1/8/2020	Ida Hutchins		3061	239.70
1/9/2020	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3062	22.31
1/9/2020	Business Card	Supplies, printing,	3063	533.52
1/9/2020	Concord Monitor	GSG	3064	void
1/9/2020	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	3065	400.00
1/9/2020	Mark Collins	Web Site	3066	161.10
1/9/2020	NH Farm & Forest Expo	booth deposit	3067	605.00
1/22/2020	Hooksett Water Treatment	State Grange Building	3068	54.00
	Consolidated			
1/22/2020	Communications	State Grange Building	3069	81.67
	Hooksett Village Water			
1/29/2020	Precinct	State Grange Building	3070	66.00
1/29/2020	Chris Heath	National Session Travel	3071	882.60
1/29/2020	National Grange	Bonding	3072	2,862.00
1/29/2020	Crown Chimney	State Grange Building	3073	1,932.50
1/31/2020	Bank Charge	Misc		3.00
2/7/2020	Eversource - direct payment	State Grange Building		175.48
2/10/2020	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	3074	200.00
2/10/2020	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3075	22.09
2/10/2020	MSA Group	State Grange Building	3076	1,951.00
2/10/2020	Business Card	postage	3077	405.45
2/7/2020	Antrim Grange - cleaning	State Grange Building	3078	152.54
2/7/2020	Hennessey & Vallee	Tax Prep CPA	3079	1,820.00
2/11/2020	Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	3080	28.88
2/20/2020	Anne Boisvert - flag	State Grange Building	3081	33.95
2/20/2020	Crown Chimney	State Grange Building	3082	1,932.50
	Consolidated			
2/20/2020	Communications	State Grange Building	3083	81.42
4/16/2020	Morgan Stanley	Operating Fund	3084	2,464.24
2/20/2020	National Grange	Dues	3085	3,447.50
2/28/2020	Bank Charge	Misc		3.00
3/11/2020	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	3086	300.00
3/11/2020	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3087	21.87
3/12/2020	Eversource - direct payment	State Grange Building		119.95
	void		3088	

3/11/2020	Business Card	postage/supplies	3089	104.78
3/31/2020	Bank Charge	Misc		3.00
4/2/2020	Hannah West	GSG	3090	160.13
4/2/2020	Eastern Propane & Oil Consolidated	State Grange Building	3091	100.00
4/2/2020	Communications	State Grange Building	3092	81.42
4/2/2020	Concord Monitor	GSG	3093	289.84
4/8/2020	Eversource - direct payment void	State Grange Building		76.55
			3094	
4/2/2020	Chris Heath	Masters Expenses	3095	1,250.00
4/2/2020	Daniel Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3096	150.00
4/2/2020	Matthew Collins	Web Master	3097	150.00
4/3/2020	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	3098	375.00
4/3/2020	Chris Heath	Security Box	3099	59.50
4/3/2020	Business Card	postage/supplies	3100	142.22
4/3/2020	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3101	21.85
4/16/2020	Hooksett Water Treatment	State Grange Building	3102	59.00
4/16/2020	Paul Lachance	State Grange Building	3103	100.00
4/16/2020	Daniel Bascom Consolidated	postage	3104	113.77
4/23/2020	Communications	State Grange Building	3105	81.38
4/24/2020	New Checks			26.35
4/30/2020	Bank Charge void	Misc see 6/2		28.00
			3106	
5/4/2020	Business Card Hooksett Village Water Precinct	state session, postage, supplies	3107	1,093.62
5/4/2020		State Grange Building	3108	66.00
5/4/2020	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3109	22.06
5/4/2020	Town of Milford Consolidated	Other Grange Halls	3110	28.88
5/21/2020	Communications	State Grange Building	3111	81.28
5/27/2020	NH Farm & Forest Expo	deposit	3112	500.00
5/31/2020	Bank Charge	Misc		3.00
6/2/2020	Antrim Grange-reissued	check # 3078 lost \$152.54	3106	0.00
6/2/2020	Hannah West	GSG	3113	159.49
6/2/2020	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	3114	193.47
6/9/2020	Eversource - direct payment	State Grange Building		57.80
6/11/2020	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3115	22.06
6/11/2020	Concord Monitor	GSG	3116	239.81
6/11/2020	Lavallee Oil Co	State Grange Building	3117	69.80
6/14/2020	Chris Heath	Masters Expenses	3118	1,250.00
6/14/2020	Daniel Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3119	150.00
6/14/2020	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	3120	375.00
6/14/2020	Matthew Collins	Web Master	3121	150.00
6/18/2020	National Grange	Dues	3122	3,363.50

6/30/2020	Bank Charge	Misc		28.00
7/6/2020	Hannah West Consolidated	GSG	3123	401.05
7/6/2020	Communications	State Grange Building	3124	205.20
7/9/2020	Eversource - direct payment void	State Grange Building	3125	50.38
7/9/2020	Business Card	postage/printing	3126	306.59
7/9/2020	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3127	21.85
7/21/2020	Hooksett Water Treatment Consolidated	State Grange Building	3128	59.00
7/21/2020	Communications	State Grange Building	3129	80.07
7/31/2020	Bank Charge	Misc		3.00
8/1/2020	Lavallee Oil Co	State Grange Building	3130	1,889.10
8/3/2020	Business Card	printing	3131	143.58
8/4/2020	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	3132	66.00
8/4/2020	Corp,Div, NH Dept of State	Misc	3133	25.00
8/11/2020	Eversource - direct payment	State Grange Building		242.05
8/8/2020	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3134	22.40
8/8/2020	Town of Milford	Other Grange Halls	3135	28.88
8/8/2020	City of Concord	Other Grange Halls	3125	0.92
8/20/2020	Mark Collins Consolidated	Zoom Membership - misc	3136	149.00
8/20/2020	Communications	State Grange Building	3137	80.78
8/20/2020	NH Grange Foundation - h clean void	State Grange Building	3138	150.00
			3139	
8/28/2020	NH State Grange	Operating Fund - Misc	3140	2,000.00
8/28/2020	NH State Grange	Defunct Account	3141	428.30
8/31/2020	Bank Charge	Misc		3.00
9/9/2020	Eversource	State Grange Building		254.65
9/8/2020	City of Concord	Other Grange Halls	3142	0.93
9/8/2020	Business Card	printing/postage/supplies	3143	624.05
9/8/2020	Eversource	Other Grange Halls	3144	21.83
9/8/2020	National Grange Consolidated	Dues	3145	3,321.50
9/26/2020	Communications	State Grange Building	3146	80.78
9/26/2020	Hannah West	GSG	3147	156.00
9/30/2020	Business Card	supplies	3148	132.73
9/30/2020	Chris Heath	Masters Expenses	3149	1,250.00
9/30/2020	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expenses	3150	375.00
9/30/2020	Daniel Bascom	Treasurers Expenses	3151	140.00
9/30/2020	Matthew Collins	Web Master	3152	140.00
9/30/2020	Bank Charge	Misc		3.00

**Exhibit D**  
**New Hampshire State Grange**  
**Expense Annual Summary**  
**2019 – 2020**

Accounting Services	1,820.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	2,486.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00
Defunct Grange Account	2892.54
Department Expenses	
Agriculture	100.00
Family & Community	375.00
Grange Services	75.00
Historian *submit bills by quarter	292.00

Lecturer	300.00
Legislative	175.00
Membership	750.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	50.00
Youth	100.00
Junior	200.00
Deputies Expenses	953.60
Dues- National Grange	13,590.50
Family Weekend	0.00
Farm & Forest Expo	1,105.00
General Deputy Expenses	100.00
Granite State Granger/ mailing permit	1,648.39
Leader's School	520.00
Legal Fees	0
Miscellaneous	4,201.05
National Assessment	0
National Session 2018	882.60
Office Equipment	
Officer Expenses	
Master	5,000.00
Secretary	1,500.00
Treasurer	590.00
Operations-Fund Raising	0.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	3,536.41
Sixth Degree Fees	
Spring Fling	
State Grange Building	10,759.99
State Grange Insurance	1,951.00
Other Grange Hall Expenses	376.41
State Session	4171.48
State Session Deposit	922.66
State Session Sound System	
Supply Department	387.50
Website	751.10

Totals **62,939.23**

**New Hampshire State Grange  
Expense Budget 2020-2021**

	<b>Proposed 2019- 2020</b>	<b>Actual 2019- 2020</b>	<b>Proposed 2020- 2021</b>
Accounting Services	1,750.00	1,820.00	1,850.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	2,150.00	2,486.00	2,370.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00	376.00	376.00
Defunct Grange Account		2,892.54	
Department Expenses			
Agriculture	200.00	100.00	100.00
Family & Community Services	750.00	375.00	750.00
Grange Services	150.00	75.00	150.00
Historian	225.00	292.00	225.00

Lecturer	600.00	300.00	600.00
Legislative	350.00	175.00	350.00
Membership	1,500.00	750.00	1,500.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00	50.00	100.00
Youth	200.00	100.00	200.00
Junior	400.00	200.00	400.00
Deputies Expenses	2,000.00	953.60	1,700.00
Dues-National Grange	14,028.00	13,590.50	13,000.00
<i>Family Weekend</i>	200.00		200.00
Farm & Forest Expo	600.00	1,105.00	500.00
General Deputy Expenses	100.00	100.00	100.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	2,500.00	1,648.39	2,500.00
Leader's School- December	475.00	520.00	525.00
Legal Fees	1,000.00		1,000.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	100.00	4,201.05	100.00
National Session Assessment	1,253.00	?	1,253.00
National Session 2023	900.00	882.60	900.00
Office Equipment	500.00		500.00
Officer Expenses			
Master's Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Secretary Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Treasurer Expenses	600.00	590.00	600.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	4,000.00	3,536.41	4,000.00
Sesquicentennial	500.00		500.00
Sixth Degree Fees- National	25.00		25.00
Spring Fling	350.00		350.00
State Grange Insurance	2,200.00	1,951.00	2,000.00
State Grange Building	8,500.00	10,759.99	12,000.00
Other Grange Hall Expenses	700.00	376.41	400.00
State Session	6,000.00	4,171.48	3,000.00
State Session Deposit	1,000.00	922.66	1,000.00
State Session Sound System	200.00		200.00
Supply		387.50	
Website	600.00	751.10	600.00
Totals	<b>63,582.00</b>	62,939.23	62,424.00

misc - bank chgs, donations, youth  
travel2019

- new checks, flowers, return to principal, free room state session

### New Hampshire State Grange Income Budget 2020-2021

Proposed 2019- 2020	Actual 2019- 2020	Proposed 2020- 2021
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**Invested Funds**

Income	12,191.54	12,191.54	12,722.48
Withdrawals from Principal		7,000.00	

**Special Invested Funds**

Defunct Grange Accounts		2,943.46	1,841.00
Investment Management	1,200.00		1,200.00

**Other Budget Income**

Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	2,486.00	2,487.00	2,370.00
Dues & Fees	31,870.00	31,852.47	30,000.00
Family Weekend	200.00		200.00
Granite State Granger Donations	550.00	1,260.00	550.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		2,300.00	
National Grange Session 2023			
Operations - Fund Raising	2,000.00		2,000.00
Eastern States/ Blueberry Pie	no		
Sixth Degree Fees	50.00	30.00	50.00
Spring Fling	350.00		350.00
<i>State Grange Building Fund</i>			
<i>Donations</i>	100.00	150.00	100.00
State Grange Building Use	5,000.00	3,850.00	5,000.00
State Session	5,000.00	2,286.00	5,000.00
Supply		450.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,997.54</b>	<b>66,800.47</b>	<b>61,383.48</b>

Defunct Grange Acct - serv pro check return  
Halloween, Riverside  
Misc - Grange Advocacy, Non-profit  
reinstatement  
youth travel, loans, bank chgs

**2020 Tabular Scores**

**Membership**

Grange	Number	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	Real Estate	Total Assets
Antrim	98	21	17	\$ 85,400.00	\$ 135,516.17
Arlington	139	18		\$ 101,000.00	\$ 105,247.42
Aurora	235				
Baker's River	290	16	17	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 34,075.70
Blazing Star	71	64	64	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 362,272.82

Blow-Me-Down	234	27		\$ 307,500.00	\$ 417,023.78
Centennial	185	19		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 33,029.14
Chichester	132	30	27	\$ -	\$ 22,150.27
Claremont	9	13	13	\$ -	\$ 2,584.78
Cocheco	81	28	25	\$ 109,200.00	\$ 119,455.08
Concord	322	57	56	\$ -	\$ 17,366.56
Crown Point	65	28		\$ -	\$ 14,186.01
Dorchester	280	14	13	\$ -	\$ 24,312.00
Gilman	1	22	19	\$ -	\$ 258,353.31
Golden Rod	114	21		\$ -	\$ 19,900.41
Hampton Falls	171	28	29	\$ -	\$ 5,904.72
Harmony	99	31		\$ -	\$ 8,653.84
Hudson	11	22	21	\$ 412,300.00	\$ 457,946.55
Jeremiah Smith	161	10		\$ 186,000.00	\$ 214,288.80
Joe English	53	33		\$ -	\$ 16,666.18
Lake Shore	128	17		\$ -	\$ 124,911.93
Londonderry	44	32		\$ 324,400.00	\$ 325,650.00
Lower Intervale	321	28	26	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 32,622.42
Meriden	151	11	10	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 165,183.00
Mohawk	217	45		\$ 85,400.00	\$ 103,709.32
Mount Hope	77	35		\$ -	\$ 6,430.00
Mt Livermore	288	15		\$ -	\$ 6,759.37
Mt Pistareen	145	18		\$ 179,000.00	\$ 182,139.04



Park	249	37		\$ -	\$ 12,468.24
Pembroke	111	23	22	\$ -	\$ 22,401.50
Pine Grove	298	14		\$ -	\$ 12,021.00
Riverhill	346	15		\$ 186,899.00	\$ 197,629.29
Riverside	137	11		\$ -	\$ 2,615.00
Rochester	86	46		\$ 192,300.00	\$ 228,151.98
Rockingham	183	19	18	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 206,175.80
Stratford	238	14		\$ -	\$ 6,103.42
Tuftonborough	142	15	15	\$ 192,600.00	\$ 195,600.00
Walpole	125	46	44	\$ -	\$ 5,960.75
Watatic	36	20	20	\$ -	\$ 5,297.48
Wicwas Lake	292				
Wingold	308	51	46	\$ -	\$ 19,677.96